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A Christian Perspective on World Religions

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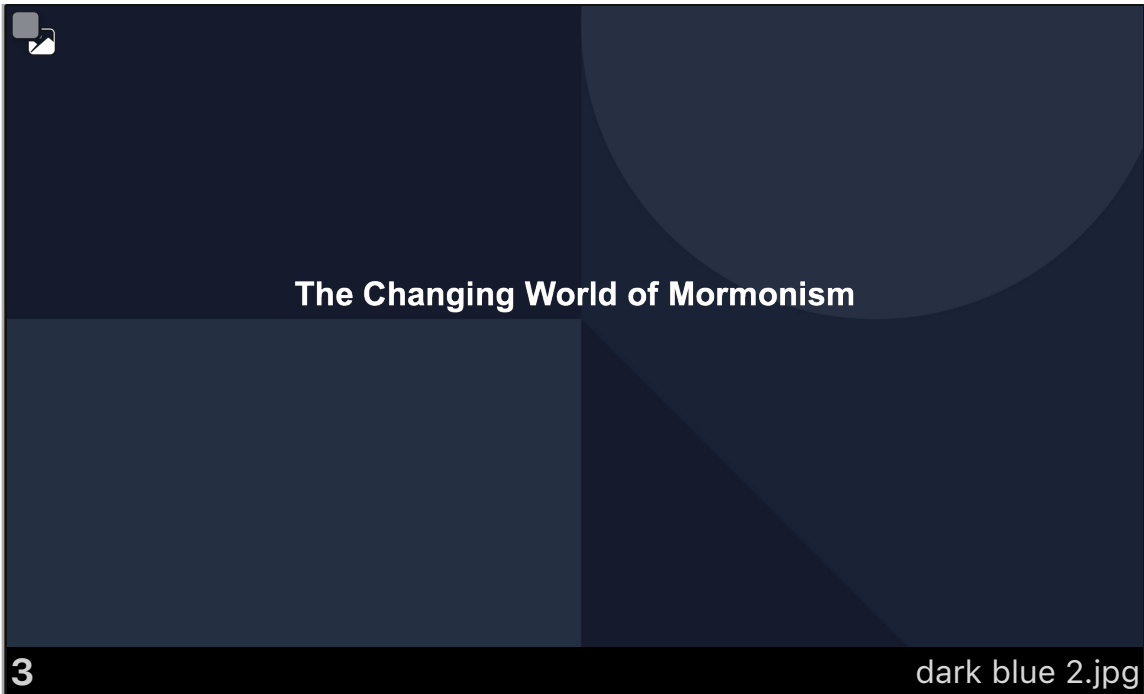
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I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!

### GALATIANS 1:6-9

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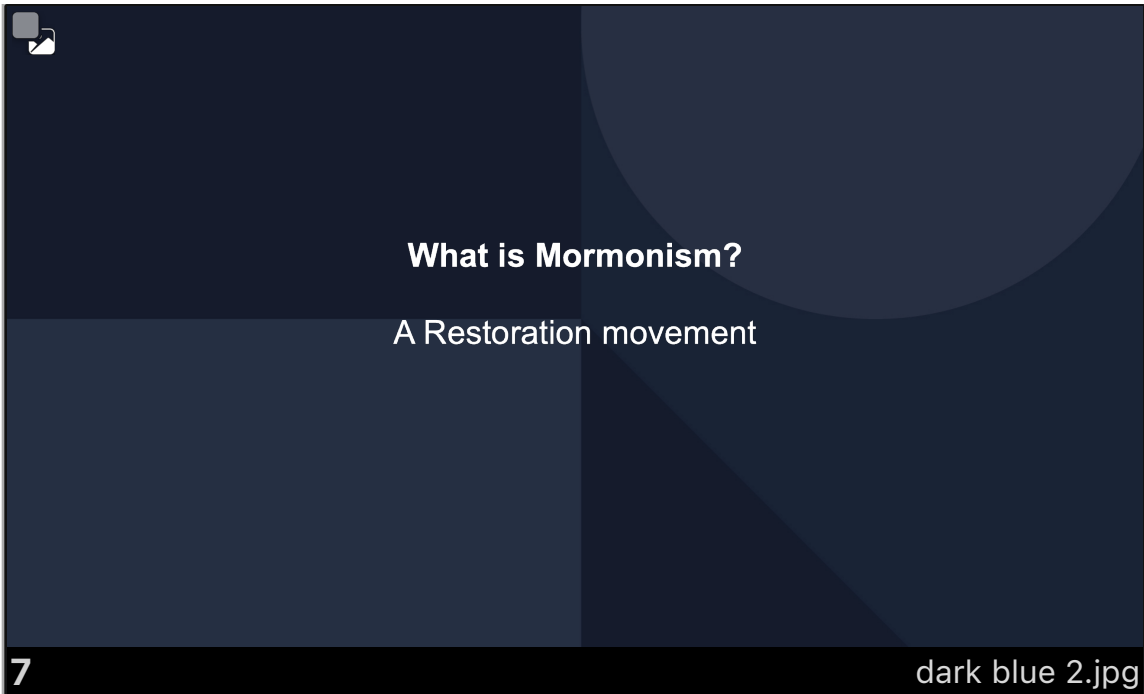
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### My Interest in Mormonism

