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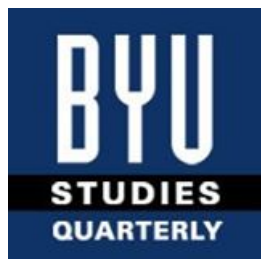
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## Understanding Christian Baptism through the Book of Mormon

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### Abstract

Early Christianity saw a wide proliferation of theories and practices concerning baptism, and now many Christians, including Mormons, commonly understand it as a means to repent and wash away one's sins. But the Book of Mormon prophets taught that baptism is a covenant and a witnessing to God that one has already repented and commits to follow Jesus Christ, and that sins are remitted by the Holy Ghost.

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Are Mormons Christian? Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints unequivocally affirm themselves to be Christians. Many Latter-day Saints today are easily offended when their claim to Christianity is challenged. Perhaps they think their character or conduct is being judged. The earlier version according to the Book of Mormon claimed: God was only one God (Alma 11:26-29; 2 Nephi 31:21; Mosiah 13:34, 15:1-4; Alma 11:44; 3 Nephi 11:27, 36; Mormon 7:7). God is unchangeable and eternal progression is impossible (Mos. If any religion has gone through changes from the original, Mormonism is surely the candidate! The Book of Mormon teaches that little children need no repentance, nor baptism, and that baptizing children is an evil abomination. Children are alive through the Atonement of Christ, and children who die before an age of accountability will be saved. (Moroni 8). The Nature of God. Different Christian religions believe different things about the requirements for salvation. The Book of Mormon helps us understand that it is grace that saves us, after all we can do, and the Book of Mormon emphasizes that good works are necessary, but not sufficient, to gain salvation. We must truly become a new being through the Atonement of Christ. (See these passages; Mosiah 27; Alma 12). The meaning of baptism. FairMormon Answers Wiki Table of Contents. Question: Is Mormon insistence on baptism as an essential ordinance of salvation "unChristian" or "unbiblical"? Question: Why was the phrase "or out of the waters of baptism" added to 1 Nephi 20:1? Evangelical Christians argue that the LDS insistence on baptism as an essential ordinance of salvation is "unChristian" or "unbiblical." However, the Biblical data and early

Christians are unanimous that baptism was regarded as an essential commandment. Baptism The Book of Mormon makes it clear that "faith" is more than simply a momentary, intellectual understanding. • A true, saving faith is one that bears fruit in the life of the believer. But in using the Bible alone, many well-intentioned Christians have failed to understand what true faith is really about. 54 what is a "Saving faith"? What does the Book of Mormon say about "faith"?