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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



One day when I was decorating our Christmas tree, I thought, "What is the meaning of all of this?" As this thought came to my mind, I wrote a little poem that I would like to share with our readers; maybe you can relate! I called it —

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

You reminded me today
As I was decorating my tree
That it was on a place like this
That you died to set me free

When I put on the tinsel
That glimmered in the lights
It reminded me of the glow
That shown that Christmas night

Then as I placed the red balls
On the tree with its lovely limbs
Your blood I seemed to recall
And tears my eyes did dim

I finished with the angel
Placed carefully on the top
And I was filled with sorrow
To know I had forgot

The purpose of Christmas
And all You did for me
And I bowed my head down low
And wept so mournfully

So now, dear Lord, I give You
The worship You deserve
May I never again forget
Christmas - And what it's for!

STEVE'S CORNER

Jesus was born to die. He died that we might be born again. May we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas. I Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." We are to rejoice all year round despite our circumstances. We are to pray for the needs of others and our own needs. May God stir our hearts to pray for the precious Mormon people who are sincere, but are lost. Pray for opportunities to share the love of Christ with Mormons you know and come in contact with. We are to give thanks for the many blessings God has given us.

In Luke 2:10-12 it says, "But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that shall cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'" The Book of Mormon incorrectly states in Alma 7:10 that Jesus was born in Jerusalem. The Bible teaches in Matthew 2:1 that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Interestingly, in the Mormon magazine, Liahona, it states that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, contradicting the Book of Mormon (Dec 2022 issue, p. 5). Is this, perhaps, to make the LDS church look more Christian?

The very reason that Jesus died is to save us from Hell

and our sins. By putting our trust and faith in Him we can have a relationship with Him on this earth and in Heaven. Our works can't save us.

The Mormon Jesus' death just allows men to be resurrected in one of 3 levels of heaven. The LDS church teaches that those couples married in the temple will one day become gods. The Bible nowhere teaches that marriage in a temple will bring about deity. Just as the blood on the doorpost saved the Israelites in the Passover, so does the blood of Jesus save us from the wrath of God. Jesus' earthly job was to be a carpenter. His spiritual job was to die on the cross and resurrect from the dead. May we rejoice this Christmas and always about this good news!

WHO IS JESUS?

At this Christmas time of year it is appropriate to pause and ask, who is Jesus Christ? The Bible teaches that Jesus is the Creator of all things (Colossians 1:15-20, that He is God (John 20:28), and by putting our faith and trust in Him, we can have eternal life (John 3:16). The Bible clearly teaches that Christ was virgin born! In I Corinthians 15:1-5, it teaches that Christ died, was buried and rose again 3 days later. He appeared to hundreds of eyewitnesses. Only the Biblical Jesus can change our lives and give us an eternal relationship with Him.

The Mormon Jesus, on the other hand, is not eternally God and the creator of all things. He was sexually pro-created twice by this Father, once in heaven and once on earth with the virgin Mary, thus denying the virgin birth. The LDS church teaches that Jesus is their elder brother and the spirit-brother of Lucifer. Most of his atonement took place in the Garden of Gethsemane and not the cross. He is just a god among countless gods spread throughout the cosmos. Therefore the LDS believe Jesus is not unique. The Bible teaches that Christ is unique and is the only true God. The Mormon Church denies the Trinity and teaches the Father, Son and Holy Ghost are three gods. They also believe he is the Jehovah of the Old testament. To be a god, according to Mormonism, you have to be married in the temple. It would follow that they believe that Christ is married. In Biblical Christianity, Jesus is the bridegroom and the church is His bride. The

Biblical Jesus is far superior to the Mormon Jesus, who simply is a god among countless gods.

May we be prepared to be ready to share who the Biblical Jesus is with Mormons, and anybody who doesn't know Him, during this Christmas season and all year around.

CITATIONS OF CONCERN (From LDS Leaders)

Enduring to the end, or remaining faithful to the laws and ordinances of the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout our life, is a fundamental requirement for salvation in the kingdom of God. This belief distinguishes Latter-day Saints from many other Christian denominations that teach that salvation is given to all who simply believe and confess that Jesus is the Christ. (Ensign Nov 2007 p. 20)

LETTERS OF RESIGNATION

Once in awhile in our newsletters, we will be sharing portions of resignation letters that we have copies of from 1984 to the 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).

“Dear Bishop___ I'm writing this letter to say that I know Mormonism isn't Christian. I'm hereby proclaiming and renouncing my testimony of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I renounce my baptism, confirmation, patriarchal blessing and all other blessings I've received from the priesthood. I'm now requesting my name be removed from all Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints records...C.A.

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