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JOEL OSTEEN SAYS MORMONS ARE CHRISTIAN

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Joel Osteen, pastor of the largest church in America, says that Mormons are Christians. In an interview with *The Washington Post*, Osteen said: "I don't know if it's the purest form of Christianity, like I grew up with. But you know what, I know Mormons. I hear Mitt Romney--and I've never met him--but I hear him say, 'I believe Jesus is the son of God, I believe He's my savior,' and that's one of the core issues" (*Washington Post*, Oct. 26, 2011). Osteen is biblically ignorant and spiritually naive at a frightful level. The Bible warns of false christs and false gospels (2 Corinthians 11:1-4). False teachers use the same language as sound Bible teachers but they have a different dictionary. Jesus warned of many who would call Him Lord and even do many wonderful works but they are not saved (Matthew 7:21-23). The Mormon Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints exalts its own writings as authoritative alongside Scripture, teaches that salvation is by faith plus works, denies the Trinity, claims that God was once a man, that Jesus Christ was a created being, that he had many wives, that he is the brother of Satan, that men have pre-existent souls, that the living can be baptized for the salvation of the dead, and that those who endure faithfully in this life will be gods in the next. In fact, Mormonism denies or corrupts most cardinal doctrines of the New Testament faith. *-FBIS (11/4/11)*.

Mr. Osteen is wrong! Is this leader of the largest Church in America so blind that he thinks such a heresy is Christian? Books could be, and have been written proving that it is not Christian. Only in the last 30-40 years has it been considered so by any branch of Christianity! I will only be able to give a few items here but they will be conclusive. **Mormonism** teaches there are many gods. "In the beginning, the Head of the Gods called a counsel of the Gods." *Teachings of Prophet Joseph Smith*, p.340. **The Bible: "...The LORD our God is one LORD."** *~Deuteronomy 6:4. "There is One God..." ~I Timothy 2:5* (and many other verses). The Jesus of **Mormonism** is not the Jesus of the Bible! "He was not begotten of the Holy Ghost...Jesus our elder brother was begotten in the flesh by the same character that was in the garden of Eden (Adam)." *Journal of Discourses*, 1:50. In 1999, Mormon President and prophet affirmed the Mormon teaching about Jesus Christ. He said, "The traditional Christ of whom they speak is not the Christ of whom I speak." (Calvary Contender) Their Jesus is a polygamist: "Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus were his plural wives, and Mary Magdalene was another." *Wife, No. 19, Ch. XXXV*, Brigham Young. **The Bible: "...The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee...that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."** *~Luke 1:35*. If you have a different Jesus than the One in the Bible, you do not have Christianity! **Mormonism** teaches that one's sins are taken away by keeping the commandments: "Keeping the commandments of God (really Mormonism) will cleanse away the stain of sin." *Journal of Discourses*, vol.2, p.4. **The Bible: "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us..." ~Titus 3:5. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."** *~Ephesians 2:8,9*. Dear Reader, you probably are not a Mormon. But unless you are a Bible believing Christian, you are lost and need the only Savior, the Biblical Jesus Christ. There is only One – Jesus Christ who died on the cross to save you from your sins. Turn to the true Savior today! You can be saved today by trusting Christ. **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."** *~Acts 16:31*