What TBFers NTKA the LDS Church

Officially: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

The Seven Doctrinal Truths of Christianity That Transcend Denominations

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Official LDS Doctrine Concerning the Super Seven

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Earn Our Own Salvation to One of Three Different Heavens by Our Merit

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He Will Return in the End Times and Confirm Joseph Smith as a Preeminent Prophet What the Bible Is

Only One of Four Scriptural Books and Less Important Than the Book of Mormon

Take This To Heart

What TBFers NTKA Those Associated with LDS

- 1: The vast majority of them are "nice/moral people" who are sincere in their beliefs. They are not a physical danger to others. The LDS has NOT condoned polygamy since 1890. News reports about plural marriage among "Mormons" refer to individuals involved in spin off groups/sects that are not recognized by the official LDS church. BIBLE STUDY QUESTION: Since Abraham, Jacob, David and Solomon among many other Old Testament believers DID practice polygamy....why don't Mormons (and for that matter Biblically Orthodox Christians) avoid polygamy? HINT: There is a good answer and no I am not trying to find a loophole for polygamy! ©
- 2: Their (recent-1820s) theological system is biblically flawed and spiritually toxic...and began after Joseph Smith received a vision of God and Jesus telling him that all the existing Christian denominations were "an abomination" to Them. This message was followed up a short time later by a visit from the Angel Moroni.
- 3: They are members of a theological cult: which is a relatively recent movement which claims to be the restoration of true Christianity but in fact denies clear and major teachings of the New Testament/historic Christianity.

1 and 2: By denying the Trinity

...they deny the true full Deity of Jesus and thus teach a false concept of God/Jesus

3: By denying true guilt and inability

...they teach people can/must save themselves (the ultimate DIY project)

4: By denying the SAS/LBSR of Christ

...they blaspheme the very CORE of Christianity (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

5: By denying salvation by grace though faith alone in Christ alone

...they reduce Jesus to a helper as opposed to the Savior

6: By making the 2nd Advent of Christ an exclusive affirmation of their Organization...

...they theologically highjack the program of God for humanity

7: By claiming the Bible cannot be understood apart from their Organization...

...they strip Scripture of its inherent authority and chain themselves to human leaders

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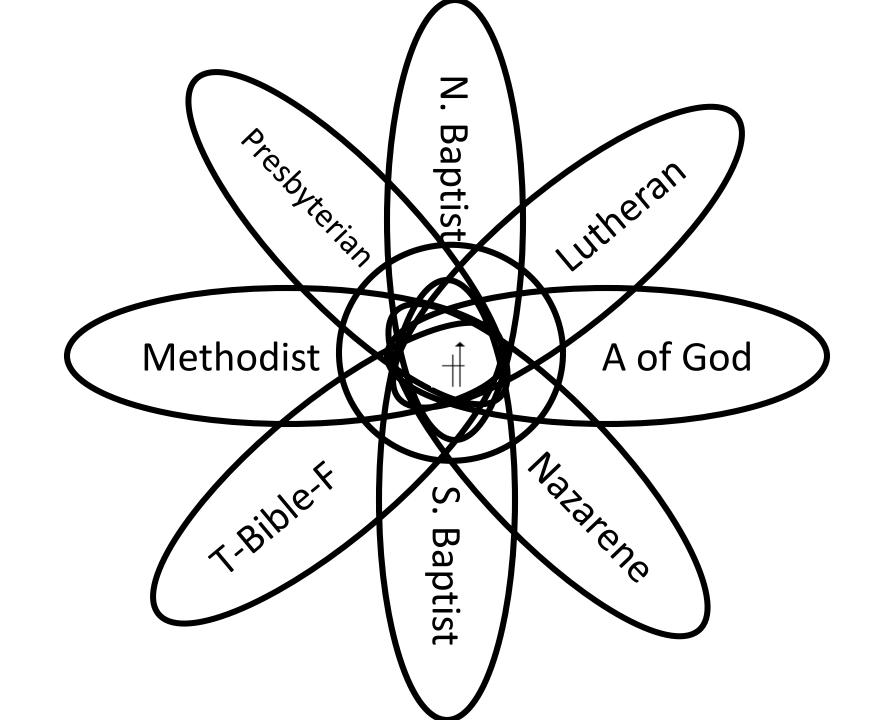
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Romans 1:16-17

I am not ashamed of the Gospel for it the power of God unto salvation to all who believe

ευαγγελιον/euangelion = evangelical



1 Corinthians 15:1-4

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I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through Law, then Christ died needlessly...

