

Reasons Why I Can Not Join Your Denomination – part 3
The Mormon Church

Jude 3

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Thesis: I want to show why I cannot be a member of a denomination like the Mormon church.

- Intro:
1. Tonight we will look at the Mormon church.
 2. We will look at it's beginning and some of its teaching.
 3. We do this not to be harsh or rude but to shed light and the false doctrines that are taught that will only separate men from God.

I. Reason Why...

A. I cannot join your denomination because it is founded on a man.

1. Joseph Smith is the founder of the Mormon church – April 6, 1830.
2. He claimed to have received a vision from God, he claimed to have received many visions (**Jude 3**).
 - a. He claimed an angel (Moroni) appeared to him and he received golden plates with “the gospel” on them.
 - b. Oliver Cowdery who wrote this translation of this gospel down also claimed to have been visited by John the Baptist.
 - c. He claims the John placed on them the same priest hood of Aaron. ‘
 - d. At a later time supposedly Peter, James & John conferred the Melchizedek priesthood on them and gave them the apostleship.
 - e. Every one of these ideas completely contradict scripture (**Gal 1:8-9**)
 - f. Peter says God gave us everything, since God did not give him the book of Moroni, then the book of Moroni must not “pertain to life & godliness” (**2 Pt 1:3**).

B. I cannot join your denomination because the book you follow contradicts the Bible.

1. The Book of Mormon states the Christ was born in Jerusalem, Alma 7:10 (not Bethlehem).
2. States that the church of Christ was built in 147 B.C, Mosiah 8:15 (not 33 A.D.)
3. Teaches that the Lord's supper is a common meal (3 Nephi 18:13)
4. Teaches there were priests outside the tribe of Levi (God only made priests from the tribe of Levi)
5. Teaches Men have authority in the church, Mosiah 26:8,37 (not just Christ)
6. Teaches Man is sinning if he does not have multiple wives, “Doctrines & Covenants”
7. Teaches there are many “gods” and that the God of heaven is just “a god”, “Key of Theology”
8. Teaches Christ had multiple wives, “The Seer” vol 1
9. They teach there are apostles today and they have “apostles” in the church.
10. Teaches baptism for the dead, “Doctrines & Covenants”

II. Lessons for us today.

A. No Man...

1. No man can follow the doctrine of Mormonism and be saved.
2. Such false and blasphemous teachings only separates men from God.

B. God makes the law.

1. Man does not decide what is right and wrong only God.
2. God has revealed all that we need to know to us already (**2 Tim 3:16-17**).

Application & Conclusion:

1. No one can join a denomination and have Heaven as their home because denominations teach things that contradict the Word of God.
2. To be a part of a denomination is to be separated from God (**Isa 59:2**)
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9