

# Jehovah's Witnesses Teaching: (Almost all of the following was taken from [carm.org](http://carm.org))

1. There is one God in one person, *Make Sure of All Things*, p 188.
2. There is no Trinity, *Let God be True*, p. 100-101; *Make Sure of All Things*, p.386.
3. The Holy Spirit is a force, not alive, *Reasoning from the Scriptures*, 1985, pp. 406-407.
4. The Holy Spirit is God's impersonal active force, *The Watchtower*, June 1, 1952,p. 24.
5. Jehovah's first creation was his 'only-begotten Son'. . used by Jehovah in creating all other things" *Aid to Bible Understanding* pp.390-391.
6. Jesus was Michael the archangel who became a man, *The Watchtower*, May 15, 1963, p. 307; *The New World*, 284.
7. Jesus was only a perfect man, not God in flesh, *Reasoning from the Scriptures*, 1985, pp. 306.
8. Jesus did not rise from the dead in his physical body, *Awake!* July 22, 1973, p. 4.
9. Jesus was raised "not a human creature, but a spirit." *Let God be True*, p. 276.
10. Jesus did not die on a cross but on a stake, *Reasoning from the Scriptures*, 1985, pp. 89-90.
11. Jesus returned to earth, invisibly, in 1914, *The Truth Shall Make You Free*, p. 300.
12. Jesus' ransom sacrifice did not include Adam, *Let God be True*, p. 119.
13. Their church is the self-proclaimed prophet of God, *The Watchtower*, April 1,1972, p. 197.
14. They claim to be the only channel of God's truth, *The Watchtower*, Feb. 15,1981, p. 19.
15. Only their church members will be saved, *The Watchtower*, Feb, 15, 1979, p. 30.
16. Good works are necessary for salvation, *Studies in the Scriptures*, Vol. 1, pp. 150, 152.
17. The soul ceases to exist after death, *Let God be True*, p. 59, 60, 67.
18. There is no hell of fire where the wicked are punished, *Let God be True*, p. 79, 80.
19. Only 144,000 Jehovah's Witness go to heaven, *Reasoning from the Scriptures*, 1985, pp. 166-167, 361; *Let God be True*, p. 121.
20. Only the 144,000 Jehovah's Witness are born again. *Reasoning from the Scriptures*, 1985, p. 76.; *Watchtower* 11/15/54, p. 681.
21. Only the 144,000 may take communion,
22. Blood transfusions are a sin, *Reasoning from the Scriptures*, 1985, pp. 72-73.
23. The Cross is a pagan symbol and should not be used, *Reasoning from the Scriptures*, 1985, pp. 90-92.
24. Salvation is by faith and what you do, *Studies in the Scriptures*, Vol. 1, pp.150,152.
25. It is possible to lose your salvation, *Reasoning from the Scriptures*, 1985, pp. 358-359.
26. The universe is billions of years old, *Your will Be Done on Earth*, p. 43.
27. Each of the 6 creative days of God in Genesis 1, was 7000 years long. Therefore, Man was created toward the end of 42,000 years of earth's preparation, *Let God be True*, p. 168.
28. They also refuse to vote, salute the flag, sing the "Star Spangled Banner," or celebrate Christmas or birthdays. They are not allowed to serve in the armed forces.
29. Satan was entrusted with the obligation and charged with the duty of overseeing the creation of the earth, *Children*, p 55

## Christian Doctrine

1. The Bible is the word of God; it is inspired (breathed out) by God; it is our only authority for information about God and ourselves; and for teaching us what God requires us to believe and do - 2 Tim. 3:16

