

The goals of Concerned Christians are twofold, present and future. Our present goals are to:

- Provide a service in educating Christians on the deception of Mormonism.
- Provide trained individuals to bring God's message of salvation to Mormons.
- Provide speakers for any size or age group.
- Provide written material, books and videos and other printed and video media material.
- Provide a support group for those who desire to leave the Mormon Church.
- Provide a ready reference library of authorized Mormon literature.
- Have trained individuals for personal individual counseling directed to strengthening and rooting individuals in God's Word.

Our future goals are to:

- Continue to expand our ministry nationally and international in scope.
- Continue translating our written and video material into foreign languages.
- Utilize our office and meeting rooms to have a central area for study, business and meetings.
- Expand our audio and video library.
- Have a staff of speakers that will travel to all parts of the country.
- Expand our facilities for printing newsletters, tracts and pamphlets.
- Have canvassers to distribute literature in neighborhoods around the country.

Many people are searching and Mormonism seems to be the answer. For example, statistics show that it took Mormonism 117 years to get one million members, and only 16 additional years to reach the second million. The LDS church is claiming over 12 million. Their predictions are that they will continue to grow at a rapid rate. In light of these startling statistics, the alarming spread of the Mormon religion, Christians must now take a definite stand to spread the truth about this deception. We must point the way to Christ as the only answer – not a particular church, or select group. Concerned Christians is taking a stand raising a loud warning so that all the predicted millions will not be deceived by the false prophets of the Mormon Church, *...and many false prophets shall arise and deceive many.* (Matthew 24:11). Scripture shows that total responsibility is placed with each individual to be aware and not be deceived by anyone; *Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceives you.* (Matthew 24:4).

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14:6).

- I need to talk to someone about the Mormon Church.
- I need to know the procedure for having my name removed from membership in the Mormon Church.
- I would like to learn more of God's plan of Salvation as shown in the Bible.
- I need help in selecting a church home.
- I need to arrange for a speaker(s).
- Please add my name to your mailing list.
- I would like to support this ministry with prayers and a gift of \$_____.

Please call this phone number _____ regarding the item(s) checked above.

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites (Mormons) is that they may be saved. For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. (Romans 10:1-4 NIV).

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Who Are The Concerned Christians?

Concerned Christians, is a non-profit (501-C-3) organization consisting of Christians who have a desire to reach the Mormon Community with the truth as contained in God's Word, the Holy Bible. Our membership encompasses Christians of various denominations and former Mormons who have come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. We are an arm of the local Christian Churches, without direct affiliation with any denomination. It is our desire to assist in the equipping of the disciples of our Lord Jesus for service against Satan's forces:

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds: casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;... (2 Corinthians 10:4-5).

We believe the Bible is the inerrant and infallible Word of God, inspired by the Holy Ghost – to reveal God and bring to all people the knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It is the only rule of faith and practice, *“profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”*

(2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:21)

We also believe:

- The Trinity of God as tri-personal consisting of Father, Son and Holy Ghost – three distinct persons in one God. (Matthew 3:16, 17; I Peter 1:2; Hebrews 1:8; Acts 5:3-4).
- That Jesus is the Son of God and that there is no other name under heaven in which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12; John 1:1 & 14).

- That man was created for fellowship with God. Created in the image of God and in no way can be equal with or greater than God. (Romans 9:20, 21).
- That Jesus' sacrificial blood is sufficient to cleanse us from all sins past, present, and future. (I John 1:9; 2:1, 2).
- That Jesus is the administrator of a new covenant, a Priest forever (Hebrews 8:6; Hebrews 5:6).
- That we are saved by grace through faith; it is a gift of God unearned by His creation. Without faith it is impossible to please God. (Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 11:6).

Concerned Christians has dedicated itself to the contending for the faith and truth, which is in Jesus Christ, (Jude 3) exposing and bringing to full knowledge the real doctrines of false prophets and teachings of the Mormon Church. So many people are being led into the "Cultic" false teachings of Mormonism not knowing fully their deception and teachings. Our sincere intention is to reach out to the Mormon people in a loving manor and be in service to the Christian community by keeping them informed and equipping them for service that they may be effective witnesses. *And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle to all men, apt to teach, patient. In meekness instruct those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give unto them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.* (II Tim 2:24-26).

Often times we are asked, "Why pick on the Mormons? Why is there a need to minister to Mormons? They have a right to believe the way they want as a Christian sect." First, understand that Mormonism is not a separate doctrinal group within the Christian body as defined by the Bible. Mormonism is correctly defined as a religious cult. Cult meaning: a group of religious worshippers whose rituals focus on uncommon doctrines and an esoteric deity. Concerned Christians believe Mormonism leads its followers in sin because:

➤ *The Mormons Humanize God*

"As man is God once was; as God is man may be." (The Life of Lorenzo Snow by Dr. Thomas C. Romney, p. 46; Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pp. 345-346; *History of the Church*, Vol. 6, p. 305).

