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Ephesians 4:21 (KJV)

“If so be that ye have heard Him, and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:”

Foreword:

My parents were raised as Jehovah's Witnesses, they were both third generation and my mothers family still remain Jehovah's Witnesses today. I on the other hand have never been a Jehovah's Witness but I am a believer in the Lord Jesus. Through my own studies, observations and understanding of the Watchtower teachings, I have a burden from the Lord to teach the truth concerning God's word and speak lovingly showing the errors of the Watchtower Organisation in order to bring Jehovah's Witnesses to the *real* truth*.

The Jehovah's Witnesses are false teachers, which throughout this book the word of God will light up their errors and false doctrines. It is only through the word of God that can determine if a doctrine is correct or false.

My mother has written a book on her testimony coming out of the Watchtower Organisation, which if you would find helpful, you may purchase through Amazon. The book is titled "Now a true witness for Jehovah" by E.W.Young.

I have allowed the Holy Spirit to guide me in continuous reading, studying and mining the word of God in order to open the eyes of false teachers whether on the internet or on the street.

You may ask, are the Jehovah's Witnesses a Cult? Well, the word "cult" carries a negative connotation that invokes thoughts of communes and suicide, yet the core meaning of the term is simply a "system of religious belief". More often cult is applied to "a religion regarded as unorthodox or spurious". Steven Hassan, renowned cult specialist, makes the distinction between a benign cult and a destructive cult, which is any religious, political or commercial group with "a person or group of people that have dictatorial control" using "mind control techniques to keep people dependent and obedient". It is counter-productive to tell members of any controversial group that they belong to a cult, as members do not believe they are in one no matter how unusual the group may be. It is therefore an emotive issue to describe the Watchtower Society as a cult. Though clearly non-mainstream the important question is whether the Watchtower Society uses mind control techniques and contains a damaging belief structure. (Source: www.jwfacts.com/watchtower/fear-cult-mind-control.php)

I will leave the question open to the reader to determine themselves whether the Jehovah's Witnesses are a cult or not.

My aim is to look at their publication titled "What does the bible really teach" which they are actively distributing throughout many cities, not only UK wide but worldwide. This book systematically goes through each chapter of their publication and writes a response to their false teachings found throughout their book. I have created videos upon each chapter on my YouTube channel and they are also available on my website, should you require watching those as well. This book and the corresponding videos are in aim to help Christians who are trying to witness to the Jehovah's Witnesses or to help / reach either current Jehovah's Witnesses or ex-Jehovah's Witnesses come to the *real* truth*.

*The Jehovah's Witnesses make a claim to say that their organisation is the truth, where as scripture tells us that Jesus Christ is the truth and they need to come to Him, not an organisation.

John 14:6 (KJV)

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

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Chapter 1:

What is the truth about God?

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http://youtu.be/_wYRJ2g9xmY

The Jehovah's Witnesses teach that God is one person who is the Father only. They would claim and teach further that Jesus is a 'mighty god' but not 'Almighty God'. Their view on the Holy Spirit is that He is just a force, not a person, thus saying that there is only one person in the Godhead.

In my first video in this series, I explain that God is three persons, and emphasise the fact that the Lord Jesus is God. Here I will explain further using the bible how that there is irrefutable proof that there is more than one person in the Godhead.

1 John 5:7 (KJV)

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

The above verse states outright there are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Word who refers to the Lord Jesus as seen in John's Gospel, and the Holy Ghost.

The Lord Jesus:

John 1:1 (KJV)

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

The bible tells us that the Word was God. The New World translation, which I will show in a later chapter as false, shows that the word was "a god". John chapter 1 goes on to make it clear that the Word is referring to the Lord Jesus.

John 1:14 (KJV)

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, clearly indicating the Lord Jesus and this verse would certainly correspond with what the Apostle Paul declared in 1st Timothy.

1 Timothy 3:16 (KJV)

"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

The above verse indicates that God came in the flesh, as the Word was made flesh. It was not the Father who dwelt among us, but the Lord Jesus.

Looking at the Old Testament scriptures we can see more evidence that there is more than one person in the Godhead. This proof can be found starting from the very first book of the bible, Genesis.

Genesis 1:26 (KJV)

*“And God said, Let **US** make man in **OUR** image, after **OUR** likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”*

Here we do not see God saying “Let *me* make man in *my* image, after *my* likeness”, He speaks in plural, indicating that God is more than one person; as in this case the whole Godhead was at work in creation. Furthermore we can examine the scriptures and see more references to the plurality of God.

Genesis 3:22 (KJV)

*“And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of **US**, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:”*

Genesis 11:7 (KJV)

*“Go to, let **US** go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.”*

The above verses show the plurality of God in the way that he referred to Himself as “US” rather than “I” or “Me”. Next we see how separate persons in the Godhead interacted with each other; this was shown when God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.

