

Week 2: Mormonism

- Mormon is more precisely the Church of _____ of Latter Day Saints.
- There are _____ Mormons in the world and _____ in the United States.

History of the Mormon Church

- Mormons trace their beginnings back to Joseph _____.
- Smith claims to have had many visions including visitations from _____ and _____.
- Smith said to have been visited many times by an angel named _____.
- Moroni showed him where to find a set of golden _____.
- Smith dictated the contents of the plates to His wife _____ and the resulting writings were published in March _____ as the Book of _____.
- Smith moved to Ohio attempting to establish a New Jerusalem called _____.
- After a scandal in Ohio and their expulsion from Missouri, Smith's followers set up their church headquarters in _____ Illinois.
- On June 27th _____, Smith was arrested on charges of treason and killed by an angry mob while attending trial.
- He was succeeded by his close associate Brigham _____.
- In 1847 Brigham Young and his followers moved to the _____ territory and established the large region now known as the Mormon _____.

- In _____ as a result of the Utah Mormon War Brigham Young stepped down as theocratic leader.
- In _____ US Congress disincorporated the LDS church
- In _____ the Mormon church finally allowed the ordination of black men.

What Do They Believe?

Doctrine	Mormonism	Evangelical Christianity
God/Supreme Being	As man is, God once was and as God is, man may become	One eternal God in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit
The Person of Jesus Christ	Christ was conceived naturally by God and Mary. He was a physical man who became a god. Satan is Jesus' spirit brother	We believe that Christ was supernaturally conceived through a virgin, Matthew 1:23. Christ is the second person of the Godhead, He is fully God and eternal. Colossians 2:8-9
Trinity	Three separate gods, physically distinct from each other	One God existent in three eternal simultaneous persons
Sacred Text	The Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants, the Pearl of Great Price and the Bible	Bible alone
Source of Authority	Sacred texts, direct revelation to church prophets.	God alone as given through the revelation of His Word the Bible
Salvation	Salvation by grace and performance of the saving ordinances.	Salvation by grace alone
Afterlife	Three kingdoms, telestial, terrestrial and celestial. Which you go to depends on performance of ordinances	Heaven and hell. Those who accept God's gift of salvation go to heaven and those who don't spend eternity in hell

Saving Ordinances of the Mormon Church

1. **Baptism:** performed at age of _____ which is usually _____ years old.

2. **Confirmation:** also performed at age of accountability involves laying on of _____ to receive the Holy Spirit and membership in the Latter Day Saints _____.
3. **Ordination:** for males entering the _____.
4. **Endowment:** ritual ceremony where believers are prepared to be _____ and _____ in the afterlife.
5. **Celestial Marriage and Sealing:** marriage is for all _____ and couples are able to procreate _____ children in afterlife.

How Can We Witness to Mormons?

- They have added their own “truth” to the truth of Scripture blurring the line of _____ and _____.
- Mormons do some things well:
 - they have very high _____
 - they have a high _____ to the church and _____.
 - they are family _____
 - they are able to defend their _____
- **Isaiah 43:10:** explain who the _____ of the Bible is.
- **John 14:6:** explain who Jesus is and that He is the only _____.
- **Galatians 2:21:** demonstrate that the grace of God is not contingent on _____.
- Show them there is no _____ for the historical claims of the book of Mormon:
 - _____: book of Mormon speaks of items that have never been found
 - _____: Native Americans are Mongoloids and not Caucasoids
 - _____: DNA evidence shows 0% probability of Native American being Middle Eastern.