



Biblical Plan of Salvation

God has existed in three persons as Father, Son, and Spirit from eternity to eternity. He desired to pour His love into others, so He created people who could live with Him eternally in His circle of perfect love.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Birth

Created in the image of God with the ability to think, reason, and be loved by Him. However, sin that has affected us since the first humans, separating us from God (Psalm 139:13, Romans 6:23).

Trust Christ

Spiritual birth and new nature is given; Holy Spirit is poured into us and becomes our seal. Grace provides us assurance of our eternal destiny with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 John 5:11-13).

Reject Christ

Growing in Christlikeness

Our works flow out of God's love for us. We have an invitation to partner in God's work in the world (2 Corinthians 5:17, Colossians 3:1-17).

Death

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Heaven

In Heaven, we live in the perfection of God's Kingdom, in the circle of love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are the bride of Christ and will reign with Him throughout eternity (John 1:12, 1 John 3:2).

Hell

Those who did not accept God's offer of eternal life during their earthly life will have chosen to spend eternity separated from Him (2 Timothy 2:11-12).



Mormon Plan of Salvation

"We remember the numerous scriptures which, concentrated in a single line, were said by a former prophet, Lorenzo Snow. 'As man is, God once was; and as God is, man may become.' This is a power available to us as we reach perfection and receive the experience and power to create, to organize, to control native elements. How limited we are now! We have no power to force the grass to grow, the plants to emerge, the seeds to develop."—Spencer W. Kimball, General Conference, April 1977

"We know that it is by grace we are saved, after all we can do" (2 Nephi 25:23).

Pre-existence

All people were birthed as spirit children in a preexisting world as offspring of Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother, giving people a divine nature.

Veil of Forgetfulness

Birth

We are born with a divine nature and came to earth to gain a physical body and learn to choose between good and evil. Jesus gave everyone salvation from birth—the ability to resurrect from the grave.

Baptism

Keeping the laws and ordinances of the gospel, attending church faithfully, tithing, and obeying the Word of Wisdom make oneself worthy of God's favor and establish the bedrock of one's eternal destiny. A temple marriage and faithfulness to the gospel is our best bet to have eternal life.

Life Outside the Mormon Church

Death

Spirit World

Prison (hell) for the unrighteous, who are being proselytized to accept the Mormon gospel.

Temple Marriage

Apostasy

Accept Mormonism

Reject Mormonism

Death

Death

Resurrection and Last Judgment

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Spirit World

A paradise of happiness, rest, and peace for the righteous.

Resurrection and Last Judgment

Celestial Kingdom

Eternal life with the Father and Son, who reside here. Temple-married Mormons receive the highest glory and exalt into gods.

Outer Darkness

Apostates and murderers will suffer the wrath of God with the devil and his angels forever.

Terrestrial Kingdom

Here, Jesus visits those who rejected Mormonism on earth but accepted it in the post-mortal spirit world.

Tellestial Kingdom

Those who rejected Mormonism on earth and the spirit prison re-side here. They've toured hell but have been redeemed to the lowest heaven. Christ does not visit here.