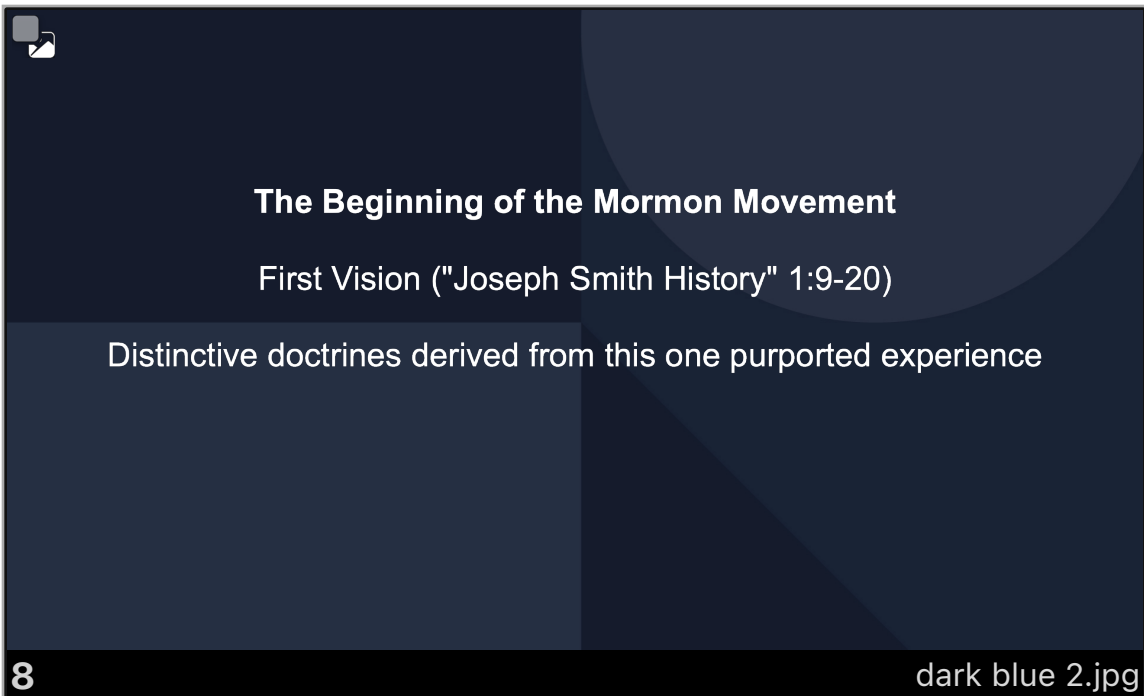
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**What is Mormonism?**  
A Restoration movement

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**The Beginning of the Mormon Movement**  
First Vision ("Joseph Smith History" 1:9-20)  
Distinctive doctrines derived from this one purported experience

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## The Book of Mormon

Other scriptures: Doctrine and Covenants,  
Pearl of Great Price, the Bible

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### **A Very Brief Historical Overview of the LDS Church:**

- Founded in 1830 (The Church of Christ)
- Kirtland OH to Missouri to Nauvoo IL
- The death of Joseph Smith – Brigham Young takes over
- The move to the valley of the Great Salt Lake
- Church claims about 16.3 million members worldwide
- Probably closer to 5 million practicing members
- 67,000 member missionary force around the globe

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