2. The Bible has been supernaturally given to us by God – 2 Peter 1:20-21
3. The **Bible** is God's **only** written revelation and must not be added to or altered in any way – Deut 4:2; Rev 22:18-19
4. Salvation is a free gift of God. Salvation cannot be earned by works – Rom. 4:5; 6:23; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5
5. Men are saved through belief in the truth – 2 Thess 2:13
6. God's word, the Bible, is the truth – John 17:17
7. God's word is our life – Deut 32:47; Matt 4:4
8. God's word will judge us – John 12:48; Deut 31:26; Heb 4:12
9. God's word is eternal – Matt 24:35; Psalm 119:89
10. God's word cannot be broken – John 10:35
11. There is only one God - Isaiah 44:6,8; Isaiah 45:6,14,18,21,22
12. God is a Trinity - 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 Pet. 1:2
13. There are no Gods before or after God - Isaiah 43:10
14. God knows all things - 1 John 3:20
15. God is all powerful - Psalms 115:3
16. God is everywhere - Jer. 23:23,24
17. God is sovereign - Zech. 9:14; 1 Tim. 6:15-16
18. God is Spirit - John 4:24
19. God has always been God - Psalms 90:2
20. God created all that exists - Gen. 1:1; Isaiah 44:24
21. Jesus is God – Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 44:6 & Rev 1:17-18; John 1:1,14; John 8:58; Col. 2:9; Heb.1:6-8
22. Jesus became a man - Phil. 2:5-8
23. Jesus has two natures: divine and human - Col. 2:9; 1 Tim. 2:5
24. Jesus was sinless - 1 Pet. 2:22
25. Jesus is the only way to God the Father - John 14:6; Matt. 11:27
26. The Holy Spirit is God - Acts 5:3-4
27. The Holy Spirit is not a force. He is a person who speaks and acts and is alive - Acts 13:2
28. Man did not evolve, he was created - Gen. 1:26
29. Adam and Eve were real people - Gen. 3:20; 5:1; 1 Tim. 2:13
30. Sin is breaking God's law – 1 John 3:4
31. Sin separates us from God - Isaiah 59:2
32. Death entered the world because of Adam's sin - Rom. 5:12-15
33. All people have sinned - Rom.3:23; Rom 5:12
34. Jesus died for all our sins - 1 John 2:2; 2 Cor. 5:14; 1 Pet. 2:24
35. Jesus' sacrifice was a substitution for us - 1 Pet. 2:24
36. Jesus rose from the dead in His physical body - John 2:19-21
37. Those who reject Jesus will go to Hell - Rev. 20:11-15
38. There will be a final judgment - 2 Pet. 3:7
39. The unsaved go to hell forever - Rev. 21:8
40. Hell is eternal - Matt. 25:46
41. Hell is a place of fiery punishment - Matt 25:41; Rev. 19:20
42. The damned will be thrown into a lake of fire - Rev. 20:15
43. Satan will be cast into the lake of fire - Rev. 20:10
44. Jesus will return visibly to earth - Acts 1:11
45. Christians will be raised from the dead when Jesus returns - 1 Thess. 4:14-17
46. There will be a rapture (being caught up into the clouds with Jesus) – 1 Thess. 4:14-17
47. There will be a new heavens and a new earth - 2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1

**Did Jesus rise from the dead in the same body He died in?** Yes, Jesus rose from the dead in the same body He died in. In John 2:19-20, Jesus said, *"Destroy this temple*

*and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews therefore said, 'It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But He was speaking of the temple of his body." Jesus prophesied that He would rise from the dead in the very body that He died in. Right now, in heaven, Jesus has a physical body. He has scars in his wrists, ankles, brow, and side. He has retained the wounds of His crucifixion.*

The physical resurrection of Jesus is a very important doctrine. 1 Corinthians 15:14 says, *"and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain."* The reason it is so important is because Jesus' physical resurrection is the proof that death has been conquered and that we too will be physically resurrected. To say that Jesus did not rise from the dead is to say that death had victory over Him. If that were so, we would be without hope and sin would still have its power.

1 Cor. 15:53-57, *"For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality." <sup>54</sup> But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory." <sup>55</sup> "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; <sup>57</sup> but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."* [Scripture quotes are from the NASB]

### **Jesus Christ is Jehovah:**

- Jesus Christ is prayed to – Acts 7:59
- Jesus Christ is worshipped – Mt 2:2,11; Mt 14:33; Mt 28:9
- Jesus Christ is called God – John 20:28; Heb 1:8; Titus 2:13
- Jesus Christ reveals the Father alone – Mt 11:27

### **Jesus Christ is not an angel:**

- Hebrews 1:6 God wouldn't tell the angels to worship another angel. Jesus cannot be the archangel Michael.

### **Some of God's descriptions of Himself:**

- Zech 12:1-10 The One who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth (Jehovah) was pierced and grieved over as a firstborn son. Jesus is Jehovah.
- Compare **Isaiah 44:6** and **Rev 1:17-18** – where both Jehovah & Jesus identify themselves as the First and the Last.
- Compare **Rev 1:8** and **Rev 22:12-13** – where both Jehovah & Jesus identify themselves as the Alpha and the Omega.
- Compare **Ex 3:14** and **John 8:24,58** – where both Jehovah & Jesus identify themselves as the I AM.

