One God or Many gods?

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Mormonism teaches that there are many gods and you can become a god. They quote 1 Cor. 8:5 (KJV) as proof there are many gods, "For though there be that are <u>called gods</u>, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many)."

This is another verse that is misinterpreted by Mormons because it is out of context. The verse before it says, "We know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and there is no God but one" (1 Cor. 8:4 NASB).

1 Cor. 8:5 -6 (NASB) says, "For even if there are <u>so-called gods</u> whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, yet for us there is but one God, the Father...and one Lord, Jesus Christ." Paul explains in verse 5 that there are many that are "called" gods. There is a difference between <u>being</u> a god and <u>being called</u> a god.

Paul is writing the Corinthians about food sacrificed to idols. <u>In the mind of the person who worships an idol</u>, the idol is a god. Paul is referring to idols and not people who turn into gods. He clearly states there is only one God.