"Here then is eternal life – to know the only wise and true God; you have got to learn how to be Gods yourselves, and to be kings and priests to God, the same as all gods have done before you – to inherit the same power, the same glory and the same exaltation until you arrive at the station of

God." (Joseph Smith, *History of the Church*, Vol. 6, p. 306; same reference as above).

➤ *The Mormons minimize sin and its consequences.*

"Some degree of salvation will come to all who have not forfeited their right to it;..." (The Articles of Faith, by James E. Talmage, pp. 91 & 92).

➤ *The Mormons criticize the Bible, claiming the Bible is full of errors, mistranslations and missing books.*

Their 8th Article of Faith says, "We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it has been translated correctly: we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God."

"With the loss of the gospel, the nations of the earth went into a moral eclipse call the Dark Ages. Apostasy was universal" (*Doctrines of Salvation*, Vol. 3, pp. 268-326; *Mormon Doctrine*, Bruce R. McConkie, p. 44).

➤ *The Mormons believe Christ's blood is not sufficient to cleanse all sin.*

"Man may commit certain grievous sins – according to his light and knowledge – that will place him beyond the reach of the atoning blood of Christ" (*Mormon Doctrine*, Bruce R. McConkie, p. 93; *Doctrine of Salvation*, Joseph F. Smith, Vol. 1, p. 135).

➤ *The Mormons believe in works to conform to standards of personal righteousness.*

"...for we know that it is by grace that we are saved, after all we can do" (2 Nephi 25:23; *Articles of Faith*, p. 91-92; *Doctrine and Covenants* 76:52; *Mormon Doctrine*, p. 339).

➤ *The Mormons place Joseph Smith about Jesus in authority, relegating Jesus to a minor position in the kingdom of God.*

"Joseph Smith holds the keys of this last dispensation, and is now engaged behind the veil in the great work of the last days. No man or woman in this dispensation will ever enter into the celestial kingdom of God without the consent of Joseph Smith...He reigns there as supreme a being in His sphere, capacity, and calling as God does in heaven..." (*Journal of Discourses*, Vol. 7, p. 289).

There are many more examples we could use; the above reasons sufficiently demonstrate the need for bringing the Gospel of Christ to the Mormons.

Mormonism is a missionary centered proselytizing church. This means the attempt to convert people from one ideology or theory to another based on the total apostasy or falling away of the Christian faith. Specifically, it means to convert Christians from the Gospel of the New Testament to a new and different gospel, as given by Joseph Smith, its founder, prophet, seer, revelator and president of the Mormon religion. It gives an appearance of being a Christian based church, using a conglomerate theme of Old Testament laws and priesthood, mixed with a form of the New Testament

Christ who differs in function, power, and purpose, and several pagan ritual of a secret nature. For Mormonism to be effective a person has to have a basic knowledge and acceptance of the Christian Gospel as taught in all Christian Churches. Mormons are looking for people who believe in the Bible but don't know what it says. Herein lies a trap to the unwary nominal Christian; he hears the joy of the Gospel, the love of Christ for us and, more important, God's desires for us. He is then plunged into a realm of subtle double thinking by representatives of the proselytizing Mormon Church. He often falls prey to a missionary teaching plan created by clever sales psychologists of the Mormon Church; this in turn casts doubt and confusion on the Christian doctrine he has learned. Adding to this confusion is the terminology used by Mormon missionaries, and the general Mormon population. Mormons use the same words as Christians, enjoy the same Christian holidays, etc., however, they are not the same in meaning. To maximize the deception, Mormons display Christian attitudes, emphasize strong family programs with families sealed to each other for eternity; they boast an effective welfare system, and in general give a feeling of belonging as has been seen in Readers Digest and on national television advertisements. If a person is not "in Christ" all these things are attractive in a world where values seem to be going downhill rapidly, where sin and disobedience has become the norm and universally accepted.

It is alarming to realize that there are so many people that have been deceive by false teachers. Yet scripture has told us to beware of those who will lead us away, in subtle almost unnoticeable ways, *Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.* (Matthew 7:15). Before the Gospel message, as contained in God's Holy Word, can be planted firmly in a person's soul, it is necessary to "undo" the doubt and confusion that has been learned, often times with great difficulty. It is the goal of Concerned Christians to expose and bring to light for all to see and investigate the errors of Mormonism. Hopefully, that the light of truth which is in the glorious message of God might be able to shine upon their hearts and transform them into "*a new creature*" (2 Corinthians 5:17). In so doing, releasing those caught up in a yoke of slavery which God never intended for His people, *Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.* (Galatians 5:1).