... For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law/merit. But Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe in Him.

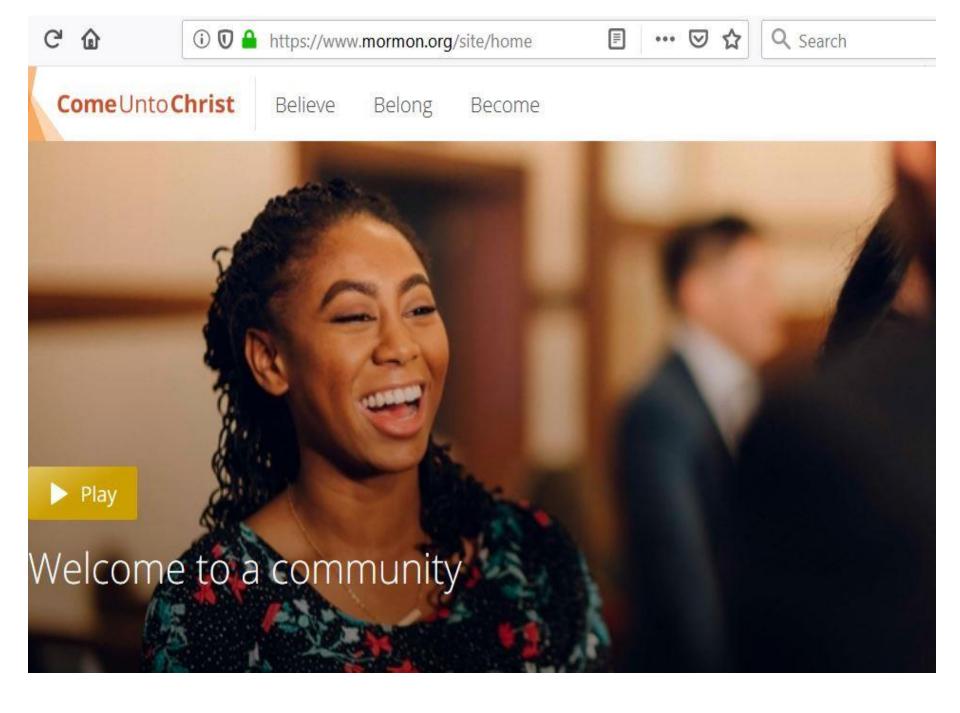
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Come closer to Jesus



Free Book of Mormon



Free Bible



Find a Church



Worldwide - English



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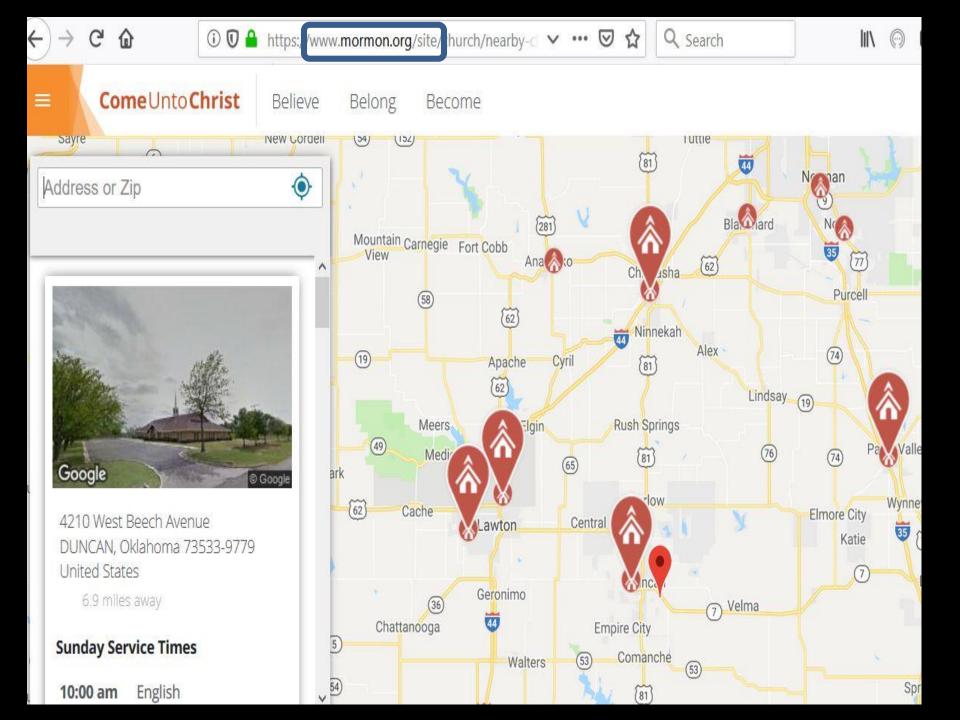








