"Sharing the Gospel with Latter-Day Saints"

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I. Introduction

Frightening Statistics About Utah:

- In Utah, every 16 hours someone commits **suicide** and every day two children, two young adults, two adult males, and four adult females are treated for injuries caused by a suicide attempt
- **Depression** is a widespread public health crisis in Utah as the state nearly doubles the national average for antidepressant drug use
- Utah is #1 in the nation for online **pornography** subscriptions
- Utah is #8 in the nation for holding Ashley Madison accounts (a website that connects people so that they can have an affair)
- Utah is #6 in the nation for **plastic surgeries**
- Utah is #7 in the nation for **drug overdoses** due to its massive opioid crisis
- In Orem/Provo, with a population of 527,000, there is only 1 Evangelical church per 20,300 people.
- As previously said, in Provo/Orem, only 0.5% of the population is Evangelical. 82% of the population (a conservative estimate) are active members of the Mormon religion.
- Utah is the most unreached state in the U. S. with only 2% of the population believing the biblical Gospel. **This means there are more Christians per-capita in places like Saudi Arabia than there are in Utah.**

T**here's no hope in the Mormon Gospel because *there's no Jesus* in the Mormon Gospel.**

II. A Brief History of Mormonism

- December 23, 1805 –Joseph Smith is born to a farming couple in Sharon, Vermont. Shortly after, his family moved to Palmyra, New York (30 miles east of Rochester) where Joseph's visions would take place and Mormonism would form.
- When Joseph was 14 years old, growing up in the Second Great Awakening, he wanted to know which church was true –the Baptists? The Methodists? The Presbyterians?
- Young Joseph came across James 1:5, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given to him."
- Desiring to test this verse out, Joseph prayed for wisdom and was led into a groove of trees by his house where he was visited by two personages: God the Father and Jesus Christ.

- More than anything in the world, Joseph wanted to know which church to join but the personages told him that all of the Christian churches were wrong, their creeds were an abomination, and their leaders were all corrupt.
- Young Joseph began to share what he had seen and heard in a vision in the town, and as you can imagine –the Christians were not too friendly to this young man who was claiming a divine audience as well as that all the Christian churches were wrong.
- In 1823, Joseph Smith prayed in his bedroom and was visited by an angel who introduced himself as Moroni. Apparently, during his earthly life, this angel Moroni had be a great warrior who lived among an ancient people called the Nephites.
- Prior to his death, this great warrior –now angel- Moroni had buried a set of golden plates in which he had inscribed a record of the ancient American people. Smith was chosen to retrieve that record, but would not be allowed to do so for many years.
- The angel Moroni appeared to Joseph many times until finally on September 22, 1827, Joseph Smith was given the location of the golden plates and tasked with the work of translating the "Reformed Egyptian" characters into English.
- In 1829, Oliver Cowdery, Joseph's third cousin, joined Joseph's translation efforts to be the principle scribe for what would become the Book of Mormon.
- Also in 1829, Oliver Cowdery and Joseph Smith claimed to be visited by John the Baptist at the Susquehanna River in May of 1829 who ordained them and granted them the Aaronic priesthood (lesser priesthood).
- Later that year, at an unknown date, Oliver Cowdery and Joseph Smith were visited by Peter, James, and John and were promoted to the higher priesthood –the Melchizedek priesthood.
- April 6, 1830 –Joseph Smith founds the "Church of Christ" (not to be confused with the Church of Christ denomination we see today) and his followers start growing rapidly.
- Because of Smith's "prophecies" the growing group moved around quite a bit. They settled in Independence, Missouri for a time, but eventually were violently run out of town by the non-LDS Missourians.
- After their many conflicts in Missouri, Joseph led the people to set up shop in a city they called Nauvoo, Illinois.
- Nauvoo grew rapidly and even rivaled Chicago in size, but even in Nauvoo the Mormons would find no peace, despite the fact that Joseph Smith had been elected the mayor of the city.
- Though Joseph Smith's church had been growing in size, eventually there were those who left the faith and began speaking out against "the prophet." They primarily did this through a newspaper called the *Nauvoo Expositor*. The purpose of this paper was to expose Smith as a false prophet and to expose him and his followers' practices of polygamy.
- Under the orders of Joseph Smith, the printing press and publishing office of the *Nauvoo Expositor* was destroyed.

