

Ex-Mormons for
JESUS

*Our faith will work by love,
or it will not work at all.*

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FROM CHAR'S DESK



A lot has changed since our last newsletter in January. We don't know how long this pandemic is going to last but it is getting better here in Orange so we decided to come in to the office and work on it. As you may notice this one will be just two sided instead of our usual four pages.

Because of my age, my children want me to stay home as much as possible but Jenell is willing to come in and get a more current one out. We pray that all of the friends of Ex-Mormons For Jesus are doing well and that none of you have contacted this horrible virus.

We know God is on His throne and He has all of us in His hands and this will eventually be just a bad memory. May God bless all of you and keep you safe is our prayer.

~ JENELL'S JOTS & TITTLES ~

LYING FOR THE LORD

When Mormons are confronted with one of their beliefs that they do not want to have to acknowledge, they are told that it is perfectly acceptable to lie about it. It could be their belief that they can become a God, or that God was once just a man, or that Brigham Young taught that you need the permission of Joseph Smith to go to heaven, or that theirs is the only true church or a multitude of other things that would probably turn a prospective convert away. They lie because they believe that the end justifies the means. In other words, if they

have to deny or lie regarding a certain belief in order to get you to accept Mormonism, they are doing you a favor so it is in *your* best interest for them to do so.

In the past, "lying for the Lord" was a term they actually used amongst themselves. Now days, they may call it something like "justifiable truth", but however they color it, it is not a principle the Lord condones. Eph.4:14 tells us: "*That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.*" Yes, deception is what it comes down to and shame on them. After all, if what is taught (no matter how unreasonable or uncomfortable) is from God, why would anyone need to lie, deny, or try and discredit it? As Romans 3:4 says "*...let God be found true, though every man be found a liar...*".

A perfect example of a difficult teaching from Jesus is found in John 6:54 – "*He who eats my flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life...*" (see vs.51-58). The result of Jesus' words were that many of His disciples grumbled and some even quit walking with Him (vs.66). When He asked the twelve if they also wanted to go away, Simon Peter answered, "*Lord, to whom shall we go? You (alone is implied) have words of eternal life.*" (vs.68). Difficult, yes, but again when something is of God there is no need to make excuses or lie about it.

When caught in their dishonesty, a Mormon will usually say, "well that is meat, and you are only ready for milk". However, in Christianity, can you think of anything that could not be shared with a prospective convert? Everything about the true gospel, as found in the Bible, is laid bare for anyone who willing to look. The following

quote by C.H. Spurgeon helps sum up what Mormons have done to themselves: *“He that perverts truth shall soon be incapable of knowing the true from the false. If you persist in wearing glasses that distort, everything will be distorted to you.”* It is very sad, but that quote can help Christians understand how our Mormon friends and loved ones can so easily embrace such absurd and unbiblical doctrines. (All scriptures are from the NAS Bible)

CITATIONS OF CONCERN

(from LDS leaders)

“...Our Father in Heaven was once a mortal man who gradually progressed until He became a being with a fulness of light. He wants the same for you and me because a fulness of light means a fulness of joy.” (The Ensign/March 2016, p.64 by Elder Larryt R. Lawrence Of the Seventy)

LETTERS OF TERMINATION

Each newsletter we will be sharing with our readers portions of resignation letters that we have copies of from 1984 to current. As most of you probably know, it is never easy to face this task after finding out the truth. Hopefully it will be of some help for those of you who have also gone through this (or will be doing so in the future).

“Bishop R.M. This letter is to inform you that I wish to be permanently removed from membership in, and the roles of, the Mormon Church...I request that this be done immediately, and waive my 30 day waiting period. This is not an action I take lightly, and do so joyfully, as I have found great peace and freedom in my Lord, Jesus Christ...I wish the members of the Mormon Church well, and will always consider them to be fine, upstanding and loving people. I was born in the church, and once believed in the doctrine, but no more.

The following are a few of my reasons for leaving the church. I know they will not be easy for you to read, but I would like you to do so with an open mind. I am concerned with the discrepancies between what the church teaches, and the teachings of the Bible. I have

read many sources, and done exhaustive research, and find the Bible to be a reliable and historical source as the word of God. The Mormon church teaches there are many gods. The Bible teaches there is only one God. Even the Book of Mormon teaches monotheism in Alma 11:26-30, yet Joseph Smith and Orson Pratt taught multiple gods...

The Bible teaches plainly that we are saved by grace through faith [Eph.2:8-9]. It teaches that no one will be saved by good works. The Mormon church teaches that man can become God. The Bible leaves no room for other Gods to be formed. I can think of only one other soul who thought he could become God, and his name is Lucifer. We know how his story turned out. The Mormon church teaches that Lucifer was Jesus’ brother, but the Bible teaches that Lucifer was an angel, created by Jesus Christ. The list of Biblical contradictions are endless. The problems with Joseph Smith being a prophet of God are endless. There is no physical evidence whatsoever that authenticates the Book of Mormon to be anything but a work of fiction.

In closing, I wish to tell you my greatest reason for leaving the Mormon church. It is in finding Jesus Christ. He pulled me toward him and made me ready to listen. I tell you, Mr. M___, he will do the same for you. I pray this for you. It will be my great joy to bring this message to all the people, including Mormons. The Gospel is simply that Christ lived, was crucified for each and every one of man’s sins, and was resurrected on the third day. Those who take away from the Gospel, who mock Christ’s suffering on the cross by saying that it was not sufficient for all men and all sin, and those who would add or (take away) from this Gospel, add secret ceremonies and signs as a condition for salvation are terribly misguided. Jesus is my hope and my joy. I love Him with all my heart, and am glad to let Him make of my life what he will. This is the truth, and I leave it with you in His name. Thank you, C.L.B.

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

We are so sorry to have to cancel these gatherings, but look forward to the time when we will once again be able to meet in person. Until then, please keep our ministry and others like it in your prayers and we be praying for all of you.

