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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

When we contend for the faith to a Mormon, we are not to be contentious. To contend for the faith is to commend the Author of that faith to them. We lift HIM up, and He does His own commending.

To try to commend Jesus by verbal contention is like trying to organize a society for the protection of the sun because someone is throwing mud at it. The sun does not need protection ~ it just needs to shine and it does its own defending by what it is and does. Lift up Jesus by word and by life and He defends Himself. "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself."

The difference between contending for the faith and commending the faith by lifting up Christ is the difference from "unchristianity and Christianity." (In Christ, p. 104)

~ STEVE'S CORNER ~

Most people feel like they are a good person. However, according to God, there is no one good, no, not one. Christ came to save sinners. Romans 3:23 says, "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." Recently in our country there have some horrific mass shootings which have resulted in the loss of many lives. In ancient times, the first child ever born, Cain, murdered his brother, Abel. Not much has changed.

In Biblical Christianity the heart of the matter is truly the matter of the heart. Man looks on the outside. God looks on the inside. We must continually come before a holy, awesome God with humility because we must realize our dependence on Him. Only God is good! Being a good

person will not save anyone. It is only through our Lord Jesus Christ that salvation comes. His death on the cross and glorious resurrection is our only hope when we put our trust in Him.

Mormonism believes man is basically good. Some have even taught that a child is sinless until the age of eight when they are baptized. The LDS teaching that Adam and Eve fell upward when they sinned in the garden is not biblical Christianity. The Book of Mormon teaches in 2 Nephi 25, "Adam fell that men might be and men are, that they may have joy." Their sin brought death and they were banned from the garden of Eden.

When it comes to morality, we like to compare ourselves with other people. This may give us the deceptive idea that we are a good person. Biblical salvation teaches that we are sinners in desperate need of a savior. We cannot have salvation by trying to follow the ten commandments. It is only through repenting and trusting in Christ that we have a relationship with God in this life and in the life to come.

The next time someone tells you they are a good person, use this as an opportunity to share the true gospel of Jesus Christ!

FOLLOW CHRIST ONLY

The Mormon magazine, Liahona, June 2022, has a picture of LDS prophet Russell Nelson on the cover. It says, "We follow Jesus Christ and his prophet." In Biblical Christianity, we follow Jesus Christ only. I Timothy 2:5 says there is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ." When any group says they follow Christ and _____ they are spiritually deceived.

In the Liahona, just mentioned, there is an article en-

titled "Choose the Lord and his Prophet." On page 8, it states about Russell Nelson, "Like Samuel, today's prophets, seers, and revelators are men of wisdom, much of which can only be acquired with age. President Russell Nelson is 97. As we review his inspired leadership, there is no doubt we have a prophet in Israel."

Hebrews 1:1-2 states, "In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He is spoken to us through His Son." The law and the prophets were pointing and leading to Christ.

We have prophets today in the sense of Christians proclaiming truth from the Bible. But the time of Old Testament prophets leading to Christ has come and gone.

We must share with the precious Mormon people that we follow only the Biblical Jesus Christ and not Jesus AND a prophet. It is at this point that you must share who the Biblical Jesus is: Eternal God, virgin born, second personage of the Trinity, Creator, Savior and King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

One mark of a cult is that they emphasize that you must follow their leaders, even if their teaching contradicts the Bible. Mormonism constantly denies the main teaching of the Bible and has another Jesus, another spirit and another gospel.

Why would I follow Russell Nelson when I can follow and worship Jesus Christ? The LDS prophets come and go, but the Biblical Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Your pastor is not the head of your church, Jesus Christ is!!!

CITATIONS OF CONCERN

(From LDS Leaders)

"When Adam and Eve were placed on the earth, they lived in the Garden of Eden. We do not know its dimensions, but the Prophet Joseph Smith, taught that it was located on or near Independence, Missouri." The Ensign 1998, p. 16

LETTERS OF RESIGNATION

Periodically, we will continue to share portions of

resignation letters we have on record here at the center in our newsletters. Hopefully it will be of some help for those who have gone through this or may be doing so in the future.

I...request the removal of all my membership roles in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints immediately in recognition of the American Constitution of Rights to freedom of religion and in accordance with my wishes.

I renounce the L.D.S. church and any priesthoods or blessings real or implied. This request is strictly a formality to bring church records in line with what is already an accomplished fact.

I do not recognize your right to take any punitive measures, call any courts or any other legal procedures. However, I am aware that you will hold a Bishops Court whether I am present there or not and I am letting you know now that I do not intend to be there under any circumstances. I do not want the word excommunication used in any way with my name for the reason that the word excommunication means that it was by your choice that I am no longer a member of the church or that I have done something wrong and neither is the truth. I have left the church on my own free will simply because I do not believe in any of its doctrine....I consider this matter to be complete and my membership totally withdrawn by the affixing of my signature to this document. I hope to receive a verification letter within 30 days from the date of this letter that this matter has been taken care of.

Thank you for your full cooperation and for respecting all my wishes. S.L.A.

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

These meetings will have to, once again, be suspended until further notice. We especially appreciate your support through prayers and financial aid if possible.

Steve Article #2

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

We are excited to announce that our EMFJ Center will reopen Monday, November 15th. We will inform you when our support group meetings will resume.

ALL GIFTS DONATED TO EMFJ ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED AS WELL AS YOUR PRAYERS FOR THIS MINISTRY.

