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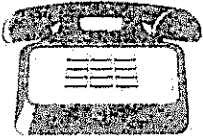
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OUR FAITH WILL WORK BY LOVE OR IT WILL NOT WORK AT ALL

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## FROM CHAR'S DESK

We were very visible when our Center was in downtown Orange, but when we had to move, we were more or less out of sight. You know the old saying, "Out of sight, out of mind." Therefore, this month I am going to challenge our readers. Even though we are not as visible, it is still just as possible for Christians to bring their Mormon friends and loved ones in to see us.

We have so much material to help Mormons come to a knowledge of the difference between Biblical truth and falsehood. We also have a very large library of LDS books (written by their own apostles and prophets) which we have used to open the eyes of many Mormons to the teachings which they had not known before. Truth sets them free to find the Lord Jesus! What could be greater than that? If you are in our area, won't you please bring them by. They will find out we are not against them but really care about them and long for them to be set free in Jesus! Thank you and may God bless you!

## Jenell's Jots & Tittles

### THE "RESTORED" GOSPEL

Mormonism claims to have restored the "true" gospel, implying that the real gospel had been lost through apostasy and then Joseph Smith brought it back to life. To the Mormon mind, the word "gospel" encompasses everything that makes Mormonism what it is. In his book, "Mormon Doctrine", the late LDS apostle Bruce R. McConkie explained this as follows:

*"The gospel of Jesus Christ is the plan of salvation. It embraces all the laws, principles, doctrines, rites, ordinances, acts, powers, authorities, and keys necessary to save and exalt men in the highest heaven hereafter...the gospel is concerned with those particular religious truths by conformity to which men can sanctify and cleanse their own souls"(p.331). "The true gospel of Jesus Christ was restored to earth in the last days through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith. It is found only in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." (p.334, all emphasis' mine)*

Being the only true church with the restored gospel is the foundation on which Mormonism is built. This is spoken often and loudly in all their sermons, classes and publications which brain-washes them to believe it with every fiber of their being. Just one more quote from Elder Jeffrey R. Holland further emphasizes this— *"The simple truth of the matter is that without the Restoration, the great Plan of Salvation would be forever thwarted...Without the Prophet Joseph Smith, we...(ellipses in the original) would be left with fragmented scriptures, unrelated doctrine, conflicting opinions, uninspired practices that over time became binding traditions. This is what existed prior to 1820."* ("Church News", week ending July 6, 2002, p.3)

However, the truth of the matter is that the Greek word for gospel is "euaggelion" which simply means "good news" or "glad tidings". It is the good news of Christ's death and resurrection as atonement for sins for whoever chooses to receive this free gift. This is the gospel the Apostle Paul preached as found in 1 Cor.15:1-4:

*"Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."* (NAS)

How it must grieve our Lord to see His glorious gospel being so perverted by the Mormons! When Jesus was being unjustly crucified on the cross, He cried out, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). Likewise, we in this ministry also cry out for the Father's mercy on these Mormons, "Forgive them they do not know what they are doing."

END NOTE: As this article was being written, Billy Graham's passing came over the news. For the next week or so, the word "gospel" and its **true meaning** was consistently being spelled out. Christians from many different denominations, on many different T.V. stations, clearly shared the Biblical gospel. We couldn't help but wonder if listening Mormons would hear the differences and began to question the false gospel they had been taught. We pray that they did.

## CHRIST'S ATONEMENT

(Applies To An Infinite Number of Earths)

*"...Elder Bruce R. McConkie of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles affirmed: 'Now our Lord's jurisdiction and power extend far beyond the limits of this one small earth on which we dwell. He is, under the Father, the Creator of worlds without number. (Moses 1:33.) And through the power of his atonement the inhabitants of these worlds, the revelation says, are begotten sons and daughters unto God' (D&C 76:24), which means that the atonement of Christ, being literally and truly infinite, applies to an infinite number of earths."* (The Ensign/April 1997, p.17)

## TITHING

I believe tithing (giving 10% of one's income) should be an important part of a Christian's walk with their God: "Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me!

*But you say, 'How have we robbed Thee?' In tithes and offerings." (Malachi 3:8 NAS). However, is one's salvation in danger if they choose not to tithe? In Mormonism, the answer is yes: "Behold, now it is called today until the coming of the Son of Man and verily it is a day of sacrifice, and a day for the tithing of my people; for he that is tithed shall not be burned at his coming." (Doctrine & Covenants, 64:23, my emphasis)*

An Ensign article further expounds on this as follows: "Paying tithing helps to qualify us to receive the higher ordinances of the priesthood. To qualify for eternal life, a person must receive all the ordinances of the priesthood administered in the house of the Lord. Tithing is one of the basic standards of judgement by which it is determined whether a person is worthy to receive these ordinances...**The Lord teaches that obedience to the law of tithing is necessary for our personal salvation and for the development of our souls.** I hope, therefore, that few members of the Church go to their final place of rest without having had the opportunity to pay a full tithe. The promise is that when the Saints tithe fully, the Lord will pour out the blessings of heaven upon his people." ("The Ensign", 1986, pp 14 & 18, my emphasis)

