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Hi, I'm Mike

I love history. I love to study Church history. And I'm a Mormon.

How I live my faith

I do what I can to serve others in my ward, and I do what I can to share gospel principles and information about the Church. I adhere to the Church standards, refraining from immodest dress, consuming alcoholic beverages and engaging in immoral conduct. I can only hope that I can serve as an example to others and happily answer questions as to why I don't do things that the world seems to feel are acceptable, but we don't.

About Me

I'm a convert to the Church, baptized on October 17, 1987 in Las Vegas, Nevada. I love studying Church history, family history and basically anything that has to do with history!

Why I am a Mormon

I had many questions in the Seventh-day Adventist church, in which I was raised. No one was answering my questions. The missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints not only answered my questions, but provided the answers that the Holy Ghost told me were true.

I am grateful to have found the Church as a child and I am grateful to those that led me to it.

I testify to the truth of the Book of Mormon, and to the truth of the power of the priesthood. I am proud to say that I belong to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints!

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a ward/stake/branch?

A ward or branch is a local unit, a local congregation within the Church. A stake is a group of wards and branches that are in a given area. Much like a ward of a city, an LDS ward is made up of members who live in a defined geographical area.

Why do Mormons perform baptisms for the dead?

We do baptisms for the dead so that those who have not had the opportunity to be baptized by proper authority while they were alive may have the opportunity to be baptized by proxy, and thus gain eternal salvation.

Are Mormons Christians?

Mormons are, in fact, Christian. Our Church bears His name, in fact. We accept Jesus Christ as our Savior and the only perfect Man ever to be on the earth. The Book of Mormon is also referred to as "Another Testament of Jesus Christ." When you factor all of these things in, you can easily know that we are definitely Christians.

What is the priesthood?

The priesthood, simply put, is the power to act in God's name. But there is a caveat: the power is given to us not to serve ourselves or advance our own interests, but to serve others.

Through the priesthood, we can lead, perform sacred ordinances such as baptism and the sacrament, and we can give blessings to the sick and afflicted.

How can I know Mormonism is true?

There are many ways to know for yourself that the Church is true. The best ways are to read the Book of Mormon, especially Moroni 10:4-5, and to pray. The Holy Ghost will testify to the truth of the gospel, if you listen with an open heart and mind.

Why do some call Mormonism a cult?

If you look at the dictionary definition for the word, it refers to a religion that people feel is "unorthodox." We are Christ's reorganized church, and thus that definition is inaccurate, when used to describe us. Unfortunately, some people don't understand what Latter-day Saints are really all about, and use that term to describe us. We welcome all visitors, and we invite all to come and see for themselves that we are not a "cult" in the sense that they're trying to use the word.

What is the Book of Mormon?

The Book of Mormon is another testament of Jesus Christ, specifically that He truly did live and that He truly is Heavenly Father's son.

The Book of Mormon is a collection of writings from prophets of old, one being Lehi, who lived in Jerusalem ca. 600 B.C. He was commanded by Heavenly Father to lead a small group of people to what is now the American continent.

The Book of Mormon is a testament of Jesus Christ's teachings, and it serves to verify the Bible is true as well.

We hold the Book of Mormon as a sacred scripture, brought to us in these latter days by Joseph Smith, who translated from the golden plates, after being presented with those plates by the angel Moroni.

Who is the Mormon prophet today?

The prophet, seer and revelator is Thomas S. Monson, who has two counselors. There are twelve men who serve in the Quorum Of The Twelve Apostles.

Why is family so important to Mormons?

Families are the cornerstone of our faith. We learn from each other and help one another. Because of the sealing power, families can be together forever. That means not just this life, but for time and all eternity. That is why families are of the utmost importance.

Personal Stories

How has the Book of Mormon brought you closer to God?

The Book of Mormon has answers that are relevant to us in these latter days. All we have to do is read and prayerfully contemplate the words that we are reading. The Book of Mormon has brought me much comfort and gives me refuge from the cares of the world.

Why do Mormons go on missions?

Mormons go on missions because they want to share the gospel with the world. We are so happy to have the truth that we just want to share it with everyone. That is why so many young men and women serve missions.

Please share your feelings/testimony of Joseph Smith.

I truly believe and know that Joseph Smith was a prophet. He was literally called of Heavenly Father to restore the Church. Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ appeared unto him for a sacred reason, and it was

because of Joseph Smith that we have the restored church on the earth today. Joseph Smith is our brother, and will be waiting for us when Christ returns.

Could you talk about your baptism?

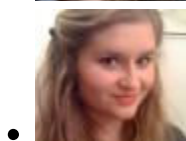
I remember my baptism as being one of the most spiritual and beautiful experiences of my life. It was special for many reasons, but mostly because it was a decision I'd reached after prayer and contemplation. I knew with every fiber of my being that I was doing the right thing and I believed the teachings of the Church.

It was a day that I will remember for the rest of my life.

Why do Mormons do family history or genealogy work?

Family history work is so important, because it allows us to perform ordinances for our ancestors. In the Spirit World, they have the opportunity to accept these ordinances and in so doing, the opportunity to have eternal salvation.

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