

Mormonism Compared to Baptist Doctrine

Purpose: To understand key doctrinal differences between **Mormonism** and **Evangelical Baptist Christianity**, and why those differences matter for the gospel. Many Mormons are sincere, moral, and family-focused. Sincerity does not determine truth

God

Mormon

- God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost are **three separate beings**
- God the Father has a **physical body**
- Humans are literal spirit children of God and may become like God
- The LDS church (Mormonism) believe the God of our universe was once a man in another universe, who eventually reached a god-like state and was given a universe to rule over.

Baptist

- **One God** eternally existing as **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit** (Trinity)
- God is eternal, uncreated, and unique
(*Isaiah 43:10; John 1:1*)

Key issue: Who God is by nature.

Jesus Christ

Mormon

- Separate being from the Father
- Spirit-brother of humanity
- LDS teaches that Jesus was born to and lived with heavenly parents. Since He was the first child born to heavenly parents He was chosen to be agent of creation and salvation by a pre-mortal council with other “spirit children.”

Baptist

- Jesus is **fully God and fully man**
- Eternal Son, not created
(*John 1:1–14; Colossians 2:9*)

Key issue: Is Jesus eternally God?

Salvation

Mormon

- Salvation involves grace **plus** faith, repentance, baptism, ordinances, and obedience
- Temple ordinances are essential for exaltation

Baptist

- Salvation is by **grace alone through faith alone**
(*Ephesians 2:8–9; Romans 4:5*)

Key issue: Is salvation earned or received?

Authority (Scripture, Revelation, Priesthood, Apostles, Prophets)

Mormon

- Bible (KJV), *as far as translated correctly*
- Book of Mormon
- Doctrine and Covenants
- Pearl of Great Price
- Ongoing revelation through living prophets

Baptist

- **Bible alone** is inspired, sufficient, and final
(*2 Timothy 3:16–17; Jude 3*)

Key issue: Is Scripture complete, or still being added to?

Humanity & Eternity

Mormon

- Premortal existence
- Multiple kingdoms of glory
- Exaltation includes eternal progression

Baptist

- Humans are created, fallen, and redeemed by Christ
- Final destiny: **heaven or hell**
(*Hebrews 9:27; Matthew 25:46*)

Key issue: The destiny of the redeemed.

Bottom Line: While Mormonism uses Christian language, it teaches a different authority, a different God, a different Christ, and a different gospel.

Galatians 1:6–8 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or angle from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!