- This event only angered Smith's enemies all the more and riots broke out in Nauvoo. Thus, Joseph Smith put the city under martial law on June 18, 1844 and mobilized the "Nauvoo Legion," which was an army of several thousand men who had sworn to protect Smith to the death.
- Hearing of all this, the governor of Illinois ordered Smith to back down and turn himself in to the neighboring city of Carthage until tensions could settle.
- Upon his arrival in Carthage on June 25th, Smith as well as his brother Hyrum, and Mormon leaders John Taylor, and Willard Richards were forcibly arrested and put into the Carthage jail.
- On June 26th, 1844 an angry mob attacked the jail. Though Joseph Smith had two pistols that had been smuggled in for the four men to defend themselves, they were hopeless against the large mob. Smith shot three people trying to attack him. Hyrum Smith was shot in the face with a musket. John Taylor was shot several times, but he scrambled and found cover under a bed. Smith, seeing no way out, jumped out the second story window and was shot multiple times in the air and probably died before he hit the ground. As far as we know, William Richards escaped without injury.
- Today, Latter-Day Saints hail Joseph Smith as a martyr.
- With Joseph Smith's death, the Saints were left with a hard question –who would be their Prophet now? Sidney Rigdon was the obvious choice as he had been with Joseph Smith almost since the beginning, but a young spirited man named Brigham Young claimed that the Council of the Twelve should choose the next prophet.
- After both Rigdon and Young had their chance to address the Saints in Nauvoo, Brigham Young was chosen as Mormonism's second prophet, seer, and revelator.
- Though the Mormons stayed in Nauvoo long enough to complete the Temple that Smith had began, they soon realized that they would never be accepted into the communities so Brigham Young took his people West!
- In July of 1847, Brigham Young and the Latter-Day Saints came to the Salt Lake Valley and settled into their new home.
- By 1850, Brigham Young was the territorial governor of Utah as the gold rush and transcontinental railroad had now brought many non-Mormons to Utah.
- Today, Mormonism's headquarters are still in Salt Lake City, Utah and Mormonism boasts 16 million members worldwide.
- "It is doubtful that the struggles of the nineteenth century will ever become a vague memory among Latter-day Saints. The suffering and hardships faced by the early Mormon pioneers will continually be pushed to the forefront by LDS leaders who understand that loyalty to heritage is a very powerful force. It is this legacy that compels many Mormons to remain in the faith, regardless of the myriad of doctrinal problems." –Bill McKeever and Eric Johnson, *Mormonism 101*, p. 26.

III. How Mormons View Scripture

1. **Authorized King James Version** of the Bible. It is safe and recommended to use the version printed by the LDS Church when witnessing to Mormons because the text has not been altered.

2. **The Book of Mormon (BOM)**. It claims to be another testament of Jesus Christ and is a supposed ancient historical record of the early Americas. "*The Book of Mormon* contains the account of a small band of Israelites who supposedly migrated to the Americas in about 600 B. C. and eventually became the people group known as Native Americans. *The Book of Mormon* also claims that Jesus Christ visited the Americas shortly after His resurrection. According to the account, Jesus established His church in the Americas much the same as the early church was founded in Palestine." –Chip Thompson, *The Mormon Scrapbook*, p. 18

3. **The Doctrine and Covenants (D & C)**. It is a volume of modern-day revelations of the Mormon Church written by various latter-day prophets.

4. **The Pearl of Great Price (PGP)**. It is a compilation of special revelations of Joseph Smith (i.e. –account of the two personages visiting Joseph Smith).

We must understand that out of these four Scriptures, Mormons view the Bible as the *least* authoritative of the bunch.

