

Helaman 4:24 – The Spirit of the Lord does not dwell in unholy temples! pg. 83

“And they saw that they had become weak, like unto their brethren, the Lamanites, and that the Spirit of the Lord did no more preserve them; yea, it had withdrawn from them because the Spirit of the Lord doth not dwell in unholy temples.”

Alma 11:37 – You cannot be saved IN your sins - No unclean thing can inherit the kingdom of heaven! pg. 151-152 (also 132)

“And I say unto you again that he cannot save them in their sins; for I cannot deny his word, and he hath said that no unclean thing can inherit the kingdom of heaven; therefore, how can ye be saved, except ye inherit the kingdom of heaven? Therefore, ye cannot be saved in your sins.”

D&C 1:31-33 – He cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance. pg. 163

“For I the Lord cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance; Nevertheless, he that repents and does the commandments of the Lord shall be forgiven; And he that repents not, from him shall be taken even the light which he has received; for my Spirit shall not always strive with man, saith the Lord of Hosts.”

D&C 58:42-43 – Repentance is the answer – Abandonment of sin! pg. 70, 134-135

“Behold, he who has repented of his sins, the same is forgiven, and I, the Lord, remember them no more. By this ye may know if a man repenteth of his sins—behold, he will confess them and forsake them.”

What is “REPENTANCE” according to Mormonism? THIS IS THE KEY - See Repentance, pages 132-135.

Alma 34:32-33[see also vs. 34-35] THE HAMMER – You must not procrastinate your repentance (you must totally stop sinning) in this life. pg. 133

“For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God; yea, behold the day of this life is the day for men to perform their labors. And now, as I said unto you before, as ye have had so many witnesses, therefore, I beseech of you that ye do not procrastinate the day of your repentance until the end; for after this day of life, which is given us to prepare for eternity, behold, if we do not improve our time while in this life, then cometh the night of darkness wherein there can be no labor performed. Ye cannot say, when ye are brought to that awful crisis, that I will repent, that I will return to my God. Nay, ye cannot say this; for that same spirit which doth possess your bodies at the time that ye go out of this life, that same spirit will have power to possess your body in that eternal world. For behold, if ye have procrastinated the day of your repentance even until death, behold, ye have become subjected to the spirit of the devil, and he doth seal you his; therefore, the Spirit of the Lord hath withdrawn from you, and hath no place in you, and the devil hath all power over you; and this is the final state of the wicked.”

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REFERENCE GUIDE

Apostasy, pg. 13

Topic: The LDS Church claims that a restoration of the gospel was necessary due to a total apostasy in the Christian Church. The “great apostasy” supposedly began shortly after the death of the Lord’s Apostles and continued until Joseph Smith restored the gospel in the 1800’s. It is said that the LDS church can never fall into apostasy because their scriptures, in D&C 138:44, state that the church will never again be destroyed.

Questions: Would not the proclamation of Jesus in Matthew 16:18 hold an even greater weight of authority when He said, “I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

Creation, pp. 44-45

Topic: Joseph Smith taught that in the work of creation, the Lord organized elements that had already existed. He did not create the world “out of nothing” as some people believe.

Questions: Why do some people believe that God created everything from nothing - Is it because people invented the idea or because God said it was so? Psalm 33:6-9; Hebrews 11:3

Gospel/Ordinances/Salvation – Eternal Life or Exaltation, p. 76, 93, 109, 153, 170-171

Topic: The LDS Church teaches that the “Fulness of the Gospel” includes all the doctrines, principles, laws, ordinances, and covenants necessary for man to be exalted in the celestial kingdom. One of

the required saving ordinances is eternal temple marriage which is said to be the crowning gospel ordinance. The INTRODUCTION to the Book of Mormon says that both the Bible and the Book of Mormon contain the fulness of the everlasting gospel.

Questions: If Temple Marriage is one of the essential ordinances of Jesus Christ's gospel, why was it never taught by Jesus and why is it, never mentioned in the Bible or the Book of Mormon? Is the addition of a "new" gospel ordinance a problem? (See Galatians 1:6-9 & [Book of Mormon] 3 Nephi 11:39-40; see also D&C 131:1-4 the "new" and everlasting covenant of celestial marriage)

Paradise, pg. 111

Topic: The LDS Church does not believe in death bed repentance – it is said that true repentance requires much time and effort before forgiveness can be granted. Accordingly, in Luke 23:43 when the Lord replied to the thief on the cross, "Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise," the Prophet Joseph Smith explained that this is a mistranslation; the Lord actually said that the thief would be with Him in the world of spirits.

Questions: Turn to Luke 23:42 and discuss the story - Explain that the same exact word, "paradise," is used in 2 Corinthians 12:4 and Revelation 2:7 and ask them if they think it was mistranslated in those passages as well. Also read and discuss the parables told by Jesus in Luke 18:9-14 and Luke 15:11-24.

Plan of Salvation [sub-heading] Premortal life, pp. 115-116

Topic: The LDS Church teaches that in the preexistence Jesus and Lucifer were brothers – "Jesus Christ, the Firstborn Son of the Father" and "Lucifer, another spirit son of God."

Questions: Does the Bible agree with this? (John 1:1-3, Jesus created everything and in Ezekiel 28:12-19, Lucifer/Satan is a created being)

Salvation [sub-heading] Eternal Life, or Exaltation, pg. 153

Topic: The LDS plan of salvation includes a multitude of requirements through which men earn their eternal life, or exaltation. Because the LDS plan of salvation is works based, no one can have assurance of eternal life. Accordingly, the LDS church teaches, "If we use the word salvation to mean eternal life, none of us can say that we have been saved in mortality. That glorious gift can come only after the Final Judgment."

Questions: Have they never read Heavenly Father's Testimony in 1 John 5:9-13? And, Jesus Christ's Testimony in John 3:14-18, 36? Yes, according to the promises of God, we can have a positive assurance of eternal life.

THESE TOPICS ARE THE TIP OF THE ICEBURGE! OPEN YOUR EYES TO THE POSSIBILITIES. THERE ARE MORE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION THAT HAVE YET TO BE DISCOVERED - SEEDS THAT WOULD LEAD LDS PEOPLE TO TRUE SALVATION IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE.

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2 Nephi 25:23 – Effort is required on your part! pg. 77

"For we labor diligently to write, to persuade our children, and also our brethren, to believe in Christ, and to be reconciled to God; for we know that it is by grace that we are saved, after all we can do."

Moroni 10:32 – "If" you deny yourself of all ungodliness, "then" is His grace sufficient for you! pg. 77

"Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in him, and deny yourselves of all ungodliness; and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and love God with all your might, mind and strength, then is his grace sufficient for you..."

Grace is enabling power to keep the commandments – see pg. 78

1 Nephi 3:7 – You can DO IT! pg. 53

"And it came to pass that I, Nephi, said unto my father: I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them."

You can DO IT! So, how important is it that you DO IT?