### **Praying to God:**

- If you were to say Father, receive my spirit, who would you be praying to?
- If you were to say Jesus Christ receive my spirit, who would you be praying to?
- In Acts 7:59, Stephen, while full of the Holy Spirit (v. 55), prayed to Jesus Christ.
- The Jesus Christ of the Bible is prayed to (1 Cor 1:1-2).
- Jesus Christ was also worshipped. Mt 14:33 Mt 28:9 Heb 1:6 Mt 2:2,11 John 9:35-39.
- How can we worship Jesus Christ without praying to Him?
- Do you honor Jesus Christ equally with the Father? Scripture requires that we do. John 5:23
- Do you call Jesus Christ your Lord and your God? John 20:28. This is not swearing in this passage – Thomas wasn't rebuked by the Lord.
- Also, Heb 1:8 is a quote from Ps 45:6

### **Passages on hell:**

- 2 Thess 1:8-9 Everlasting destruction
- Mt 25:41 Eternal fire prepared for the devil, his angels and the cursed.

- Rev 20:11-15 All those whose names are not in the book of life are thrown into the lake of fire.
- Isaiah 66:24 Those who rebel against God will have dead bodies whose worm will not die and whose fire will not be quenched.

**The Jehovah's Witness religion is not Christian**, because it does not hold to the essential doctrines of Christianity as given in our only authority, the Bible. Jehovah's Witnesses deny the deity of Christ, Jesus' physical resurrection, the personhood of the Holy Spirit, and salvation by grace through faith. To support its erring doctrines, the Watchtower organization (the author and teacher of all official Jehovah's Witness theology), has even altered the Bible to make it agree with its changing and non-Christian teachings, adding to the Word of God – by taking verses out of their immediate context, changing the meanings of words, proclaiming some passages to be figurative when they contradict J.W. doctrines, and latching onto single, isolated verses to interpret a multitude of other verses.

Jehovah's Witnesses are discouraged from looking into Jehovah's Witness history or old Watchtower literature which is replete with contradictions, altered doctrines, and false prophecies. Instead, they are indoctrinated repeatedly against basic Christian doctrines (Trinity, deity of Christ, etc) and into the notion that they alone are the true servants of God and that all others are either in "Christendom" or simply unbelievers.

## **False Prophecies of the Watch Tower**

For Jehovah's Witnesses salvation is found only in their organization. The Watch Tower Society is seen as the spokesman for God. But how can it be the spokesman for God with such a serious record of false prophecies? It is not possible that we can claim as God's spokesman any organization which has such serious errors. Please take a moment to consider the following:

Jehovah's Witnesses claim to have the true understanding of the end times. But they have been constantly wrong in the area of prophecy.

The April 1, 1972, Watch Tower article on page 297 states that Jehovah's Witnesses are prophets. But in God's word, the Bible, in Deuteronomy 18:20-22 we learn what makes a true prophet: it is to speak in the name of Jehovah and predict future things which come to pass. A false prophet speaks in the name of Jehovah and predicts future things which do not come to pass.

In the Watch Tower Organization 1889 issue, "The Time is at Hand," page 101, it says "The battle of the great day of God Almighty (Rev. 16:14), which will end in A.D. 1914, with the complete overthrow of earth's present rulership, is already commenced." This 1914 prediction of Christ's return never came true.

Then the *Watch Tower* predicted that Christ would return in 1925. The 1918 issue of, "Millions Now Living Will Never Die," p. 89 states, "Therefore we may confidently expect that 1925 will mark the return of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the faithful prophets of old, particularly those named by the apostle in Hebrews 11 to the condition of human perfection." This proved to be another false prophecy.

The *Watch Tower* made a third prophecy of the return of Christ; which was to occur in 1975. The August 15, 1968, issue of, *Why Are You Looking Forward to 1975?* p. 494, predicted the return of Christ in 1975. Once again the Witnesses were shown to be false prophets. These articles are real, please look them up in your church's library.

Another interesting prophecy is found on page 154 of the Jehovah's Witness book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth*. Here it is stated, "Some of the generation living in 1914 will see the end of the system of things and survive it." Most of the 1914 generation are dead, and the few remaining are very old. In just a few years, the *Watch Tower* will again have another false prophecy.