

# Soul Winning: The Christian's Business

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## Chapter 12

### Doorbell Ringers

#### The Church of Latter Day Saints

One of these days you may go to your door and two young men will be standing there They will ask for the privilege to come in and talk to you. They are Mormon missionaries. Their most promising young men give a year of their lives to go out two by two, as missionaries, promulgating their gospel. Many of their converts are made in this manner.

The Mormon Church is growing. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (their preferred name) is the twelfth largest (membershipwise) among the Protestant denominations in the United States.

The Mormon religion is founded on the teaching of Joseph Smith who claims that he had a vision of the angel Moroni, who gave him a revelation. Then he found "on the west side of this hill, not far from the top, under a stone of considerable size, lay the plates, deposited in a stone box."

These he copied and translated for the *Book of Mormon*. (See *Joseph Smith Tells His Own Story*, published by Press of Zion's Printing and Publishing Company, Independence, Jackson County, Missouri). The book concludes "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints has its foundation in the revelations he received, the sacred truths he taught, and the authority of the Priesthood restored through him."

This is in direct opposition to the warning "**For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book**" (Revelation 22:18).

The Bible is the complete, inspired revelation of GOD.

Throughout the ages different men have decided they had a special revelation from GOD. Each man attracted some followers but time proved that the message was not valid. Meanwhile, the orthodox churches that teach and preach CHRIST's death as a sacrifice for sin continue to expand and meet the need of human hearts.

### **Jehovah's Witnesses**

Another group which puts on a persistent doorbell ringing campaign is Jehovah's Witnesses. Their persistent doorbell ringing has resulted in their becoming an ever growing organization. And regretfully so, for they do not preach the facts of simple faith in JESUS CHRIST as Saviour.

The organization called the Watch Tower Society (they claim they are not a church) was begun in the 1870's by Charles T. Russell. In 1884 he and six other men received from a court in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, a charter "to preach the Gospel of God's Kingdom." Russell predicted that the Lord Jesus would return to earth in 1914, and that a total of 144,000 would be saved. (This is taken from Revelation 14, where Scripture speaks of an hundred forty and four thousand being with the Lord on mount Sion. The commonly accepted commentary on this verse is that the "number represents the full growth of the choice ones of GOD." See *Ellicott's Commentary on the Whole Bible*).

When the Lord apparently did not come to set His kingdom in 1914, the Russellites (as they have been called) concluded that what really happened was "the end of the time of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24) had come. That, despite the fact that today Jerusalem is still trodden down by the Gentiles, inasmuch as it is divided as it is between the Jews and Arabs.

Charles Russell died in 1916 and Judge Rutherford became the president of the Watch Tower Society. He continued the campaign against organized churches, including hostility against Christians, blood transfusions, saluting the flag.

This book, however, is concerned primarily with a person's belief about CHRIST, ever concerned with the answer to "**What think ye of Christ?**" (Matthew 22:42).

They claim that Jesus is inferior to God, a mere creature. Of course, there are verses which refer to the manhood of CHRIST. One of the verses they use to prove their position is "**Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation: but is passed from death unto life**" (John 5:24).

Unfortunately, like most of their dealings with Scripture, they quote the verse out of its context. For the preceding verses state "**For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: that all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father**" (John 5:21, 23).

Their all important doctrine is an over emphasis on fulfillment of prophecy and the coming battle of Armageddon.

As stated before, they claim that only one hundred and forty-four thousand will be saved and go to Heaven.

The rest hope to live through Armageddon and live here on earth. For a complete picture of their beliefs, read one of the most remarkable exposes of a religion ever written, *Thirty Years a Watch Tower Slave* by William J. Schnell, published by Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

You are concerned with ways to witness to them when they come to your door. You have two methods of approach.

First, when they quote a Scripture, ask them to show it to you in the Bible, so that you may read the context. You will find that they repeatedly take the verse out of the context.

If you are a Bible student you can see that they have merely been taught a few garbled Scriptures which they quote by rote. The reason why they have made the progress they have in the United States is because so few Americans have a workable knowledge of the Scriptures.

Secondly, before they even start their speech, ask them if they are saved, and give them the plan of salvation, using the same simple verses that you use with anyone else, such as Romans 3:23, John 3:16, and John 6:47. If you have difficulty with their lack of belief in the divinity of JESUS CHRIST, refer to "**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God**" (John 1:1).

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