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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

EASTER - What does it mean?

To a Christian, it means the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is the greatest gift we have ever received! If Jesus had not risen from the dead, our faith is in vain. There are many great leaders of many religions but when their leader died, they remained in the grave.

Jesus proved that He was God when He arose from the dead and showed Himself to many people. However, doubting Thomas didn't believe it until He appeared to him and Thomas cried out, "*My Lord and My God!*" (John 20:24-28)

However, seeing that Mormonism teaches that God the Father was once a man, a sinful man at that, then their god is still *in* the grave. May we praise and thank God at this Easter time that our Lord is alive and He will one day raise our bodies from the dead because Jesus has the power of resurrection. We look forward to that glorious day! May you have a Happy and Blessed Easter!

~ JENELL'S JOTS & TITLES ~

## HOW IMPORTANT IS THE BIBLE?

This article will try and answer this most important question. However, I think the first thing we can consider in determining its relevance is to look at what Satan has tried to do with it. Unbelievers, atheists and cultist all try ever so hard to get mankind to doubt it on some (or every) level. Why? Obviously

this book is a danger to Satan's kingdom because God's precious word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path (Ps.119:105). And what happens when a light goes out? Obviously, we become blinded, stumble and fall.

From the very beginning, Satan has tried to deceive people and get them to question God's word (see Gen.3:1-5) and verse 13 says, "...*The serpent deceived me, and I ate.*" (NAS). Yes, when God's word becomes questionable, people are much more likely to accept alternative voices which can then leave them open to becoming a victim of deception (see 1Tim.4:1, 2Tim.3:13, 2Thess.2:10 etc.).

Mormonism's family emphasis and clean living makes it a very attractive religion to many who are not familiar with the Bible. They join and are kept in tow in spite of having the Bible as part of their "standard works" (as they call the Bible, Book of Mormon, D&C and Pearl of Great Price). However, once they are plugged in, they are told that the Bible has been corrupted and therefore not trustworthy. For instance, 1Nephi 13:26-27 (Book of Mormon) says that the "*great and abominable church*" (verse 26) took away from the gospel many parts and covenants which were "plain and precious", in order to pervert the ways of the Lord and blind the eyes and harden the hearts of the people. Verse 28 says the Bible was corrupted because of this.

The Mormon Apostle Orson Pratt made these comments in a pamphlet published in the 1850's: "*Many Protestants say they take the Bible as their only rule of faith...What evidence have they that the book of Matthew was inspired of God, or any other of the books*

*of the New Testament? The only evidence they have is tradition...What shall we say then, concerning the Bible's being a sufficient guide? Can we rely upon it in its present known corrupted state, as being a faithful record of God's word?...Who knows that even the ordinances and doctrine that seem to be set forth in the present English Bible, are anything like the original..."* (Orson Pratt's Works, "The Bible Alone An Insufficient Guide" p. 44ff)

There are many more examples from LDS leaders that reveal their desperate obsession to discredit the Bible, but I will just share one more from their "prophet" Joseph Smith who stated: "*I believe the Bible as it read when it came from the pen of the original writers. Ignorant translators, careless transcribers, or designing and corrupt priests have committed many errors...*" (History Of The Church, Vol.6, p.57).

I hope all Bible-believing Christians realize the treasure we have. What a blessing to know that we can trust our God to keep His word pure just as He said He would —

*"The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever."* (Isa.40:8, also repeated in 1Pet.1:24-2)

*"The words of the Lord are pure words; As silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times. Thou, O Lord, wilt keep them..."* (Ps.12:6-7)

*"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away."* (Matt.24:35)

*"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."* (2Tim.3:16-17)

Obviously, the value of God's word can not be measured for it is our lifeline, our road map that directs, comforts and blesses us in all seasons and for all reasons. And even more importantly, it gives us the answer to our sin problem (e.g. Rom.3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:8-10). May all come to appreciate this

remarkable gift and, if needed, renew a resolve to be daily immersed in it.

End Note: Most Christians know that there is an abundance of proof regarding the reliability of our Bible. If interested, we have a tract here at the EMFJ Center that shares some of this information. If interested, please contact us and request "The Bible—Why Should I Believe It?" A donation to cover the cost of mailing would be appreciated, as well as your prayers for this ministry, and others like it, who continually work to expose the lies of the enemy.

## CITATIONS OF CONCERN

(From LDS Leaders)

*"The Scriptures inform us that Jesus said, As the Father hath power in Himself, even so hath the Son power—to do what? Why, what the Father did. The answer is obvious—in a manner to lay down His body and take it up again. Jesus, what are you going to do? To lay down my life as my Father did, and take it up again..."* ("Teachings Of The Prophet Joseph Smith", p.346, my emphasis)

## SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

Once again, we have to suspend these meeting until further notice. Our Center is not yet open, however, we still answer the phone if anyone needs materials or support.

## CHRIST AROSE

*Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior!  
Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!  
Up from the grave He arose,  
With a might triumph o'er His foes;  
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,  
And He lives forever with his saints to reign,  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

By Robert Lowry

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***GOD'S GIFT***

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## SUPPORT GROUP

### MEETING INFO

We hold monthly support group meetings at 7:30 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month. Our speaker on August 13<sup>th</sup> will be Wayne Risley, who has spent a lot of his time witnessing to Mormon Missionaries, so it should be very interesting!

Our meetings always end with a question and answer time and refreshments. All are welcome in those who have a burden to reach the Mormons, those who want to learn more, those who need support, and the Mormons themselves. The address is 671 N. Poplar St. Orange. Hope to see you there!







