

**What's The Difference...?
(2) Mormonism**

The **Primary Theme** of the **Book of Galatians...**

JESUS PLUS NOTHING!

Dear John: I want a man who knows what love is all about. You are generous, kind, and thoughtful. People who are not like you admit to being useless and inferior. You have ruined me for other men. I yearn for you. I have no feelings whatsoever when we're apart. I can be forever happy--will you let me be yours?
Jane

Dear John, I want a man who knows what love is. All about you are generous, kind, and thoughtful people, who are not like you. Admit to being useless and inferior. You have ruined me. For other men, I yearn. For you, I have no feelings whatsoever. When we're apart, I can be forever happy. Will you let me be?
Yours, Jane

GALATIANS 1:6-10...

*I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are **turning to** a different gospel 7 which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are **throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.** 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, **let them be under God's curse!** 9 As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, **let them be under God's curse!** 10 Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.*

JUST BECAUSE IT'S SPIRITUAL... DOESN'T MEAN THAT IT'S HOLY!

ACCURSED... (Greek) ANATHEMA...

Means... **DEDICATED FOR DESTRUCTION!**

THE GOSPEL... THE GOSPEL... THE GOSPEL ALONE!

To **ADD** to it is to **SUBTRACT** from it!

To **ADD** to it is to **SUBTRACT** what **JESUS CHRIST** accomplished at the **CROSS** and **HIS RESURRECTION!**

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE... *Between New Testament Christianity and Mormonism?*

1. DIFFERENT FOUNDATION!

LDS Church...

-King James Version (KJV) of the BIBLE...

-Book of Mormon...

-Doctrines and Covenants...

-Pearl of Great Price...

-The Prophet...

Do these TWO BOOKS... TEACH the SAME THINGS...?

NO!

To **SAY** that **THESE TWO BOOKS... TEACH THE SAME THINGS...**

Is to be either **UNINFORMED...** or **UNTRUTHFUL!**

(KJV) Verses 8-9...

*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be **accursed**. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be **accursed**.*

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE... *Between New Testament Christianity and Mormonism?*

2. DIFFERENT THEOLOGY!

LDS Church...

- 1. "FATHER" IS LITERAL...**
 - 2. NO TRINITY...**
 - 3. PRE-MORTAL EXISTENCE!**
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NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY...

- 1. "FATHER" is METAPHOR...**
 - 2. THE TRINITY...**
 - 3. JESUS IS GOD!**
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That **NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIAN** would define **GOD** this way...

**HE'S AN INFINITE ETERNAL SPIRIT...
WITHOUT ANY BOUNDARIES OR LIMITATIONS...
THAT HAS AN INTELLECT... PERSONALITY... FEELINGS... and WILL!**

WHY DO PEOPLE SAY THAT MORMONS AREN'T CHRISTIANS...?

Answer...

IT'S BECAUSE WE BELIEVE DIFFERENT THINGS ABOUT JESUS!

Deuteronomy 6:4 / Isaiah 43:10 / John 1:1 and 14

SAME LANGUAGE... DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS

“Well... We have Different Doctrine... but we Basically Believe the Same Thing?”

TO HAVE A DIFFERENT DOCTRINE... MEANS TO HAVE A DIFFERENT FAITH!

MORMONISM and NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY are DIFFERENT!

MORMONISM and NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY are NOT... the SAME FAITH!

And...

The **RAMIFICATIONS** of **ALL THAT...** take us to **TWO VERY DIFFERENT PLACES!**

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3. DIFFERENT GOSPEL!

THE BIBLE...

Ephesians 2:8-9...

For it is by grace you have been saved, through **faith** and this is **not from yourselves**, it is the gift of God 9 **not by works**, so that no one can boast.

THE BOOK OF MORMON...

2 Nephi 25:23...

For we know that it is by grace that we are saved...

*Now Listen to this Next Part...
after all we can do...*

Lorenzo Snow...

“As man is... God once was. As God is... Man may become.”

That Looks Like This...

GRACE + FAITH + WORKS = BECOME LIKE GOD!

New Testament Christianity teaches something **ENTIRELY DIFFERENT...**

We would say that **BECOMING LIKE GOD** is not the **PROMISE...** it's the **PROBLEM!**

Genesis 3:1-5...

*Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” 2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden 3 but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” 4 “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman... 5 “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will **become like God**, knowing good and evil.”*

JESUS PLUS NOTHING... FAITH IN CHRIST ALONE...

Is The Only Way...

THAT WE CAN ONCE AGAIN BE “WITH” GOD... (NOT...) “LIKE” HIM!

WHAT DO WE DO WITH ALL OF THIS?

1. KNOW YOUR BIBLE!

2. WHEN FUTURE CONVERSATIONS COME UP WITH YOUR LDS FRIENDS... BE CORDIAL AND KIND... (But...) BE CLEAR!

**3. PRAY THAT WE WOULD “KNOW” THE TRUTH...
“WALK” IN THE TRUTH... (And...) “SHARE” THE TRUTH!**