"We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly . . ."
- *The Articles of Faith* found in *The Pearl of Great Price* (p. 60)

We must understand that Mormons view the Bible as a seriously flawed book.

<u>The Great Apostasy</u>

- "Mormonism was founded on the premise that the authority initially given to the apostles by Jesus Christ was lost until Joseph Smith restored *true* Christianity in 1830." –Bill McKeever and Eric Johnson, *Mormonism 101*, p. 94
- Remember when Joseph Smith didn't know what church to join, and he asked the two personages (God the Father and Jesus Christ) about the Christian churches? Joseph Smith wrote that the personage informed him that **"all their creeds were an abomination in his sight; that those professors were all corrupt; that: 'they draw near to me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me, they teach for doctrines the commandments of men, having a form of godliness, but they deny the power thereof.' He again forbade me to join with any of them." (PGP 1:19-20a)**
- **The Great Apostasy** is the Mormon belief that after Jesus' twelve Apostles died off (post 100 AD), "plain and precious truths" were removed from the Bible and *true* Christianity disappeared from the earth for almost 2,000 years until it was restored through the prophet Joseph Smith.

- So because there was "The Great Apostasy" of *true* Christianity, Joseph Smith brought about the great restoration of Christ's *true* church in 1830. Mormons believes that through the "restored" priesthood, only they have authority to perform the sacred ordinances (such as baptism, temple endowments, and marriage sealing), which are essential for eternal life.

<u>"Plain and Precious Truths" Removed</u>

So what does "The Great Apostasy" have to do with how Mormons view Scripture?

"And the angel of the Lord said unto me: Thou hast beheld that the book proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew; and when it proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew it contained the fullness of the gospel of the Lord, of whom the twelve apostles bear record; and they bear record according to the truth which is in the Lamb of God. Wherefore, these things go forth from the Jews in purity unto the Gentiles, according to the truth which is in God. And after they go forth by the hand of the twelve apostles of the Lamb, from the Jews unto the Gentiles, thou seest the formation of that great and abominable church, which is the most abominable above all other churches; for behold, they have taken away from the gospel of the Lamb many parts which are plain and most precious; and also many covenants of the Lord have they taken away." – 1 Nephi 13:24-26 (*BOM)*

- So a major part of "The Great Apostasy" was that "plain and most precious" truths were removed from the Bible as the church fell into corruption and today the Bible is only authoritative as long as you have the Mormon Church to help guide you through it's many errors.

Is there any credibility to the LDS claim that the Bible was corrupted at the start of the second century A. D.?

<u>ABSOLUTELY NOT!</u>

- "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." (Isaiah 40:8)
- "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." (Matthew 24:35)
- "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18)

<u>Old Testament Reliability Against "The Great Apostasy" Claim</u>

- 70 A. D. –Emperor Vespasian sacked Jerusalem and destroyed the temple. In Jewish history this is known as the "Roman Diaspora," as the Jewish people were scattered around the Mediterranean.
- A few years later both Jews and Christians were under heavy persecution by evil emperors like Domitian and Nero, which led to them fleeing once again all over the Mediterranean.

- As this scattering was occurring, do you know what these Jews and Christians took with them as their prized possessions? The Scriptures.
- 1948 –The Dead Sea Scrolls were found in the caves of Qumran. All OT books were found except Esther were found in the caves and the manuscripts are dated somewhere around 250 B. C.
- If any plain and precious truths had been removed after 100 A. D., it would be easily detected by comparing the Dead Sea Scrolls (250 B. C.) with the later OT manuscripts we have recovered that were made prior to 100 A. D. –BUT NOTHING HAD BEEN CHANGED!
- In addition to this, prior to 100 A. D. the Old Testament had been translated into Greek (LXX) and Aramaic (Targum) but those texts are also unchanged and match what we found in the Dead Sea Scrolls.