JESUS CHRIST
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Mormon

The name "Mormon Church" is a nickname others gave to Church members because we use the Book of Mormon. The official name of the Church is The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We use the full name of the Church whenever possible as a reminder that Christ is central to it.

LDS

You may have guessed this one. LDS is an abbreviation for "Latter-day Saint," referring to a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. "LDS Church" is another nickname we avoid.

Our revised style guide is helpful. It states: "In the first reference, the full name of the Church is preferred: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.' When a shortened [second] reference is needed, the terms 'the Church' or the 'Church of Jesus Christ' are encouraged. The 'restored Church of Jesus Christ' is also accurate and encouraged." 15

If someone should ask, "Are you a Mormon?" you could reply, "If you are asking if I am a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, yes, I am!"

If someone asks, "Are you a Latter-day Saint?" 16 you might respond, "Yes, I am. I believe in Jesus Christ and am a member of His restored Church."

My dear brothers and sisters, I promise you that if we will do our best to restore the correct name of the Lord's Church, He whose Church this is will pour down His power and blessings upon the heads of the Latter-day Saints, ¹⁷ the likes of which we have never seen. We will have the knowledge and power of God to help us take the blessings of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people and to prepare the world for the Second Coming of the Lord.

8. "Never mistake activity for achievement" — John Wooden

It's a terrible mistake to confuse activity with achievement. Achievement means accomplishing something of importance and value while activity merely means you've done... something.

Bustling around making meaningless changes about our name all over our church makes it look like we are busy carrying out the revelation of a modern prophet but it's totally absent of any substantive achievement or productivity.

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Adults in Oklahoma







Religious composition of adults in Oklahoma

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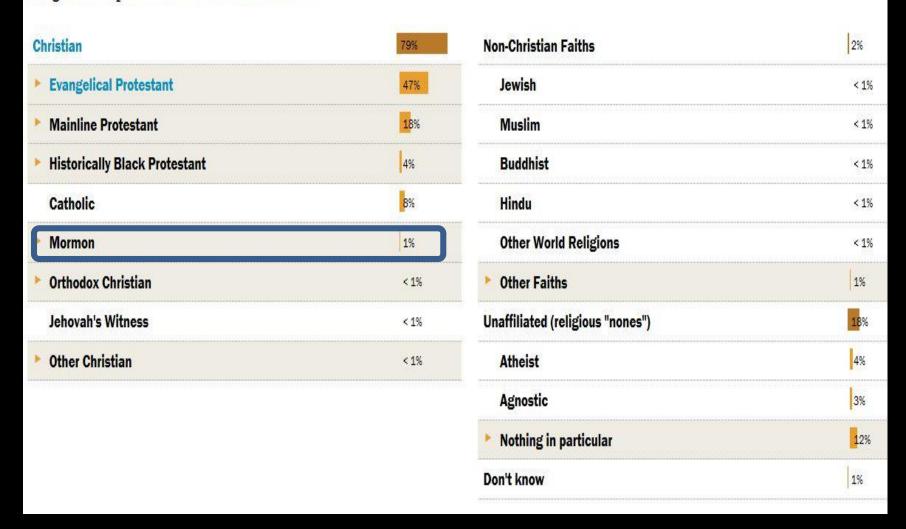
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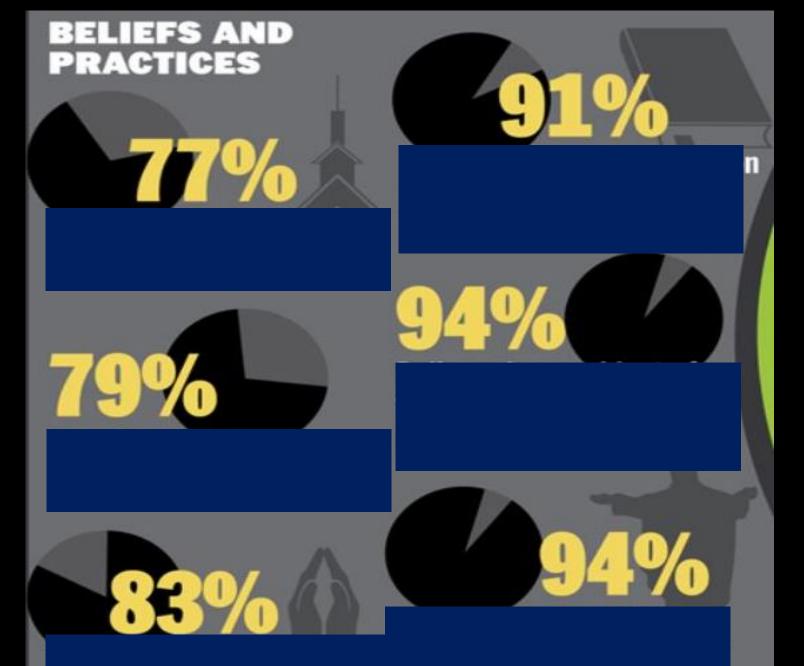




