

EARNESTLY CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH – May, 2022

Southview Bible Church * 135 Bennett Ave. * Council Bluffs, IA. 51503
Phone: (712) 322-5743 E-mail: pastor@southviewbible.org * Web Site: www.southviewbible.org

“The Chosen” – Partnering with Mormons

The Chosen TV series has become incredibly popular. Yes it is entertaining, and yes from an artistic perspective, it is very well done. It claims to present “the authentic Jesus”. Director Derral Eves says, “The whole purpose of the show is to have people experience an authentic Jesus” and further says he is excited “to go after the unreached”. However a MAJOR red flag is that Derral is a committed Mormon.

Many evangelicals initially were all behind “The Chosen” because the main person out front promoting **The Chosen** is Dallas Jenkins who has a Baptist background and claims to be an evangelical. However the partnership that Jenkins has with the Mormons in this endeavor is not just incidental. It was borne out of a partnership between Jenkins and three Mormon businessmen (Jeffrey and Neal Harmon and Derral Eves).

The Mormon influence on The Chosen is considerable: the executive producer is Mormon, the distributor is Mormon, certain episodes were shot on a special Mormon set in Utah, and the crowdfunding and media expertise is provided by Mormons.

– Lighthouse Trails

2 Corinthians 6:14 (NKJV)

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

Paul clearly tells us not to be yoked together in ministry partnership with unbelievers. The Apostle John emphatically tells us not to receive anyone who “**does not abide in the doctrine of Christ**” for he who does so “**shares in his evil deeds**” (2 Jn. 9-11).

Partnership with evangelicals gives Mormonism credibility and legitimacy. But Dallas is just fine with this arrangement.

“I can honestly say...one of the top three most fascinating and beautiful things about this project has been my growing brother-and sisterhood with the people of the LDS community... I’ve made it very clear that if I go down, I’m going down swinging, protecting my friends and my brothers and sisters...I don’t deny we have a lot of theological differences, but we love the same Jesus”. – **Dallas Jenkins**

Wow! Do Mormons and Christians truly love the same Jesus. There is no way one could even come close to holding to sound doctrine and make a statement like this. Note this about the “Mormon Jesus” – and this is just for starters.

- Jesus is Lucifer’s brother.
- Jesus is NOT eternal.
- Jesus was not always God, but rather progressed to godhood as others can also do.

That is not the God of the Bible and not the Jesus I know and love! The “authentic” Jesus of The Chosen at one point says, “*Some things even I cannot do.*” However Jesus claimed to be the eternal I AM and told the Jews, “*if you do not believe that I am, you will die in your sins*” (Jn. 8:24). When Christians raise concerns about the ecumenical partnerships being forged in this endeavor those involved in this error seem to fall back on the flagship motto for the series which is “**Get Used to Different**”. But when it comes to partnering with those propagating another Jesus or a different gospel, the faithful will NEVER put up with it (2 Cor. 11:2-4).

Thot: “*Fellowship with known and vital error is participation in sin.*” – **Charles Spurgeon**

Earnestly Contending, Pastor Dwight J. Oswald