New Testament Reliability Against "The Great Apostasy" Claim

- Let's go back and remember the "Roman Diaspora" of 70 A. D. and the persecution that followed. Christians that were fleeing all over the Mediterranean world took their most prized possessions with them: the New Testament.
- History shows us that they fled northeast to Armenia, southwest to Egypt and Ethiopia, and even north into Europe. This shows us that the New Testament was scattered throughout the Roman Empire prior to 100 A. D.
- The only way for plain and precious truths to be removed from the New Testament without us being able to detect it would be someone going throughout the Roman world and finding every single New Testament manuscript copy and changing it. Implausible!
- In addition to this, prior to 200 A. D., the New Testament was translated into Latin, Coptic, and Syriac.
- To date there are 5,780 hand copied Greek manuscripts of the New Testament, not to mention the thousands of copies of translations we have in Latin, Coptic, or Syriac.
- There are sometimes minor variations given in the copying, but not one doctrine, principle, or commandment has been altered –amazing!

The LDS church's claim of 1 Nephi 13:24-26 against the Bible is historically inaccurate. The Bible can be trusted and is entirely sufficient as the unblemished Word of God.

SO WHAT?

- Mormonism is founded on the premise that the Bible and the early Church were corrupted, and thus a restoration of *true* Christianity on the earth was needed.
- If the Bible we hold in our hands today can be 100% trusted as historically reliable and unblemished, the LDS faith crumbles.
- Why need a restoration if there's nothing to restore?

IV. How Mormons View Salvation

Handout: **"The Biblical Gift of Eternal Life vs. The LDS Law of Eternal Life."**

A Few Things to Notice about "The LDS Law of Eternal Life"

- Jesus' only role in the process of a Mormon's view of salvation was "atoning" for the whole world in the Garden of Gethsemane, so that every single person on earth with have "The Gift of Resurrection" in the "Telestial Kingdom."
- There are three kingdoms, or three levels of heaven, that every single person will receive at the end of their life.
- The Mormon version of "hell" is called "Outer Darkness" and is where people only like Adolf Hitler are banished.
- In Christianity, all of our "Christian Virtue" is in response to what Christ has done for us. In Mormonism, all of these "good works" and "ordinances" are essential to attain the "Celestial Kingdom" / Exaltation to Godhood.
- Exaltation can be best summed up in this quote: "As man now is, God once was; as God now is, man may be." – President/Prophet Lorenzo Snow
- Note here also that **the goal of a Mormon's scheme of salvation is to be exalted as a God, not to spend eternity with Jesus.**
- Consider the gospel that Satan preached to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, **and you will be like God**, knowing good and evil." (Genesis 3:5)

The "Impossible Gospel"

"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, that by his grace ye may be perfect in Christ . . ."

(Moroni 10:32, The Book of Mormon)

- ➢ What would your life look like if you denied yourself of all ungodliness as this verse says? (*Perfect!*)
- ➢ A Mormon's whole eternity hangs on the one little word "if."
- ➢ Compare to Titus 3:4-7

"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**."

(2 Nephi 25:23, The Book of Mormon)

- ➢ According to this verse, when does Christ's saving grace apply? (*After all we can do!)*
- ➢ Compare to Ephesians 2:8-9

"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**."

(1 Nephi 3:7, The Book of Mormon)

- ➢ According to this verse, a man or woman can (and must) accomplish and complete every commandment from God that has been given to them.
- ➢ Common Mormon response: "I'm trying really hard," or "As long as I am headed in the right direction, I will be okay."
- ➢ Compare to Romans 8:7-8

"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."

(Alma 11:37, The Book of Mormon)

- ➢ If Jesus won't save you "in your sins," what condition must you be in before He will save you? (*Perfect!*)
- ➢ What happens if a Mormon doesn't keep all the commandments? Can they still be saved in their sins? (*No.)*
- ➢ Compare with Romans 5:8

"**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."

(Doctrine and Covenants 1:31-33)

- ➢ What sins will the Mormon god allow? (*None!*)
- ➢ Compare with 2 Timothy 2:13

"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**."

