

## Mormons seek eternal life (exaltation). You can help them.

**In the Mormon religion** • Eternal life is also called exaltation. One official Mormon church manual states flatly, “Eternal life...means the same as exaltation,” which it defines as “life in the highest level of the celestial kingdom.”

- Another official manual explains that the celestial kingdom is the highest of three glorious kingdoms, and within it are “three heavens or degrees,” the highest of which is exaltation.

- Virtually everyone on Judgment Day will be assigned to one of the kingdoms, but only the best, relatively few, will receive eternal life. Those exalted will become gods, and like God, their Heavenly Father, become perfect, all-knowing, all-wise, parents of additional children, and creators.

**So how are Mormons to become exalted?** In October 2014 the Mormon church convened a global weekend conference, as it does twice each year, attended by millions physically or electronically. [In one sermonette](#) Sunday afternoon a church authority began with this: “As we work toward exaltation, we must work on all of the requirements....” He explained:

- “Qualifying for exaltation is like entering another country. We must obtain our spiritual passport.” He mentioned “laws, commandments, and ordinances” that “are required and not optional.” By doing them, “we are adding required stamps to our spiritual passports.”

- Genealogy research by members is one of the many requirements, and performing temple rituals on behalf of long-gone kin is another—“not for the benefit of the Church but for our dead and for ourselves. We and our deceased ancestors need the stamps in our spiritual passports.”

But where does this figurative passport itself come from? Quoting a Mormon prophet, and cited on the Mormon church’s premier web site, a [Mormon scholar wrote](#): “[No one] will ever enter into the celestial kingdom of God without the consent of Joseph Smith. ...[E]very man and woman must have the certificate of Joseph Smith,

junior, as a passport to their entrance into the mansion where God and Christ are....” The author adds, “He [Joseph Smith] holds the keys of that kingdom...—the keys to rule in the spirit world; and he rules there triumphantly, for he gained full power and a glorious victory over the power of Satan while he was yet in the flesh, and was a martyr....”

And note this! The author wrote about the religion’s martyred founder: “Like his Master, Joseph Smith also shed his blood in order that the final testament, the reestablishment of the new covenant, might be in full effect....”

[In the Sunday morning portion of the October conference, the Mormon idea of eternal life as a reward for lifelong loyalty to Joseph Smith was reinforced by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir praising Joseph Smith, now in heaven “mingling with Gods,” where “he can plan for his brethren.” The hymn imagines the day when Smith will be universally extolled and revered.]

### And that’s enough

What you see in this paper is only a sample of Mormon teachings that do not comport with biblical Christian faith—sufficient, however, to invalidate the religion.

A church is false if it claims exclusive authority to allow or deny eternal life based on good works and approval of a dead 19<sup>th</sup> century prophet. A religion is false if it prescribes “work on all of the requirements” for those who seek eternal life, and rituals for dead relatives.

The Mormons you know are invested in such a religion, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. On the surface the church and its members may look and sound consistent with biblical faith, but the underlying religious principles are a flawed foundation. They may live commendable family and public lives, and observe the moral standards of their church, hoping thereby to qualify for eternal life. But—

Two important truths missing in Mormonism:  
John 3:15 “...whosoever believeth in him....”

2 John 5:13 “..ye may know that ye have eternal life....”