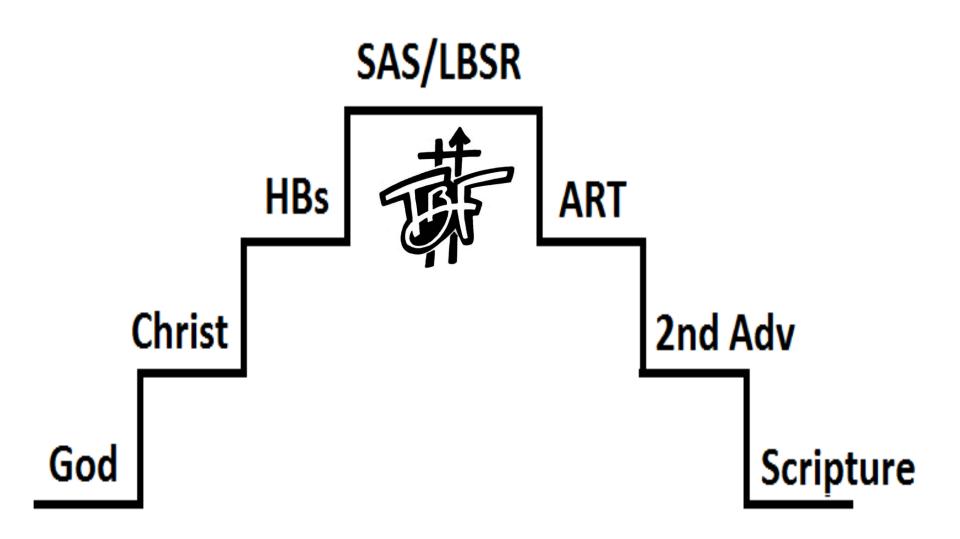


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Here are several things Mormons said were essential for being a good Mormon. Percent of Mormons who say the following is essential. **51%**



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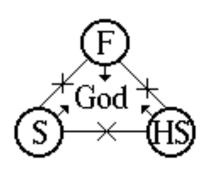
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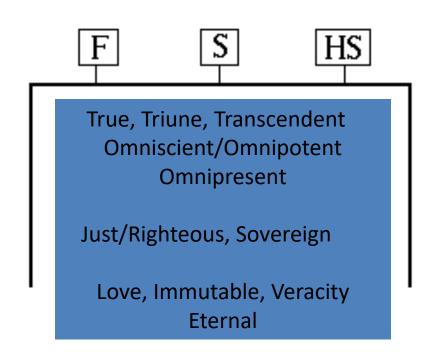
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In the Being of the One God there are Three Persons, Equal in Essence/Attributes, Distinct in Subsistence



All Three Persons of the Trinity are Co-Equal and Co-Eternal. But they are NOT the same Person. And they do have different roles in the outworking of the overall Plan of God

