

<p>LIVE!  From the Mecca of Mormonism -  SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  This . . . is . . . Heart of the Matter.</p>	<p>Show 43 Blacks and the Priesthood Part I  October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2007</p> <p>And I'm Shawn McCraney your host.</p>
<p><b>STREAMING VIDEO  ANNOUNCEMENT</b></p>	
<p><b>IN THE HOUSE TONIGHT</b></p>	
<p><b>SHOUT OUTS</b></p> <p>Carol from prison ministries tells me that the numbers coming to the Lord in the big house are phenomenal of late. We praise God and shout out to all those behind bars who are discovering Jesus as the Way, Truth and Life.</p>	
<p>Have a number of people who are complaining about the lag time for our posting the shows.</p> <p>One Christian, who will go unnamed wrote and said: <i>"Update your tv shows more than once a month, no excuse."</i></p> <p>Let me explain what this entails, Mr. Unnamed, my longsuffering Christian friend.</p> <p>Under our current equipment and personnel situation, each show takes about 20 hours to prep for the internet use.</p>	

<p>That's almost three hours a day every week that someone has to devote just to getting the DVD's ready for you to watch.</p> <p>Have a heart.</p> <p>Or send me a check for a couple of hundred thousand dollars and we'll buy some proper equipment AND send four or five capable volunteers who are willing to donate time to getting the job done to your satisfaction.</p> <p>Now, if for some reason I don't get that 100 large from you and the volunteers as requested, I will assume that you have grown up a bit, and realize that things are very easy to demand but not so easy to achieve.</p>	
<p>I was a Born-Again Mormon (INSERT SHOT)</p>	<p><i>Available at:</i></p> <p><i>Gift of Grace Books in Springville</i> <i>Seeds, the bookstore at Christ EV</i> <i>Christian Gift and Bible in Sandy</i> <i>Calvary Chapel bookstore in Salt Lake City</i> <i>Benchmark Books in Salt Lake City</i></p> <p>And of course at our website at <a href="http://www.bornagainmormon.com">www.bornagainmormon.com</a></p> <p>Now I personally - <i>and totally unbiasedly believe</i> - that this is one of the best books you can read if you are LDS and just want to know what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.</p>

	<p>This book IS NOT anti-Mormon. It is meant to help you understand the difference between being active in a religion and being in a true and living relationship with the LORD.</p> <p>And please, if you would like this book and cannot afford it – or just refuse to pay for it on principle alone – email us with an address and we’ll ship it out to you - on us.</p> <p>Why?</p> <p>Because the difference between religion and a relationship in your life is worth it to us. Truly.</p> <p>Give it a shot.</p>
<p>Coming up in a few short weeks we’re going to be holding our monthly gathering in Ogden Utah!</p> <p>This month’s gathering was at the Brick Oven in Provo.</p> <p>This coming month – on November 5<sup>th</sup> - the first Monday evening in November it will be at</p> <p><b>Dennys in Ogden</b> 1250 Washington Blvd (which I hear they also call it 12<sup>th</sup> Street). <b>Time:</b> 6-8:30pm <b>Why:</b> Meet, greet, and talk.</p> <p>Then we will retire to The Hampton Inn a few blocks away at 2401 Washington Blvd for an open-water, public profession baptism.</p>	<p>(1/3 page “Heart Healers” graphic)</p>

We invite YOU to come forward and be baptized according to your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

For a new beginning.  
For a true commitment.

Then, on the first Monday in December, which is December 3rd, we will be coming North to Cache Valley to do the same thing!

We're calling these monthly get togethers:

"Heart Healers" and we'd love for you to join us.

And of course, we also meet every Tuesday evening after the show at Denny's in downtown SLC on 5<sup>th</sup> South and 150 West if you're interested.

Hope to see you there.

Let's have a word of prayer.

