



Church of Christ and the thousands of denominations that try to pass themselves off as it? Why don't we do a better job promoting Christian values when they are so appealing to the world? Why don't we do a better job?

When we look at all of this, one question should jump out to slap us in the face: why don't we do a better job of these things? Why don't we do a better job speaking with potential converts and especially our friends and family members when it is so obvious that they desperately want to hear and understand the things of God? Why don't we do a better job explaining the difference between the REAL

Well, instead of focusing on that question, I encourage you to focus on a better question: what's going to stop us from doing a better job of those things from now on? And, with all of my heart, I implore you to make the answer to that question "Nothing!" Don't let anything get in your way of speaking to others about the True Gospel of Jesus Christ and His power and desire to save even the worst of all sinners. Don't let anything get in your way of helping people understand the True Church of Christ as found in the New Testament. And, don't let anything get in your way of promoting Christian values in every aspect and in every situation of your life. May God bless us in this endeavor to glorify Him.

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Why Do People Believe in Mormonism?

By Curtis Carwile

Recently, we concluded a series of Sunday night lessons on the Mormon religion. In that study, we examined only some of the many problems which face the Mormon religion. Also, in that study, we saw how those problems were irrefutable and irreconcilable with archaeology, anthropology, the science of linguistics, DNA evidence, logic and reason, Mormon scripture itself, and, most importantly, the Bible. At the end of that study, it should have been obvious to an honest examiner that the Mormon religion is a false religion based upon the lies of Joseph Smith and perpetuated by the Mormon Church.

I bring this up because of a common question which I was asked after every lesson: "Curtis, how do people believe all of this?" Many times, the questioner would express the fact that they know a few Mormons somehow or another and that those Mormons are such nice and wonderful people who are, otherwise, just so intelligent. Many of the Mormons I know myself easily

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fit that description. It's because of this that people are often frustrated that these nice and intelligent people can and do believe Joseph Smith's plagiarized Nineteenth Century fiction as being "from God."

There are actually several reasons why nice and intelligent people believe in Mormonism. One of the major reasons as to why so many people believe in Mormonism is



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because **Mormons do the leg work**. The Mormon Church has the reputation for being the fiercest "door-knockers" in the United States and around the world because they focus so much on their mission work. Right now and at any given time, there are over 50,000 Mormon missionaries worldwide going door-to-door, teaching Mormonism to anyone who will listen. Before they go out on their two-year mission trip, they spend years in mission training school where they learn how to introduce themselves, how to speak on *their* talking points, and even how to tie their shoes "the Mormon way." What they do is take advantage of the fact that good and genuine people are honestly searching for the Truth in this life. It is because nobody else talked to them about the Truth *except* for the Mormon missionaries that they will start on the path to Mormonism. And, even though it is so sad, unfortunately, it is so true.

Another one of the primary reasons is because the Mormon religion has **the appearance of Christianity**. In the very title of their Church, they call themselves "the latter-day saints of Jesus Christ." One of their "main and standard texts" is their King James Version of the Bible. On the cover of the Book of Mormon, their foundational scripture, it calls itself "another testament of Jesus Christ." It calls itself that because of "the crowning event" of the Book of Mormon is when the resurrected Jesus supposedly appeared to the inhabitants of the American continents shortly after His ascension into Heaven (Acts 1:9; 3 Nephi). It is unfortunate that many people don't understand and therefore don't examine

the One True Church of Jesus Christ which is found in the New Testament. It is because of this that they will attend any "Christian" church as long as it has the appearance of Christianity. This is the case with many converts to Mormonism; they will listen to the Mormon missionaries and they will hear that the Mormon Church "is the restored Church of the New Testament" and, without examining that claim any further, they will sign on the proverbial "dotted line." It's sad, but that is the case with so many of the converts to Mormonism.

One last reason why people will choose to believe Joseph Smith's claims is because **they just want to**. In an interview (several years ago now), talk-radio host Glenn Beck explained why he and his family joined the Mormon Church. Beck expressed that the genuine love he was moved to feel brought him to the point that he felt, "I don't care if there's kool-aid in the basement, I'm drinking it" (a reference to the infamous Jim Jones massacre).^{*} Whether you like Beck or not, his answer as to why he became a Mormon is the truth for many people. These are the same people who have looked at many of the irreconcilable problems with the Mormon religion and just don't care. Now, the reason why many of them just don't care, the reason why so many people want to believe is because of what the Mormon Church focuses so much upon. The Mormon Church spends much of its efforts focusing on Christian val-

ues such as honesty in love, liberty in life, endurance in persecution, family togetherness, and so on. These things are attractive to people; they were in the First Century and they still are today. These are all things that the Mormon Church has assimilated into its religion over the years to make it more appealing to possible converts. And, despite all of the problems with the Mormon Church and its scriptures, these people will look over it all and focus on the good things, even though it is all just a lie. It is very much like what Paul spoke about in Second Thessalonians 2:11-12 when he explained that God is going to allow you to believe whatever you *want* to believe, even if it is nothing more than a "strong delusion" and a "lie."