



SESSION 4 Mormonism LDS

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FOUNDED, LOCATION

Joseph Smith, Jr. (1805–1844) organized what is now *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints* (LDS) in 1830 near Rochester, New York

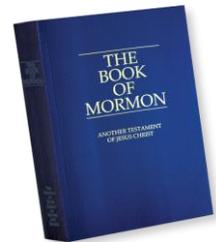


Joseph Smith, Jr.

After Smith's death, Brigham Young (1801–1877) became the first president of the Mormon Church. In 1847, Young moved the church to its current headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah.



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KEY WRITINGS

The Book of Mormon

Doctrine and Covenants

The Pearl of Great Price

The Bible (King James Version only or Smith's "Inspired Version");

seen as _____ than Mormon "scriptures"

Ensign and *Liahona* magazines.

Authoritative teachings of Mormon prophets and other LDS "general authorities."

MAIN BELIEFS

1. **WHO IS GOD?** God the Father [Elohim] was once a _____ on another planet, but "progressed" to godhood, somehow. He has a physical body, as does his wife (Heavenly Mother). No Trinity. Many gods. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are three separate gods. Worthy members may one day become "exalted" to godhood themselves.

2. **WHO IS JESUS?** Jesus is a separate god from the Father (*Elohim*). He was created as a _____ by the Father and Mother in heaven. He is the "elder brother" of all men and spirit beings, including Lucifer, his younger brother. His earthly body was created through sexual union between God the Father (Elohim) and Mary, therefore no _____. Jesus was married to Mary, Martha, and other wives and had children. His many wives is why He was crucified, His suffering in Gethsemane and death on the cross does not provide full atonement for all sin, but does provide everyone who has lived on earth with resurrection. Jesus traveled to the _____ after His death and resurrection in Palestine and witnessed to the Native Americans. Furthermore, there are many earths with many redeemers.

3. WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT? The “holy spirit” is different from the “Holy Ghost.” The holy spirit is not God, but is an influence or electricity-like emanation from God (“light of Christ”). The Holy Ghost is a “spirit man” and a member of the godhead. He can be in only _____ at one time, and he does not and cannot transform himself into any other form or image than that of the Man he is.

4. HOW TO BE SAVED One is resurrected by grace, but fully saved (exalted to a state of godhood) by works. Man can climb out of the pit on his own. Required works include: faithfulness to church leaders, Mormon baptism, tithing, ordination (for males), marriage, and secret temple “endowment” rituals. No eternal life without membership in the Mormon church. There is no _____. God can elect a man because He can see in the future of that man’s life and see all his good works and God is obligated to save. Mormons also believe that salvation comes through Christ’s atoning sacrifice as a start . But they don’t believe in “original sin” or in human depravity. Still, Latter-day Saints believe that fallen men and women do need redemption. And while works are a necessary condition, they alone are insufficient for salvation.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

Souls of human beings were once spirits in their first estate and are born into the earth in human form to perfect themselves. Eventually, nearly everyone goes to one of the “kingdoms” (telestial, terrestrial, and celestial). Some achieve (“exaltation”) at the highest level of the celestial kingdom. Satan is in “outer darkness.” Eternity is spent with many Celestialwives populating the many planets in the universe and producing spirit children.



Mormon temple
San Diego, California

OTHER BELIEFS, PRACTICES

Secret temple “endowment” rituals and “celestial marriage” available only to members in good standing. Baptism on behalf of the dead. Door-to-door proselytizing. Extensive social network. People of African ancestry denied full access to Mormon priesthood and privileges until 1978, they are the “cursed race” of Genesis.

Also, they have food restrictions such as caffeine products. The commit one night a week to family.

ANSWERS:

Less Reliable, Mortal Man, Spirit Child, Birth, Americas,
Place, True Grace

REALMS OF DEITY
Spirit Life
FIRST ESTATE

FREE AGENCY

I'm going by the upper room,
For that still holds the sun,
I'm climbing through night's passages
Where the stray rivers run,
If you should think to seek me
In my old dark shade,
You'll find this writing on the door
"HE'S ON THE LOWER ROAD"
— Adam

CELESTIAL MARRIAGE

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CELESTIAL KINGDOM



BIRTH

Duty

Word of Wisdom

Tithing

Loyalty

Morality

FREEWAY

Faith
Repentance

Baptism
Holy Ghost

STRAIGHT and NARROW-WAY

Those who died without law

Not valiant in the testimony of Jesus

The good & honorable but blinded by the craftiness of men

TERRESTRIAL KINGDOM

DETOUR
1000 Years in Hell

SECOND ESTATE

BROADWAY

The dishonest, liars, sorcerers, adulterers, and whoremongers.

LOW WAY

TELESTIAL KINGDOM

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