Genesis 19:24 (KJV)

*“Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire **FROM** the LORD out of heaven;”*

In Genesis 18 and 19, the pre-incarnate Lord was on the Earth speaking to Abraham, and when it was time to destroy the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah as in verse 24, the Lord (on the earth) rained fire from the Lord (out of Heaven) thus showing that God, as Lord, is more than one person.

Moving away from Genesis, we can see many aspects of the Godhead in other Old Testament verses. Take Amos for example:

Amos 4:10-11 (KJV)

*“I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. I have overthrown some of you, **AS GOD** overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.”*

Here we see that the Lord is speaking in singular form, and referring to the full Godhead. He mentions “**I** have overthrown some of you, as **GOD** overthrew in Sodom.” God is more than one person, and this verse goes alongside Genesis in proving that the Lord on earth worked alongside the Lord in Heaven and collectively both are GOD.

Looking at Isaiah now, we see that God again speaks collectively.

Isaiah 44:6 (KJV)

*“Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, **AND** His redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.”*

The Jehovah's Witnesses claim that Jesus is a lesser god, and thus stands next to the Father. If that is the case, then “a god” would be beside God the Father, but the above verse shows

that there is no “God” beside the one true God. The above verse shows that God is more than one person, not a different God, but the same God; but each person within the Godhead plays a different role.

Next I would like to show that The Lord Jesus Christ is God by looking at a series of Old and New Testament verses in sequence. This is quite fascinating therefore it may be useful for you to keep these as a reference.

Matthew 4:7 (KJV)

“Jesus said unto him, ‘It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God’.”

The above verse shows that Jesus was being tempted by Satan the devil. The Lord Jesus said to him “Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God” as it is written. So if this is written, where in passage is the Lord Jesus referring to? The answer is in Deuteronomy chapter 6:

Deuteronomy 6:16 (KJV)

“Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted him in Massah.”

You will notice that GOD was tempted in Massah, however what happened in Massah? We can read below.

Numbers 21:6 (KJV)

“And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.”

The Children of Israel while going through the land of Massah had tempted the Lord with constant complaining, and because of that The LORD sent fiery serpents among the people to bite them as punishment. The following verse in the Psalms backs up the fact that they had indeed tempted GOD:

Psalms 106:14 (KJV)

“But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted GOD in the desert.”

So we can see from the above verses that it is clear that God was tempted in the wilderness, and GOD destroyed some of the Children of Israel in the wilderness because of their complaining. The Jehovah's Witnesses claim that it was the Father who had destroyed the Children of Israel in the Wilderness, however the bible says otherwise. Finally, a New Testament scripture shows which person in the Godhead did indeed destroy the Children of Israel with serpents.

1 Corinthians 10:9 (KJV)

“Neither let us tempt CHRIST, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.”

The Apostle Paul makes it clear in 1st Corinthians 10 that Christ was the one who was tempted in the wilderness; and the Old Testament scriptures refer to GOD and LORD. The conclusion of this sequence of verses is that the Lord Jesus Christ is indeed God, not the Father, but He is one of the three that are in the Godhead.

Jehovah's Witnesses teach that Jesus is a lesser god, and not God Almighty. The will say that Jesus is “Mighty God” and not “Almighty God” which I will show you further on in this book. The bible makes it clear that Jesus is ALMIGHTY God and not just Mighty God, starting with the below passage in John's Gospel.

John 1:36 (KJV)

"And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!"

The Jehovah's Witnesses do acknowledge that Jesus is the Lamb of God and will confirm this, however as above stated they do not acknowledge or confirm is that He is Almighty. The following scripture in Revelation links the Lamb of God with Almighty God.

Revelation 15:3 (KJV)

"And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the LAMB, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God ALMIGHTY; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints."

Here we see that the Song of the Lamb is LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.

The above section has made it clear that the Word of God and the Lamb of God are referring to the Lord Jesus Christ; who was and is and ever will be Lord God Almighty.

The Holy Spirit:

I have not mentioned about the Holy Spirit in my first video in this series, therefore I will expand on this as follows.

The Jehovah's Witnesses do not believe that the Holy Spirit is a person. As mentioned in the introduction of this chapter, they believe that the Holy Spirit is God's active force alone. Again from Scripture, we can prove that the Holy Spirit is a person, and not a force. There are many attributes of the Holy Spirit, and these attributes are mentioned throughout the bible. A 'force' could not by itself have characteristics nor have its own will to do any of the actions the Holy Spirit is shown to do.

The Holy Spirit is described as "He" and He teaches:

John 14:26 (KJV)

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

1 John 2:27 (KJV)

"But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him."

