Meet the Mormons
Class 2: The Plan of Salvation

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 2015 – 9:40 am – 11:05 am
Introduction

- Announcements
- Course Materials
- Temple Field Trip
  - Thursday, July 16, 2015, 10:00 am
  - Sign up sheet
- Unity Walk
  - September 27, 2015 – 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm
  - www.911unitywalk.org
Life’s Big Questions

- Who am I?
- Where did I come from?
- Why am I here?
- Where am I going?
The Plan of Salvation (Happiness)

**Jesus Christ**
plays a central role in every part of God’s plan for His children

- Pre Earth Life
- Birth
- Earth Life
- Death
- Paradise
- Spirit Prison
- Resurrection
- Final Judgment

YOU ARE HERE

Celestial
Terrestrial
Telestial
Pre Earth Life

- Referred to as our “First Estate.”
- We all lived with God and we were and are His “Spirit Children.”
- Choice and Accountability are eternal principles.
- God presented His Plan to all of us.
- Christ and 2/3 of God’s children accepted His plan.
- Satan proposed an alternative plan that eliminated choice and accountability.
- 1/3 of God’s children chose to follow Satan. These did not keep their first estate and their progression stopped.
Birth

- The process of clothing our spirits in a physical body – like that of our Heavenly Father – though imperfect.

- The plan provided for families as the best way to provide for the growth and development of God’s children on earth.

- All memory of our Pre-Earth life was veiled to require us to walk by faith in this life.
Earth Life

+ Sometimes referred to as the “Second Estate.”
+ Because of the Fall of Adam, we are separated from God both physically and spiritually – part of the plan.
+ Three main purposes of this life
  - Receive a physical body.
  - Walk by and develop faith in God.
  - Learn, grow, and gain experience.
+ We are NOT left alone. God has given everyone a conscience – “The Light of Christ.”
Two Deaths

**Spiritual Death**
- Being separated from God.
- Caused by sin.
- Remedied by Christ’s atonement.

**Physical Death**
- Being separated from our physical bodies.
- Necessary part of the plan.
- Remedied by Christ’s resurrection.
Death (Physical)

- Part of the perfecting process where we lay down our imperfect and corruptible body in preparation for our immortal and perfect resurrected body.
- Our spirit continues to live on.
Spirit World: Paradise & Prison

- Spirit World is a place of continued learning and preparation.
- Memory of our earth life will remain and our memory of our pre-earth life will be restored.
- Entrance into the Spirit World (Death) does not change our personalities or our desire for good or evil.
- Prison: Those who choose not to follow God’s commandments - the unrepentant.
- Paradise: Those to kept the commandments and followed Jesus Christ – a place of peace and rest.
Resurrection

- ALL people – good or bad – will be resurrected.
- Christ’s resurrection is a free gift for all.
- Physical Death is done away.
- Resurrected bodies are immortal and perfect.
Final Judgment

+ Presided over by God the Father.
+ Conducted by Jesus Christ.
+ Judged according to our faith, works, desires of our hearts.
+ The decision: Which kingdom of “degree of glory” is appropriate for each of God’s children.
+ Spiritual Death done away – ALL come to God’s presence, but not all can remain there (nor would they want to).
Those who continue in their sins and do not repent.
Terrestrial Glory

- People who refuse to accept Jesus Christ but who live honorable lives.