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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're at the beginning of a brand new year! Our desire this year is to explain to our readers why it is so important to educate their Christian friends why one should never convert to Mormonism. We are going to share a letter we received this past year from a man that used to work for us at the Center before he moved to New Mexico. Following are portions of his letter:

I don't know if I told you or not, but when we first moved to New Mexico, we found a small group Bible study in our church that we decided to attend. In our fellowship time together, it came up that my wife and I had come out of the Mormon Church in late 1987. Well, one of the members, Mario, had a friend named George whom he invited to our Christian Bible Study group the following week. Mario told George that there was this guy and his wife in this group that came out of Mormonism and since George and his wife Amber were struggling in Mormonism, maybe Joe and Beverly could answer some of their questions about the Mormon Church and doctrines. Hence a friendship began.

We went to George and Amber's home over many months, had dinner together and then would discuss the fallacies of Mormon Doctrine. They had so many questions that were answered by us during those meetings. Shock and dismay at the information was quite the norm during those meetings. Long story short George and Amber left the Mormon Church, became born-again believers in Christ and were baptized. They both have been attending our church ever since. Their two children, even though attending our church, did not transition well. The children wondered why mom and dad had testimonies that the church was true and then all of a sudden, it's not! Betrayal, confusion, mislead were just some of the issues

George and Amber had to deal with and are still dealing with to some degree with their two children. The daughter doesn't attend church anymore, neither does their son.

It is one thing to convert to Mormonism but when you have children that are born into it, they will know nothing else. Now the parents have to pay a huge price for their mistake. Let's educate our Christian friends regarding the true beliefs of Mormonism so they won't have to pay this same price! That is why the Information & Visitor's Center is so important as people can find out the true beliefs of Mormonism from their own books in our large LDS library. Be sure to invite them!

~ **STEVE'S CORNER** ~

As we start a new year in 2023, it is good to go over some witnessing tips with the precious Mormon people for whom Christ died.

1. It is critically important that we speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15) when witnessing to the Latter-day Saints. They should sense our love in our words, actions and tone of voice. We are not out to win a religious debate. God wants to plant a seed of faith for the real Biblical Jesus Christ.

When Christ witnessed to people he had love and great compassion. The Mormons are generally very kind people, but deceived. They need to hear the good news of the gospel! If we were Mormon, how would we want a born-again Christian to talk to us? I Pet 3:15 says, "But in your heart revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

2. Ongoing, persistent prayer is necessary when sharing with Mormons. We can do nothing apart from Jesus Christ! We must rely on prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit to open up the LDS hearts that they may be saved and have a relationship with the Biblical Jesus. It takes a miracle for Mormons to be saved, but God is in the business of miracles! We must not give up when we don't sense any progress in our witnessing efforts. We must pray continually for the salvation of Mormons!

3. Asking questions is a good witnessing strategy with Mormons. Rather than tell them what they believe, drawing them out with questions is an effective witnessing strategy. For example, asking them what level of heaven they think they will go to and why, can open up a fruitful discussion. Jesus often used questions when witnessing with others.

4. Using God's word, the Holy Bible, is absolutely essential when sharing with Mormons. Even sharing a few reasons why the Bible can be trusted, such as manuscript evidence, fulfilled prophecy and archeological evidence is good. The Bible is a two edged sword and will not come back void!

5. Don't give up! It may take years for the Mormon to be saved. It is a waste of time spiritually for a Mormon to leave their church and become an atheist, We want them to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. That is why we must not only question the problems with Mormonism lovingly, but we must share the truth of the Biblical Jesus and the Biblical gospel.

marriage and not trusting in the Biblical Jesus. Years ago the LDS church came out with a video called "Family First." For Christians it is not family first, but Jesus first! Jesus did not suffer and die on the cross so that men could become gods. He died so that we can have an eternal relationship with Him! Without the cross there is no salvation or forgiveness of sins. When the early church preached, it was all about Jesus! Unfortunately, the Mormon church is man-centered and there are even false churches that are also man-centered today. Jesus did not come to make us wealthy, healthy and happy. We must take up our cross and follow Him. When you have a relationship with the Biblical Jesus, there is great joy in following and serving Him! Nothing this world can give us is even close when compared to Jesus! Heaven for the Christian will be an amazing time of fellowship with God and with other believers! We don't need to be married to our spouse because we will be married spiritually to Jesus. Jesus taught there is no marriage in heaven. Our relationship with Christ on this earth and in the life to come is focused on knowing Him! LDS theology is focused on men becoming gods over their own world and producing spirit children eternally. These children will worship them as gods. How is this Christ-centered? Although the Mormon church talks about Jesus and has him in the name of their church it is another Jesus. Their Jesus is the spirit-brother of Lucifer, has not always been god, and is married. The Biblical Jesus is eternally God and the creator of all things! When sharing with a Mormon, about how Mormonism is man-centered and Christianity is God-centered, can be an effective tool if done in love!

BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY IS GOD-CENTERED

One of the most important differences between Biblical Christianity and Mormonism is that Christianity is God-centered while the LDS faith is man-centered. Mormonism in three words is man becoming God. Biblical Christianity in three words is God becoming man! For Christians it's all about worshiping Jesus and having an eternal relationship with Him! Lorenzo Snow, the 5th prophet of the Mormon Church, said, "As man is, God once was. As God is, man may become." Ask a Mormon lovingly if a single person can become a God according to their theology. The answer is a resounding "no" for they believe only Mormons married in their temples can become gods. So their salvation is based on human

CITATIONS OF CONCERN

(From LDS Leaders)

From the day that the priesthood was taken from the earth to the winding up scene of all things, every man and woman must have the certificate of Joseph Smith, junior, as a passport to their entrance into the mansion where God and Christ are – I with you and you with me. I cannot go there without his consent. (J of D, Vol 7, p. 289) Brigham Young

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