

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Was formally organized in upstate New York in 1830. It took 117 years — until 1947 — for the church to grow from the initial six members to one million¹. Today the church has:

- 15,634,199 Total Church Membership
- 30,016 Congregations
- 74,079 Missionaries
- 418 Missions Areas around the World
- 4 Universities & Colleges
- 155 Temples

Comparing Beliefs Latter-Day Saints Evangelicals

God	God
God the father was once a man and elevated to the state of godhood	The Triune God exists eternally as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
Jesus	Jesus
Was the first offspring of God the father and one of his many wives	The second person of the Trinity and the Savior of the world through His sacrifice upon the cross
Scripture	Scripture
KJV Bible Book of Mormon Doctrine and Covenants Pearl of Great Price	The Bible
Salvation	Salvation
Based on one's works and good deeds	By grace through faith in Jesus Christ
Satan	Satan
The second-born of God the father and the spirit brother of Jesus	A fallen angel who rebelled against God and is the deceiver of man
Man	Man
Spirit children of God the father and one of his many wives who later become humans	A created species by God through the Son Jesus Christ to bring glory to God

Learn more: www.mrm.org

¹ <https://newsroom.churchofjesuschrist.org/facts-and-statistics>

When They Come to Your Door

The Do's and Don'ts When Latter-Day Saints Missionaries come to your door.



Do's

- Open the door
- Be friendly, respectful, and polite
- If you are not interested in talking, just tell them you're not interested
- Offer them water
- Have a conversation
- Express what you believe as a Christian
- If you have questions about the LDS Church, ask them what they believe
- Pray for them and pray with them if they agree

It is the duty of every Christian to be Christ to his neighbor.
--Martin Luther

Things to Remember

Every year, thousands of young men and women give two years of their lives to serve the faith they believe in.

When you hear that knock on your door, behind it stand two people who come in love and compassion. We too should show that same love and compassion in the truth that is found only in Jesus Christ.

Understand that those missionaries and many other members of the Latter-Day Saints will use the same words you hear at your church but the meanings are very different. **Be clear about what you believe and have a clear evangelical message ready to present.**

Consider inviting a member of the Missouri Baptist Apologetics Network to speak at your church.

Learn more: mobaptist.org/apologetics/mban

Don'ts

- Argue
- Shut or slam the door in their faces or blow them off
- Tell them they are going to Hell
- Use rude language
- Assume that everything you have heard or read on the Internet about the LDS Church is true
- Attack their faith, church, and leaders
- Invite them back unless you truly mean it