



**Primary scripture:** Galatians 1:1-9

**Cult:** A religion regarded as \_\_\_\_\_.

**Cult:** A group claiming to be true to the Bible while holding doctrines \_\_\_\_\_ to biblical Christianity.

**Purpose:** We want to be Christians who know God's truth and share it with grace. *1 Peter 3:15-16*

*But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.*

## **I. SUMMARY OF MORMONISM**

### **A. Historical Development of Mormonism**

- \_\_\_\_\_: The visions of Joseph Smith begin.
- \_\_\_\_\_: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints established.
- \_\_\_\_\_: Move to Utah under the leadership of Brigham Young.
- 2000: Fasting growing cult. \_\_\_\_\_% are former Protestants.

### **B. Major Beliefs of Mormonism**

1. God: The success story of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus: The \_\_\_\_\_ spirit-child of God.
3. Salvation: Working toward \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_ inspired books.
5. Revelation: \_\_\_\_\_ in Joseph Smith.

## II. KNOW THE BIBLICAL GOSPEL

- There is only one true gospel \_\_\_\_\_. *Gal 1:3-4*  
Grace: God's Riches At Christ's Expense.  
Grace: The \_\_\_\_\_ of biblical Christianity.
- Others will teach \_\_\_\_\_. *Gal 1:6-7*  
Grace plus works is no longer grace. *Rom. 11:6*
- The Bible is the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth. *Gal 1:8-9*  
Don't be led away by \_\_\_\_\_. *Mt. 24:11*  
Don't be fooled by \_\_\_\_\_. *2 Cor. 11:13-*  
Don't be tricked by \_\_\_\_\_. *Jer. 17:9*

## III. DISCERN FALSE TEACHING

### The Mormon Church Teaches

### The Bible Teaches

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| 1. Elohim is one of many gods.  | 1. There was, is and always will be only one true God.<br><i>Isaiah 43:10-11, 44:6-8</i>   |
| 2. God was once a man.  | 2. God has been God eternally.<br><i>Psalm 41:13, 90:2</i>   |
| 3. Jesus is the first-born spirit child of Elohim and Lucifer is his brother. | 3. Jesus is eternally begotten of the Father, second person of the triune God, fully God and fully man.<br><i>John 1:1-18, Ph. 2:5-11, Col. 1:15-20, Heb. 1:1-13</i> |
| 4. Man can become god.  | 4. The great sin of man is wanting to be God. <i>Gen. 3:1-5, Isa. 14:12-15</i>   |
| 5. Perfect obedience is required in order to merit salvation.                 | 5. Salvation cannot be earned, but can only be received as a gift.<br><i>Eph 2:8-9, Rom. 6:23</i>  |
| 6. The Bible is incomplete and full of errors and corruption.                 | 6. The Bible is God's Word and will stand forever. <i>Isa. 40:8, 2 Tim 3:16-17, Jude 3</i>   |
| 7. Joseph Smith was a holy prophet.   | 7. Joseph Smith practiced divination, committed adultery, killed two people, and preached a gospel contrary to Scripture. <i>Gal. 1:6-9, Mt. 24:11, 23-24</i>        |
| 8. Joseph Smith will be our final judge.                                      | 8. Jesus is the only Judge.<br><i>John 12:48, 2 Tim. 4:1</i>   |