

Sunday Morning | July 10, 2016

FANTASTIC SUMMER

*Sundays*

"CHRISTIAN OR FAKE"

**JUDE 1:3 (NLT)**

"Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people."

**QUESTION:** "How do we talk to someone who joins a religion of works rather than Christianity of saving faith? How do we talk to people of different religions?"

**INSIGHT:** Truth wars are as real as they have always been.

**TRUTH:** Jude is the only letter in Scripture completely devoted to apostasy, or the act of turning away from truth to error or heresy.

**TRUTH:** Both Mormonism and Jehovah's Witnesses challenge the Bible as the source of ultimate truth.

**I. MORMON BEGINNINGS IN BRIEF**

**TRUTH:** Angels don't marry or reproduce; they are creations of God made at one time whose numbers don't change.

**II. MORMON THEOLOGY**

\*From The 13 Articles of Faith:

1. You can become a god.
2. One day Mormons will also be gods.
3. Classic Mormon theology: As we are God once was; as God is one day we may be.  
**TRUTH:** Mormons are not monotheistic like Christians, but polytheists believing in many gods.
4. Jesus was not God in the flesh. His brother was Lucifer.
5. Jesus was the result of a physical relationship between God the Father and Mary.
6. Godhood and sins forgiven comes through good works.
7. The Mormon Church is led by apostles, and the head of the church is the Mormon President and chief prophet who receives fresh revelations from God.
8. The Bible is correct only in those parts deemed so by the Chief Prophet.
9. As inspired as the Bible is the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and The Pearl of Great Price.

### III. BOIL IT DOWN.

**TRUTH:** Mormonism is not historic Christianity.

### IV. WHAT NOW?

**QUESTION:** "Should I open the door to the Mormon missionaries, and invite them in?" No.

**INSIGHT:** Keep conversation with Mormon missionaries on the doorstep, not in your house (2 John 1:10; Mark 13:6; 1 John 4:1-3 Msg).

**REALITY:** Mormonism does not pass the test of spiritual truth.

**TRUTH:** Mormonism fails you by offering a cycle of "do" when the Bible says it's not about what you do, but what's been done by Christ (2 Corinthians 5:19, 21; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 3:5; Romans 2:23).

**TRUTH:** Good works matter for rewards; only Jesus saves when you trust in Him alone (Romans 10:13).