**PRAYER PRAYER PRAYER**

Before we go into a two-part examination of the Blacks and the LDS priesthood, I am inclined to take two minutes and address - once again -the most idiotic support many LDS continue to use as proof of their "Christianity:"

THE FACT THAT JESUS CHRIST IS INCLUDED IN THE NAME OF THE CHURCH ITSELF.

Pardon me for being redundant, but I

am going to resort to using an example I gave last year to illustrate the banality of this claim.

(PROPS)

Small cup and small vial of sugar = PURE CHRISTIANITY.

Then a glass. (teaspoon)

Then a bucket. (teaspoon)

Then a backyard swimming pool.

Then the Pacific Ocean.

Thinking that having “the name” of Jesus Christ in the title of your church proves the churches Christianity is akin to thinking that because a porn theater is called “The True Love movie theater” that it must teach and support “true love.” Or thinking that because a dog wears knitted sweaters and responds to orders that it is human.

It’s a teaspoon of sugar in an ocean of salt.

Come on, you guys. You’ve got to think a little deeper than this, don’t cha think?

I mean the name of the LDS Church fits perfectly into the reason for its establishment:

Back then, people were looking for the true church of Jesus to be brought back to earth. They were called “restorationists.” Alexander Campell lead the pack!

For a church to truly be considered the restored Church of Jesus it HAD to bear

	<p>His name! And that was required by people well before Joseph Smith ever took off his hat.</p> <p>Listen, prove your Christianity by accepting Christian principles - exaltation by grace, His death on the cross, the virgin birth, the imputation of His righteousness - and leave the candy comments where they belong.</p> <p>All right . . .</p>
<p>Last week I introduced a new word to our viewing audience:</p> <p>“Mormonishious” and defined it as</p> <p><i>“the changing from one doctrinal religious imperative to another without explanation.”</i></p> <p>Well, we’re still plodding along through the highlights of LDS Church History and before we move onto Nauvoo, the council of fifty, the Danites, and a host of other things - including the death of Joseph Smith - we must touch on a very peculiar piece of Mormon history - it’s theological treatment of African Americans, or what is commonly known as “the blacks and the priesthood” issue.</p> <p>It just so happens that this example of “Mormonishiousness” has been a good thing - if you think that allowing people to embrace a non-existent priesthood and enter a temple a good thing - but wouldn’t it have been nice if they never had to change their stance regarding African American</p>	

people in first place?

What is the essence of racism?

What is the thinking when one group of people refuse to let another group or groups of people - because of their national heritage - participate in an any sort of activity?

Ask yourself this question:

Where does this come from?  
Is it from God or is it from some other source?

Now the LDS have long used God's dealings with ancient Israel to "prove" that even God has been exclusionary when it comes to His priesthood.

Listen carefully.

There is a big difference between God saying ONLY a specific small line of men can perform priesthood duties, and God saying "Everyone can perform these duties except black people!"

Do you get the difference?

Where did it all come from?

What was the attitude of the early Saints?

Has this doctrine, though renounced in 1978, affected the LDS heart toward blacks and are those affects still felt today?

<p>We REALLY want your calls on this tonight and we would prefer that you are LDS or have been LDS and have an opinion on the issue.</p> <p>Don't be afraid - but please be honest.</p>	
<p>Let's go to the phones.</p> <p>And listen, a few reminders:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Have a question or comment ready.</li> <li>2) Turn your television sets DOWN!</li> <li>3) We want people to call who have not called before. We invite the LDS to call NOT TO ARGUE but to ask questions - I'll answer to the best of my limited ability.</li> </ol> <p>For example, ask why Christians believe this or that, how this or that is different from Mormonism and/or why it is different.</p> <p>Let yourself ask questions.</p> <p>Let yourself wonder for a while.</p> <p>ALL RIGHT???</p> <p>(801) 973-TV20 (801) 973-8820</p>	
<p>CONCLUSION</p>	

TONIGHT!

Pastor in the Pub at Denny's on 5<sup>th</sup>  
South and 125 West.

All are welcome.