(Doctrine and Covenants 58:42-43)

- ➢ According to this verse, how can you tell if someone is actually repentant? (*They have completely stopped sinning in a particular way)*
- ➢ *"There is one crucial test of repentance. This is abandonment of the sin. Desire is not sufficient. In other words, it is not real repentance until one who has abandoned the error of his ways and started on a new path . . . The saving power does not extend to him who merely wants to change his life. Trying is not sufficient, nor is repentance complete when one merely tries to abandon sin."*

*(*President/Prophet Spencer W. Kimball, *The Miracle of Forgiveness*, p. 163-65)

- ➢ Compare to 1 Timothy 1:13, 16

"And now, verily I say unto you, I, the Lord, will not lay any sin to your charge; go your ways and sin no more; **but unto that soul who sinneth shall the former sins return**, saith the Lord your God."

(Doctrine and Covenants 82:7)

- ➢ What happens to the Mormon if they have repented, but then commit the same sin again? (*Start back at square one*)
- ➢ How important is it that a Mormon completely stops sinning? (*Eternally important*)
- ➢ Ask a Mormon in light of this verse, "When are you going to totally stop sinning?" To which a Mormon may respond that they can repent in the spirit world (a sort of purgatory).
- ➢ Compare to Colossians 1:13-14

"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."**

(Alma 34:30-35, The Book of Mormon)

- ➢ If a Mormon does not repent, they are no longer sealed to their family. Who does this verse say they are sealed to for eternity now? (*The Devil)*
- ➢ Compare with John 10:27-29 and Ephesians 1:13-14

Summary of the "Impossible Gospel"

- ➢ A Mormon's eternity hangs upon one little word, "if."
- ➢ Christ's saving grace only applies *after* you have done all you can do (if you "deny yourself of all ungodliness").
- ➢ Unless you have totally repented, forsaken all your sins, you are still "in" your sins.
- ➢ You cannot be saved "in your sins."
- ➢ Your lack of performance is no one's fault but your own.

"Gospel" means *good news*, but what *good news* is actually in the Mormon gospel?

The true Good News of Jesus Christ is that in Him, we have received total forgiveness for our sins and have been sealed for eternity by the Holy Spirit to glorify God and enjoy Him forever!

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."
[2 Corinthians 5:21]

V. SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH MORMONS

"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
[Matthew 28:18-20]

"For 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!'"
[Romans 10:13-15]

"Evangelism is the cure for ugly feet." – Bill McKeever

<u>Why we love sharing the Gospel with Mormons:</u>

1) Preaching the Gospel reminds you of the goodness of the Gospel and leaves you elated with the joy of Christ.
2) Mormons are incredibly kind people and are generally very open to talking about Jesus.
3) The Mormons' belief that the Bible is Scripture (kinda), provides some level of a common ground in discussing the Gospel.
4) Nobody is sharing the Gospel with Mormons. What a joy it is to evangelize an unreached people group that is in the checkout line at the grocery store with you!
5) When it comes to the missionaries, these young men and women will literally come to your door to hear the Gospel. It's the "lazy man's" evangelism!

<u>Sharing the Gospel with your Mormon friends and family</u>

- Sharing the Gospel with those closest to you always has some challenges, regardless of whether they are Mormons, atheists, or anything else!
- Those closest to us know our sinful tendencies, they know our "pressure points" on discussing faith and worldviews, and so sometimes when we start to share the Gospel with them it feels like they are rolling their eyes before we start talking.