6. God

- God used to be a man on another planet, (Mormon Doctrine, p. 321; Joseph Smith, Times and Seasons vol. 5, p. 613-614; Orson Pratt, Journal of Discourses, vol. 2, p. 345; Brigham Young, Journal of Discourses, vol. 7, p. 333).
- 2. "The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's . . . " (D&C 130:22).
- 3. God is in the form of a man, (Joseph Smith, Journal of Discourses, vol. 6, p. 3).
- 4. "God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man, and sits enthroned in yonder heavens!!!
 . . We have imagined that God was God from all eternity. I will refute that idea and take away the veil, so that you may see," (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p. 345).
- God the Father had a Father, (Joseph Smith, History of the Church, vol. 6, p. 476; Heber C. Kimball, Journal of Discourses, vol. 5, p. 19; Milton Hunter, First Council of the Seventy, Gospel through the Ages, p. 104-105).
- 6. God resides near a star called Kolob, (Pearl of Great Price, p. 34-35; Mormon Doctrine, p. 428).
- 7. God had sexual relations with Mary to make the body of Jesus, (Brigham Young, Journal of Discourses, vol. 4, 1857, p. 218; vol. 8, p. 115). This one is disputed among many Mormons and not always 'officially' taught and believed. Nevertheless, Young, the 2nd prophet of the Mormon church taught it.
- 8. "Therefore we know that both the Father and the Son are in form and stature perfect men; each of them possesses a tangible body . . . of flesh and bones," (Articles of Faith, by James Talmage, p. 38).

The third fundamental of the doctrine of Christ is baptism by immersion.

Baptism is a symbolic ordinance of cleansing that signifies our rebirth as disciples of Christ and followers of His gospel. We join His Church and make sacred covenants to God. We then receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, which is the fourth fundamental of Christ's gospel, and our sins are forgiven.

General Salvation/Universal and Unconditional

Gethsemane......Universal/Free

Reverses the Curse of Adam-Consciousness after Death

Particular Salvation/Individual and Conditional

Death of Jesus and Joseph.....Costly/Works + Baptism + Reception of HS = Slate Clean
Followed by a Lifetime of Personal Merit-Righteous Living
+ Participation in Temple Rituals

TCOJCOLDS "We are saved by grace, after all we can do"

Christianity "But to the one who does not work, but who believes.."

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In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus felt the weight of every sin and pain known to humankind. Jesus suffered for every sin for every person who has ever lived.

Son of God

Jesus is the firstborn of God the Father in the spirit and is the only child of God in the flesh. His mortal mother, Mary, carried Him before He was born and raised Him while He was on earth. His mission was decided before the world was created.



"I came to understand what Jesus had done for me by suffering for my sins in Gethsemane. Because of his great love for me, I will be resurrected after I die."

—Mary D., Language Specialist

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1. Atonement

- 1. "Jesus paid for all our sins when He suffered in the Garden of Gethsemane," (Laurel Rohlfing, "Sharing Time: The Atonement," Friend, Mar. 1989, p. 39.).
- "We accept Christ's atonement by repenting of our sins, being baptized, receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost, and obeying all of the commandments," (Gospel Principles, Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1979, p. 68.).

Romans 4:1-5

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS." ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. ⁵ But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness

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Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you HAVE BEEN SAVED through faith...

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According to TCOJCOLDS: Particular Salvation/Heaven(s) Is a Process based on One's Ongoing Merit/Good Works Including Rituals

Can never say they HAVE BEEN SAVED (beyond mere consciousness after death)

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- "Wherefore, thou seest that after the book hath gone forth through the hands of the great and abominable church, that there are many plain and precious things taken away from the book, which is the book of the Lamb of God," (1 Nephi 13:28).

4. Book of Mormon

1. The book of Mormon is more correct than the Bible, (History of the Church, 4:461).

The Book of Mormon and the Bible work together to tell the story of Jesus

The Book of Mormon is a book of scripture that details God's teachings to people who lived in the ancient Americas. It serves as a companion to the Bible, reinforcing the witness of Jesus Christ, and adding new insights into His sacred mission.

The Bible tells the story of Jesus's life and ministry in the Holy Land, from His birth to His resurrection. But in the Book of Mormon, we read of His visit to the Americas after He died and rose again. He taught the people there, blessed them, called people to serve in His name, and then ascended to heaven.

Together, the Bible and the Book of Mormon tell a more complete story of Jesus Christ than either one could tell alone. When we read both books, we can gain a better understanding of Christ's teachings and of God's plan for our lives.

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They are not a physical danger to others.

The two different systems/organizations to which they are devoted are

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2: theologically/factually incorrect 3: spiritually toxic

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