The Ology Islands #7



Day One on Christos Island

Captains Log: We have landed on Christos Island. This is our second island of our island adventure. This island has two lighthouses, one is on the east side of the island, and one is on the west side. The rocky coasts protect the lush green interior. The Island is packed with Ism Pirates. They are grouped into similar belief groups. Their main chant is: "Jesus is not God; He is the first son of God."

Today we will discover that Jesus Christ is The Image of God.



Roll Call/Treasure Hunt:

1. We are created according to the *Image* of God.

Genesis 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness, to rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, and over all the earth itself and every creature that crawls upon it." So, God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. (BSB)

2. Jesus Christ is the Image of the *Invisible* God.

Colossians 1:15-16 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities. All things were created through Him and for Him. (BSB)

 Mankind has been blinded from the <u>truth</u> of the Gospel and the <u>truth</u> of who is Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers so they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (BSB)

Battle with the Ism Pirates: We are now ready to attack the lighthouse of the <u>Mormonism</u> Pirates on this island. These pirates believe that Jesus is the firstborn son of Elohim. Elohim was a human at one time who was given Earth to

be the god of when he died on his home planet. Crazy? There are millions who belong to this Ism.

"The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's" (Doctrine and Covenants 130:22).

"The LDS god (Heavenly Father) is an exalted man who once lived on a planet like ours. He achieved celestial exaltation, exists with a physical body in the celestial realm, has Heavenly Mother as his eternal wife, and populates our planet with his children." Jesus is a god who was the first son of this god.

What Do Mormons Believe About God? (thegospelcoalition.org)

This must be contrasted to what the Bible says about Yahweh being uncreated and that He is plural, i.e. the real definition of Elohim which means God in the plural. God The Son (Jesus Christ) is the image of <u>Yahweh</u> in time, matter, and space. He is also God!

(Show a slide show that includes the face of a penny, a nickel, a dime, a quarter, and a half dollar. Finally, show a picture of a famous artistic rendering of Jesus Christ.)





Set Course: Next week we challenge a band of Ism pirates who control the second lighthouse here and are constantly trying to get sailors off course.