- Sharing the Gospel with those closest to us is also a really vulnerable place to be in when we're used to just making jokes at thanksgiving or reminiscing about the college days over dinner.
- When it comes to sharing the Gospel with your Mormon friends and family, **you have to be intentional**.
- Carl Wimmer, an ex-Mormon now born-again pastor who leads a church in Utah offers four considerations for sharing the Gospel with LDS family members:
    1. **Understand the process of conversion**: It takes nine months of development before a baby can be born the first time, we must affording the same patience for a period of development when it comes to someone being "born-again." (Cf. 1 Corinthians 3:6-9)
    2. **Understand the Primacy of Loving Your LDS Family**: Just like 1 Corinthians 13 reminds us, without showing others the unconditional love of Jesus –our apologetic witnessing tools and Mormon studies will absolutely fall flat. We must love our LDS family members and friends with the love of Jesus.
    3. **Understand the Power of Lifestyle Evangelism**: If you are living for the Lord and loving your local church and living a life of being a joyful and passionate follower of Christ, your unbelieving and Mormon family members will and have already taken notice. "Whether or not our family members are ready and open to conversation about faith or the gospel, it is always the right time to display the love of God through the way we live." –Carl Wimmer, *Sharing the Good News With Mormons*, p. 124.
    4. **Understand the Priority of Prayer**: If we really desire the salvation of our unbelieving family members and friends, why do we not ask the only one who can grant that salvation? Pray. Pray. Pray.

<u>Sharing the Gospel with Mormon Missionaries</u>

- Please understand that the missionaries that come to your door have sacrificed in a major way to be on "their mission." They have paid their own way, taken two years off of their life and away from dating relationships and family just to talk to you about the Mormon faith –which they sincerely love.
- In addition to this, most people are pretty horrible to Mormon missionaries. When my buddy was on his mission, he was just walking along the street one day and someone in a car driving by and threw a slurpee at him.
- In addition to this, there are a lot of Christians that have treated the Mormons pretty harshly –like opponents, instead of people to be loved.
- In addition to this, many of these young Mormons have been indoctrinated with a pretty horrible view of Evangelicals. They've been told evangelicals are out to get them –even agents of the devil. Depending on what community the missionary has come from; you may be the first Christian they have ever met.
- **Slamming the door in their face is not an option if you love Jesus.**

David and Sara's encouragements for having Mormon missionaries over for dinner:

1. If they knock on your door and you can't invite them in right then and there, give them your cell phone number so they can text you to set something up.
2. Don't talk to them on your front porch. Invite them inside at the very least. At the very best, plan to have them over for dinner.
3. Mormon missionaries don't get a lot of home cooked meals and their days are strenuous. Be the one thing they look forward to in their week!
4. Establish trust by showing them you love them. Hear their story. Ask how they decided to go on a mission. Show them that you care a lot more about them than the fact they are Mormons. Show them that your home is a safe place to talk about spiritual things.
5. Let them take the lead on teaching you their "lessons." In doing so, you'll have a billion places to interject and ask a question.
6. Get as many materials and books from them as humanly possible.
7. Allow them to give you homework (readings in the Book of Mormon, etc.) and follow through on the homework so they know you're for real.
8. Study up! Mormon-evangelism is a knowledge-empowered type of ministry! The more you know, the more that will help you.
9. Know the Mormon faith well, but know the Christian faith even better.
10. Do your absolute best to keep the dinner-dates between you and the two missionaries. If they suggest bringing another person from their church over, it means that their supervisors have concerns about them meeting with you and they want to sniff you out.
11. If a church leader does come over with them one night, you have two choices –you can be super non-confrontational and win over the church leader; OR you can go really hard on the church leader and accept that these elders/ sisters won't be allowed to meet with you again.
12. Husbands, always have your wives pray for the meal before everything gets going. Mormonism is a sexist religion. Show them that you value your wife's personal relationship with Jesus.
13. Try to meet with a pair of missionaries as long as you can before they stop contacting you or get transferred to another mission district of Wyoming.
14. Show them the love of Jesus in how you host them. Also, share with them how much you love Jesus! Mormons are incredibly emotional about their faith; show them that you feel just as strongly about the real Jesus.

