

Cordell Vail's Doctrinal Questions for those choosing to leave the LDS church:

WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE?

Many members of the LDS church are choosing to leave the church over doctrinal issues they have with the church. Some are living because of past teachings or actions of early church leaders. Others are leaving because of their unwillingness to accept some of the new policies set forth by the current leaders. If you leave the LDS church then what will be your alternative? What will be your new core beliefs? Are you willing to now abandon your LDS beliefs and believe and accept all of the standard Christian teachings listed below instead? When you pick one end of a stick you pick up the other end too (Elder Holland April 2004). You can't have your cake and eat it too. Many people seem to think they can leave the church without leaving the gospel. If you leave the church then you can't take Joseph Smith's teachings found in the LDS church with you to some other church. Are you willing to leave all that you believe behind? Are you willing to accept these standard Christian church doctrinal teachings? What about your children and grandchildren? Do you think they will continue to follow the standards of the church or will they start to follow the ways of the world? What will become of them?

These standard Christian teachings listed below are from my conversations with Christian ministers in the past and also taken in part from <http://christianity.about.com/od/christiandoctrines/a/basicdoctrines.htm>

1. Christianity as a religion encompasses a wide range of denominations and faith groups, and each subscribes to its own set of doctrinal positions.
2. **God is three in one or a Trinity.**
3. God is a spirit and does not have a physical body of flesh and bones.
4. God the Father is the first Person of the Trinity, which also includes his Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.
5. God Christ and the Holy Ghost are the same being.
6. Christ was God the Father as a man on the earth.
7. You will be married until death due you part, then you are divorced.
8. In the next life there is no marriage or family life. You will live alone.
9. We will all be married to Jesus in the next life.

10. **Salvation is a free gift of God requiring nothing from us.**
11. If you confess Jesus then you are saved and will go to heaven.
12. Only people who are saved go to heaven to live with Jesus.
13. Even if you were born in a time or place where you never had the opportunity to hear of Christ, if you are not saved you will still go to hell.
14. If you are saved then you can commit any sin and still go to heaven.
15. You don't have to live the commandments to go to heaven.
16. You don't need to pay tithing unless you want to.
17. There is not requirement or even expectation to take your family to church any further, especially once you are saved.
18. There is no revelation in our day and time.
19. The Bible is the only scripture on the earth.
20. There are no Prophets or Apostles in our day and age.
21. There are no miracles performed by God's servants like in the NT times.
22. The Book of Mormon was written by Joseph Smith not early American prophets.
23. You become a minister by getting a degree from a school not by the laying on of hands by someone holding the priesthood from God.
24. There is no need to search our out our ancestors because there is nothing we can do to help them in the next life.
25. We have no obligation to share the gospel with other people.
26. There is only one heaven and hell not 3 degrees of glory.
27. Your patriarchal blessing and temple marriage are null and void.
28. You no longer hold the priesthood and cannot give priesthood blessings.
29. There is no eternal progression; you will not have children or posterity in next life.
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