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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

Today Mormons are trying to convince the world that they are Christians “just like us.” However, I recall the day that two Mormon Missionaries were at my door and they told me that God went through everything that I went through. After they left, I called the Stake President of Orange and told him that two of his missionaries were just at my door. I didn’t ask them to come, you sent them and I believe you are responsible for whatever they told me. He agreed that he was. They told me that God went through everything I went through. Does that mean he sinned, too? He replied, “you could say that.”

Mormons can never convince me that they are Christians “just like us” as it is impossible to be a Christian if you believe that our Holy God was once a sinful man! God did become Man in Jesus but He was a sinless Man! Oh, dear God, please use us to help these poor spiritually-blinded souls.

~ JENELL’S JOTS & TITTLES ~

THE “TRUE CHURCH” RESTORED?

Mormonism teaches that after the death of Christ and the last apostles, all of Christianity fell into a complete apostasy. This false notion become their grand reason for the need of a restoration of a “true church”, which they proudly claim to have, as follows: “*By divine direction, Joseph Smith restored ‘the only true and living church upon the face of the earth’ (D&C 1:30), with a living prophet always at its head.*” (The Ensign, Oct.1996, p.20). Another such quote comes from Elder Jeffrey R. Holland: “*The simple truth of the matter is that without the Restoration, the great Plan of Salvation would be foreve*

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.13).

Christians know that the “true church” are born-again people, not an organization, and the true church can be found sitting in a variety of Christian denominations or in no church at all. At various times the Apostle Paul referred to “the church that is in their/her house” (see Rom.16:5, 1Cor.16:19 and Col.4:15). A few more examples showing that the Bible recognizes “the church” as a functioning body of believers, not an organization or particular group, can be seen in Acts 14:27, 15:3,4 and 22. Also, we know that there was never a time when the “true church” was non-existent on the earth because Jesus promised that where two or three were gathered in His Name, He would be there. (Matt.18:20).

Referring back to the “Church News” article above, lets take a closer look at the “*fragmented scriptures, unrelated doctrine, conflicting opinions and uninspired practices*” that was predicted would transpire without the “Restoration”. First, in regard to “fragmented scriptures”, none of Mormonism’s scriptures have remained in tact since they were first penned. For example, the Tanners (Utah Lighthouse Ministry, www.utlm.org) has shown there to be 3,913 changes in the Book of Mormon alone (see “Mormonism, Shadow or Reality”, p.89ff).

Next, in regard to “unrelated doctrine”, I am not sure what that is referring to, but one thing is for sure. The doctrines and teachings of the Mormon Church are strangely unrelated to the Book of Mormon with is supposed to be proof of their restored church. The Book of Mormon is silent regarding baptism for the dead, three degrees of glory, God being an exalted man of flesh and bones who is a product of eternal

progression, plural marriage, a “Mother” in heaven, that men can become gods, that all people on earth were pre-existent spirits, etc. Of course the Bible is also missing these “doctrines”, so how could Mormonism, which teaches them, be a restoration if they were never taught to begin with?

Another problem the above article mentioned would happen without Joseph Smith’s restoration is that there would be “conflicting opinions”. Yet Mormonism has always been riddled with conflicting opinions regarding their beliefs. There have been major opinion changes regarding polygamy, changes in their temple ceremony, changes regarding the blacks receiving their priesthood, changes regarding personal blood atonement vs Christ’s atonement, changes regarding Adam (the first man) being their heavenly Father, just to name a few.

As to the “uninspired practices” that would reveal a false church, we again see numerous changes in Mormonism’s practices over the years. Most recently it was announced that LGBT people would no longer be considered apostate and that their children could now be baptized which was previously prohibited. On page 121 of the May 2019 “Ensign” magazine, sixteen changes (or “inspired Directions” as they call them) are listed since Russell Nelson became their president.

Lastly, Jesus never needed apostles or anyone else to keep His church alive after His ascension. He declared, “.I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it.” (Matt.16:18). And again, after His ascension we are told, “And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” (Acts 2:47). It’s so sad to know that millions of good people have believed this lie from hell regarding the need for a restored church with restored doctrines. Please join with us in praying for these precious people to come to know the real gospel and true way of salvation.

BITS ‘N PIECES

We are so excited to announce that we will be reopening our EMFJ Center on June 1st. The hours will be the same, noon to 5:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. and Friday. We encourage all of you who are able, to bring your Mormon friends and family in for a visit. It is so important to be able to talk to them in person as through the years, we have been blessed to lead many to the Lord from this place. Our library of their own books, where we

can document many things they do not know about their church, is always an eye opener for them.

For example, a Christian lady, Joanne, was engaged to a Mormon man, Garrick. She was driving by one day and was shocked to see our sign. She immediately pulled over to the curb and came in. She was greatly impressed with our resources, knowledge and love for the Mormons, so she told Garrick that if he would just come in and talk with this woman, she would never argue religion with him again. With great fear and trepidation, he finally agreed but said he would stay only ten minutes and if we “Bible bashed” him he would walk right out.

Well, two and a half hours later he stated, “I want you to know I came in here as a Mormon but you are starting to get to me.” Joanne got tears in her eyes and by eleven o’clock that night he stated, “I no longer believe in Mormonism because you proved to me beyond a shadow of a doubt that Mormonism isn’t true, when earlier I would have died for the church”. He has since become a strong Christian who has shared his testimony at our Support Group Meetings as well as various churches he has attended. By the way, this and other such stories can be read in “Mormons ~ How God Loves Them”.

“MORMONS ~ HOW GOD LOVES THEM”

We recently posted an ad for this book, written by Charlotte Pardee, our director of Ex-Mormons For Jesus. It has received a lot of interest so we are also making it available to you, our readers. This book has been a great help to ex-Mormons, Christians who want to understand the Mormon mind and those who are going through the difficult task of leaving this false faith.

Following are some of the comments we have received: *“Since receiving your book, I haven’t been able to put it down. Your love and concern for the Mormon community is evident on every page.” J.P.* *“Guess what came in my mailbox, your book. It is a page-turner” V.P.* *“Thank you for sending your book. I’m about 3/4 through it. What an eye-opener...Your love for and your ministry to Mormons is amazing.” M.M.*

If you would like a copy, please let us know by calling the Center at (714)997-3498. If possible, we are asking for a suggested donation of \$15. Thank you and may the Lord bless —