Resources

Books:

Mormonism 101: Examining the Religion of the Latter-Day Saints by Bill McKeever and Eric Johnson (2015)

Sharing the Good News with Mormons: Practical Strategies for Getting the Conversation Started by Eric Johnson and Sean McDowell (2018)

Witnessing to Mormons in Love: The Mormon Scrapbook Revised Edition by Daniel G. Thompson (2015)

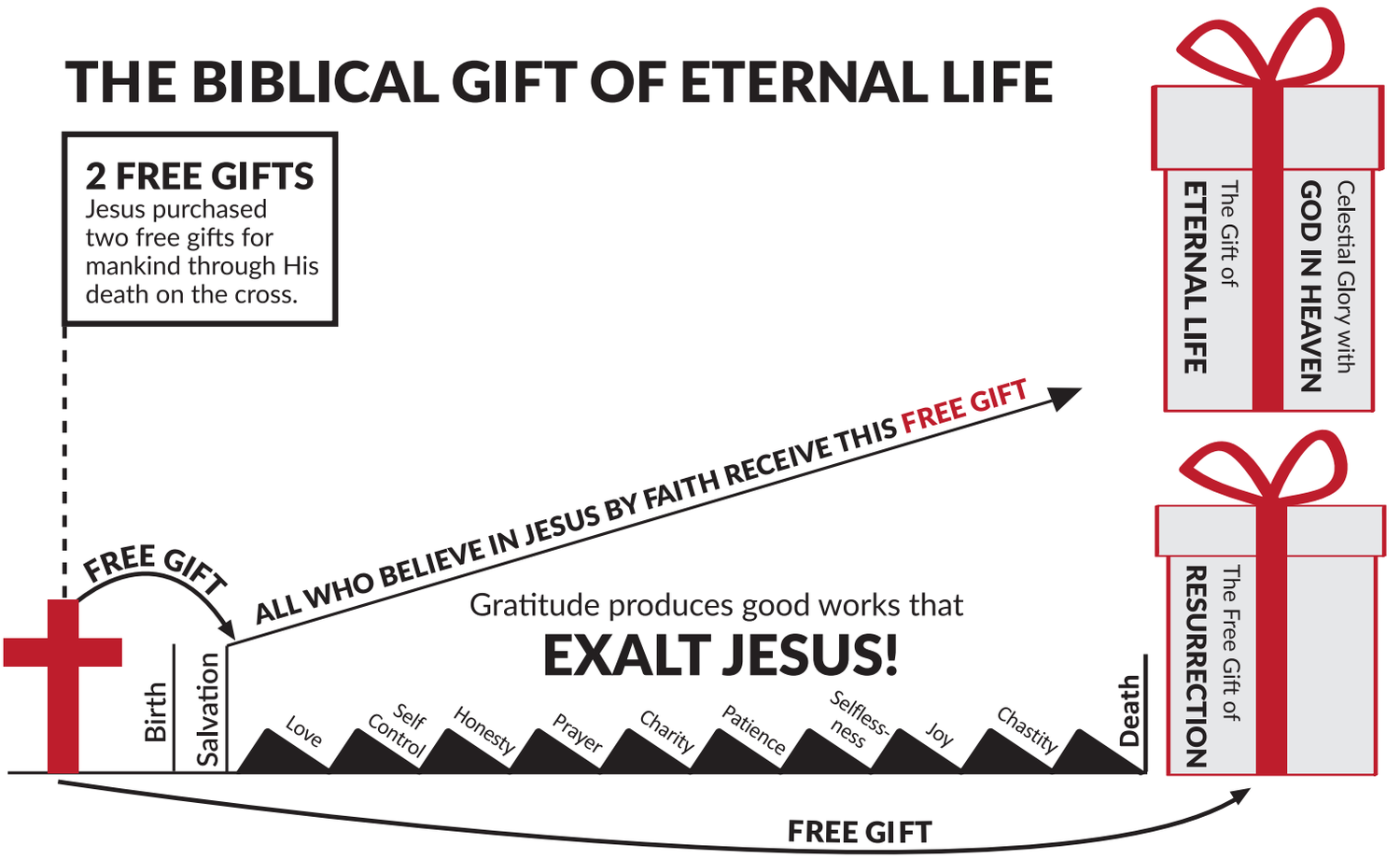
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