

THE GOSPEL FOR *THE MORMON*



Intro: There is much to be said about the history, leader (Joseph Smith), books (Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, Pearl of Great Price as well as their use of the KJV of the Bible) and beliefs (theology) of the Mormon Church. For our purposes of learning to do simple evangelism with Mormons we will not be covering the aforementioned items. Rather we are going to focus on one specific way to help them see the true Gospel instead of the works gospel Mormons hold to.

A. Declare to them the true Gospel of the Bible (God's Word):

Goal = getting them to see the differences in the good news.

1. Moroni 10:32

- **Point out:** In the Book of Mormon in the book Moroni at 10:32 there is an "if"—"then" statement that must be understood.
 - It says, "If" you deny yourselves of all ungodliness [sin], and love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, "then" is his grace sufficient for you..."
 - Here is the full verse: *"Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in him, and deny yourselves of all ungodliness; and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and love God with all your might, mind and strength, then is his grace sufficient for you, that by his grace ye may be perfect in Christ; and if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ, ye can in nowise deny the power of God."* Source = <http://classic.scriptsures.lds.org/en/moro/10/32c>. Accessed 6/13/19 at 10:42 am)

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- **Ask:** *What kind of life does it look like to deny yourself of all ungodliness (sin)?* (Answer = Jesus)
- **Point out:** So the Book of Mormon says that “if” you live a life like Jesus, “then” you can receive his grace!
- **Ask:** *Do you live a sinless life so you can receive God’s grace?* If they are honest, they will admit that they do not; in fact, no one does!

Transition: Please turn with me to 2 Nephi 25:23 as there is an important concept for us.

2. 2 Nephi 25:23

- **Read:** *“For we labor diligently to write, to persuade our children, and also our brethren, to believe in Christ, and to be reconciled to God; for we know that it is by grace that we are saved, after all we can do.* (Source = <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/bofm/2-ne/25.23-26?lang=eng>. Accessed 6/13/19 at 1:23 pm)
- **Point out:** Here it says you can only be saved after all you can do. The Book of Mormon requires labor for salvation and labor for God’s love.
- **Point out:** ***The Bible DECLARES something completely different. The Bible says...***
 - **Titus 3:5** - *“not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,”*

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- **Ephesians 2:8-9** - “8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.
- **Romans 3:23-24** - “23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,”
- **Explain** how God saves whosoever shall repent and believe in Christ! Explain how it is not by works of righteousness that we are saved but by God’s mercy and gift of grace in Jesus Christ. It is not our works plus or on top of Jesus’ works. It is 100% Jesus’ work that saves people.

3. Be potentially ready to demonstrate the reliability of the Bible (God’s Word):

- The Bible in the King James Version is considered one of the holy books to Mormons. However, they believe the Bible has been corrupted over time.
- The good news is that the manuscript evidence shows the Bible has been faithfully preserved overtime and that we can be confident the Bible we have is the Bible God gave to man through man.