



How to share the Gospel with Mormons

1. Establish the Biblical Gospel (1 Cor 15:1-4)

Start by defining the Gospel as Paul did:

“Now I make known to you, brothers and sisters, the gospel which I preached to you, which you also received, in which you also stand, by which you also are saved, if you hold firmly to the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I handed down to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.**” (1 Corinthians 15:1-4, NASB95)

The biblical Gospel is:

1. **Christ's death for sins** – Atonement is complete and sufficient.
2. **His burial** – Proof that He truly died.
3. **His resurrection** – Victory over sin and death.

This Gospel is **good news** because it is God's work for us, not our own efforts.

2. Address the LDS "Gospel" vs. the Biblical Gospel

LDS doctrine defines the "gospel" differently. According to LDS scripture (3 Nephi 27:13-21), their "gospel" includes:

- Faith in Jesus Christ.
- Repentance.
- Baptism by immersion.
- Receiving the Holy Ghost through LDS priesthood authority.
- Enduring to the end through obedience to commandments.

In contrast, the **biblical Gospel** is about what Christ has DONE for us, not what we must DO to achieve salvation. Paul warns against "another gospel" in **Galatians 1:6-9**.

Key Contrast:

Biblical Gospel (1 Cor 15:1-4)	LDS Gospel (3 Nephi 27:13-21)
Christ's finished work saves us.	Faith plus works bring salvation.
Justification by grace alone through faith (Eph 2:8-9).	Justification is a process requiring obedience.
Eternal life is a gift (Rom 6:23).	Eternal life is earned through ordinances and worthiness.

Emphasize **Romans 4:5**:

"But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness."

This directly contradicts the LDS view that obedience is required for justification.

3. Clarify How Salvation is Received

LDS teachings mix **grace + works**, teaching that grace is only applied **after** "all we can do" (2 Nephi 25:23). The Bible teaches that **salvation is by faith alone**:

- **Ephesians 2:8-9** – "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not a result of works, so that no one may boast."
- **Romans 10:9** – Confession and belief in Christ alone brings salvation.
- **Titus 3:5** – "He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we did in righteousness, but in accordance with His mercy."

Ask them: *If salvation requires works, when have you done enough?*

Point them to **John 19:30** – "*It is finished.*" Christ completed the work.

4. Discuss the LDS View of Jesus vs. the Biblical Jesus

LDS doctrine teaches that:

- Jesus is a **spirit child** of Heavenly Father, making Him **our literal brother** (including Lucifer's).
- He achieved **exaltation** and godhood.
- We can **become gods** like Him (*Doctrine & Covenants 132:19-20*).

The Bible declares:

- **Jesus is eternally God** (John 1:1, Col 2:9).
- **He created all things** (John 1:3, Col 1:16-17).
- **There is only one God** (Isaiah 43:10).

If Jesus is not the **same Jesus** (2 Cor 11:4), then their faith is misplaced.

5. Invite Them to Trust in Christ Alone

After addressing key issues, challenge them to **read the Bible alone**, without LDS interpretations.

Encourage them to ask: *If Christ's work is truly sufficient, why must I add my own?*

Verses to leave with them:

- **John 5:24** – Eternal life comes through faith, not works.
 - **Acts 16:31** – “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.”
 - **Galatians 2:21** – If righteousness comes through the law, Christ died needlessly.
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Conclusion

1. **Preach the true Gospel (1 Cor 15:1-4).**
2. **Contrast it with the LDS gospel of works.**
3. **Show that salvation is by grace through faith alone.**
4. **Clarify the identity of Jesus.**
5. **Invite them to trust in Christ's finished work.**

Approach the conversation with **love, patience, and prayer** (2 Tim 2:24-26). Many LDS struggle with **doubt and pressure** to remain in their faith. Be a gentle witness, trusting God to open their hearts.



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