It is my personal opinion that tithing helps support the church and brings God's blessings (but has nothing to do with our personal salvation). Malachi 3:10 further states: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this, says the Lord of host, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows." (NAS)

## ORANGE VILLAGE MALL ENCOUNTERS

We continue to represent Ex-Mormons For Jesus at the Orange Village Mall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. We hand out free literature (including the "Jesus Christ/Joseph Smith" DVD). Charlotte and Rosa were on duty last month and following are some of their encounters:

*"We offered a woman a free DVD but she wasn't interested. She said our sign offends her (our sign just said "What is Truth?")"*

*"We offered another woman a free DVD and she said no thank you. She is a Christian and goes to Yorba Linda Friends Church, a plant on Almond St. in Orange. We told her we would bring some literature to her pastor and she said that would be great."*

*"A woman from Draper, Utah, came by (she was a Jack Mormon, but she became a Christian and goes to Eastside Christian Church and is very active. She took a DVD and our card as she wants to come and visit our Center."*

*"James, the Indian American fellow who stopped by in the past came to talk. He is not Italian but speaks Italian. He said he never talks religion but he was curious to know what made Rosa not be a Catholic anymore. She got to share the gospel with him, he then got a call and had to leave."*

*"One woman asked if we had the DVD in Spanish We wished we did!"*

*"A Christian fellow took the DVD. His name is Wayne and was delighted to hear about our ministry - he attends Shepherds Church. He said it made his day to learn about us as he has spent time learning how to witness to the cults because they are so well-trained. He took our business card and may stop by one of these days."*

*"A lady went by and gave us two thumbs up - We offered her our DVD and she was happy to receive it."*

*"A Jehovah Witness stopped by - We shared what Mormons believed about Jesus and then tried to share a verse to show J.W.'s are wrong in saying Jesus is Michael the Archangel (Dan.10:13)."*

## MORMON TEMPLE BLUNDERS

Many of the rules God revealed for the Biblical temple are violated in Mormonism. Following are four examples:

1. God appointed **only one** temple to reflect the fact that there is only one true God (Deut. 12:5, 13-14; 16:5-6). By contrast, the Mormon Church operates scores of

temples, in violation of this divine mandate.

2. Only priests were allowed to enter the Biblical temple. Worshipers, even the king of Israel, were to come no further than the altar of burnt offering in the courtyard (see 2Chron 26:18). In Mormonism, even non-priests are allowed to enter and participate in their activities.

3. All activities in the Biblical temple were public knowledge. They are spelled out in detail in the Bible (for example, Ex.30:7-10; Lev.4:5-7, 16:1-34, 24:1-9). The Mormon church insists on keeping its temple rituals secret.

4. Strict lineage requirements are set forth in the Bible. Only men from the tribe of Levi and the family line of Aaron were qualified to serve as priests in the temple sanctuary – (Num.3:10; Ex.29:9; Num.18:1-7). Mormonism claims to have a restored Aaronic priesthood, but completely ignores this plain lineage requirement of Scripture.

The rending of the veil (Matt.27:51; Mark 15:38; Luke 23:45) signified the end of the Old Testament worship system. That system is now obsolete, and we no longer need a human priest or earthly temple. Under the New Covenant established by Jesus, He is the believer's High Priest in the very sanctuary of Heaven itself: *"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession."* (Heb.4:14)

## SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

We hold monthly support group meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month. Our guest speaker on April 10<sup>th</sup> will be Wayne Risley, and his topic is "Can You Hear The Shepherd's Voice?" (John 10:4-5). Everyone will be able to participate. You will not want to miss it!

There will be a question and answer time after the lesson followed by refreshments. All are welcome, those who want to learn more, those who need support, and the Mormons themselves. The address is 671 N. Poplar Street in Orange. Look forward to seeing you!

# WHAT MORMONS DON'T UNDERSTAND

## OLD Covenant

### RIGHTEOUSNESS of LAW

1. Blood of animals
2. Written on stone
3. Shadow
4. Glorious
5. Had an end
6. Law of Moses
7. Law of works
8. Law of sin and death
9. Many sacrifices
10. Powerless to save
11. Annual atonement
12. Earthly tabernacle
13. Ministry of death
14. Outer form - flesh
15. Ministry of condemnation

## 1<sup>st</sup> Covenant

For  
if the first  
covenant had  
been faultless  
then should  
no place have  
been sought  
for the second.

Hebrews 8:7

## NEW Covenant

### RIGHTEOUSNESS of CHRIST

1. Blood of Christ
2. Written on hearts
3. Substance
4. More Glorious
5. Has no end
6. Law of Messiah
7. Law of faith
8. Law of Spirit of Life
9. One Sacrifices
10. Powerful to save
11. Eternal atonement
12. Heavenly tabernacle
13. Ministry of life
14. Inner reality - spirit
15. Ministry of reconciliation

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Covenant