

The Doctrine of Christ defined:

3 Nephi 9
3 Nephi 11
2 Nephi 31

The Doctrine of Christ teaches:

1. The way to forsake the fallen state.
2. The way to come unto Christ.
3. The way to express our desire to enter covenant with Christ.
4. The way to be brought into the covenant.
5. The way to receive the remission of sins.
6. The way to receive the mighty change of heart.
7. The way to live by the spirit's guidance.
8. The way to manifest gifts of the spirit and virtues of godliness.
9. The way to be perfected in Him.
10. The way to receive the promise of eternal life from Christ.

Things the LDS church has **added to**, or **removed from** the doctrine:

- + = "falsehoods added"
- = "truths removed" or "truths under-emphasized"

Please note: + and - are not meant to suggest positive and negative changes, in fact I see how all these changes are against scripture. The + and - are meant to indicate additions and subtractions from the original meaning of the doctrine.

+ teaching that "all we can do" means to do all we possibly can to qualify for grace, but scripture teaches that sincerely offering a broken heart & contrite spirit is all we can do to receive Christ's grace.

+ baptism interview includes accepting & agreeing to additional requirements

+ teaching we are clean at water baptism, when scripture teaches Christ himself gives the remission of sins

+ teaching the Holy Ghost is received at the laying on of hands, when scriptures teach it's administered by Christ. He gives this experience in His timing. He is the keeper of the gate

+ teaching we offer the mighty change of heart to the Lord, when scripture teaches it's actually a gift from the Lord

+ (church claims exclusive authority to baptize, when scripture teaches authority through the Holy Ghost

+ teaching the temple is where we receive "saving ordinances,"...but scripture teaches the doctrine of Christ is the only way to salvation

...then we need to answer recommend questions correctly to worthily enter the temple

+ teaching an unscriptural definition of discipleship

+ new term, "covenant path" but its definition never mentions the Baptism of Fire and Baptism of the Holy Ghost, nor living by the spirit

+ teaching an unscriptural definition of endure to the end

+ teaching that following the prophet will lead you to the promises of heaven, ...when scripture teaches, we need to rely on the Holy Ghost

+ unsriptural process of repentance from grievous sins

+ a new, higher level of heaven is taught: Exaltation.

+ Exaltation is introduced with new requirements: polygamy is essential for exaltation

+ females & males have been given different requirements for "exaltation" in section 132

+ later, polygamy is banned, but temple marriage still is essential for exaltation, & celestial marriages can still be polygamous

+ after polygamy is banned, the church teaches the necessity of the temple for sealing families together, & suggests we can't be together otherwise.

+ blood atonement dismisses Christ's ability to judge & to save His people

- revoked later

+ the black race was not permitted priesthood, nor "essential" & "saving" temple ordinances. It was taught they are being punished for Cain's sins & were less valiant in the pre-existence, dismissing Christ's ability to redeem all

- revoked later

+ in D&C 133, glory of Celestial Kingdom is promised to all who attain Eternal Life, but now, this glory is only available to those who have exaltation

+ those married to non-LDS cannot receive saving & exalting temple ordinances

- revoked in the 1980s

God teaches us to honour this doctrine in its purity, & cast off false & corrupt teachings:

3 Nephi 12:40 "Whoso shall declare more or less than this, and establish it for my doctrine, the same cometh of evil, and is not built upon my rock; but he buildeth upon a sandy foundation."

2 Nephi 31:21 "this is the way; and there is none other way nor name given under heaven whereby man can be saved in the kingdom of God. And now, behold, this is The doctrine of Christ, and the only and true doctrine of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

D&C 10:87-88 "Behold, this is my doctrine — whosoever repeneth and cometh unto me, the same is my church. Whosoever declareth more or less than this, the same is not of me, but is against me; therefore he is not of my church."

∴ It is essential we understand this doctrine as it's taught in scripture.

the true doctrine:

Turning to Christ

- though repentance is required before water baptism, the true meaning of bringing forth "fruit meet for repentance" is no longer a prerequisite for baptism

- Christ is the officiator of all the ordinances of the doctrine of Christ, (at times, replaced by proper priesthood authority and the necessity of the temple

- teachings relating to entering covenant have been changed. While baptism is how we express our desire to enter covenant, we're not truly brought into covenant until we receive the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost from Christ

- teaching temple ordinances bring us into covenant, but scripture teaches Christ brings us into covenant through the baptism of the Holy Ghost

- the church teaches the water baptism is where we are cleansed from our sins, but scripture teaches we are cleansed during the baptism by fire, officiated through Christ

- conversion is taught as a process, not an event, but the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which gives the mighty change of heart is most definitely an event

Receiving the Holy Ghost

- no longer teaching the transformative effect of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, when we are born of God

- "born in the covenant" has been repurposed to mean the spiritual protection for children whose parents are sealed in the temple, but in scripture "born in the covenant" only ever means "only ever means"

- speaking in tongues has been diminished to learning a new language

- the gift of the spirit, ministering of angels has been diminished to "earthly angels"

- all disciples are meant to live a life of living by the spirit, manifesting the words of God... this is replaced with keeping temple covenants

- we can't believe the miracles that happen outside our church's authority. "Proper priesthood authority" seems to matter more than seeking & receiving God's instructive, revelatory authority that comes through the Holy Ghost

- no mention of, nor encouragement that we can receive our calling & election

Living by the Spirit

- sharing spiritual experiences and witness of Christ are cautioned to be "too sacred to share," but scripture encourages us to share and witness of Christ

- we're not encouraged that we could receive and believe any revelation God gives us. This is replaced with philosophies of "pursue" and "runway"

- true miracles and gifts of the spirit should be in abundance when we live by the spirit

- women and children can have any gifts of the spirit

- we're not encouraged that we can know in this life where we stand with God; this is replaced with assurances that by being in the temple regularly this will bring us to be fit for the kingdom

- Christ is the one who gives you a new name, and it comes with an understanding of why you've received this name

+ replaced with the symbolic in the temple

Receiving the promise of Eternal Life from Christ

- an essential purpose of the Holy Ghost in our lives is circumscribed by teachings such as "the Prophet will never lead you astray" which suppresses our commandment to discern for ourselves, and rely on the spirit for truth

- Christ declares He has a way to save those who died without the law, but we believe they need our temple work

- no encouragement that we can live in a way that we can have boldness on our day of judgement

- Christ saves. Christ is sufficient. This is often replaced with teaching the Church claims authority & ownership of saving ordinances & the entire world, dead & alive, need our temple ordinances

- the scriptural meaning of "witness of Christ" has been changed from seeing, experiencing and truly knowing Christ, to something less and not clearly defined

- "ask what ye will and it shall be given unto you" is teaching that when we come to know the Lord, our will becomes as His will, but church teaches God will give us our good desires if we ask in faith