The Holy Spirit reproves the world of sin:

John 16:7-8 (KJV)

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:"

The Holy Spirit speaks:

Hebrews 3:7-8 (KJV)

"Wherefore as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts..."

The Holy Spirit intercedes:

Romans 8:26 (KJV)

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

The Holy Spirit is Omni-Present:

John 14:16 (KJV)

"And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever;"

The Lord Jesus told His disciples that He was going away, and could no longer be with them, however He told them that the Comforter will come instead and be with each individual (who Believers on Jesus) forever.

A believer is sealed by the Holy Spirit as soon as they put their faith in the Lord Jesus. The Apostle Paul tells us through his epistles, that we receive the Holy Spirit the very moment we accept Christ as our Saviour. The following verses signify this:

Ephesians 1:13-14 (KJV)

"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory."

The Holy Spirit can be grieved:

Ephesians 4:30 (KJV)

"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

These verses are not exhaustive with regards to the Holy Spirit and there are many more that could be used to prove the Person of the Holy Spirit. The Jehovah's Witness book "What does the bible really teach" in chapter 1 tries to prove God as one Person that of the Father, however from the bible verses throughout this chapter, I have proved from God's word that there are three in the Godhead, who are the Father, the Word (The Lord Jesus) and the Holy Ghost and these three are one God.

I created a video in which I have used a whiteboard (in a classroom) to explain the Trinity. To deny the Trinity, you are ultimately calling God (The Father) and the Lord Jesus Christ a liar, and I explain why through this video. You can find it on my website and also my YouTube channel which is titled: "Trinity explained on Whiteboard for Jehovah's Witnesses".

Kindle users can view this here: <http://youtu.be/ScMz-b2mew>

Chapter 2

A Book from God

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The Jehovah's Witnesses claim that their bible, the New World Translation (NWT), is the only trustworthy bible to read from today; however this cannot be farther from the truth.

The Old Testament of the NWT has been taken from Rudolf Kittel's *Biblia Hebraica*. The New Testament of the NWT has been taken from the Westcott and Hort manuscripts.

The Kingdom Interlinear Translation of the Greek Scriptures published by the organisation admits inside that Westcott and Hort were the primary New Testament text use for creating the New World Translation.

Below, I will explain and show you some verses from the New World Translation, which prove that their bible is not trustworthy.

In John's Gospel chapter 1 and verse 1, as mentioned in the previous chapter, the New World Translation renders the verse as shown below:

John 1:1 (NWT)

"In the Beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god."

Dr Julius Mantey, a Greek Scholar and the author of 'Manual Grammar of the Greek New Testament' calls the New World Translation "A Shocking mistranslation" "Obsolete and incorrect" Dr Mantey further comments "It is neither scholarly nor reasonable to translate John 1:1 "The word was a god." (The full transcript of this conversation between Dr Mantey and Walter Martin is recorded at the following website. (www.towerwatch.com)

Dr Mantey went on to say, (which is quoted in the book 'Depth Exploration in The New Testament' ((N.Y.: Vantage Pres, 1980), pp.136-137)) "I have never read any New Testament so badly translated as The Kingdom Interlinear Translation of The Greek Scriptures.... it is a distortion of the New Testament. The translators used what J.B. Rotherham had translated in 1893, in modern speech, and changed the readings in scores of passages to state what Jehovah's Witnesses believe and teach. That is a distortion not a translation."

Having a look at what scripture actually says also disproves their claims. As already shown, the New World Translation shows in John 1v1 that the word was 'a god' but this cannot be correct as it would contradict the rest of the scriptures.

Isaiah 45:5 (KJV)

"I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:"

The above verse shows that there is no God beside God, however the Jehovah's Witnesses try and manipulate this by saying that the above verse 'actually shows' that there is no God (Capital G) beside God, and this doesn't disprove their translation incorrect. However looking elsewhere in the scriptures shows this to be false:

Deuteronomy 4:35 (KJV)

"Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside Him."

The above verse shown in Deuteronomy makes it clear that there is absolutely no one else beside God at all, not a person, a God or a god. The bible further confirms this in more passages which are presented below:

1 Samuel 2:2 (KJV)

"There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God."

Hosea 13:4 (KJV)

"Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no saviour beside me."

There is only one God, who exists in three persons; there can be, and is not, any other God or god beside the One True living God. If John 1:1 in the New World Translation was correct, it would contradict the entire bible and call God a liar. The New World Translation is the only bible translation to add "a" in the John 1:1 text. My personal preference is to use King James Version bible, however when studying other translations to see how they render John 1:1, they have indeed made sure that it shows "the Word was God" and not "a god" which the New World Translation claims. This shows that by adding the letter 'a' in that text, it makes the Jehovah's Witnesses a group of deceivers who try and cover up their own teachings in their organisation by manipulating the scriptures.

The Watchtower Organisation claims that they are receiving "New Light" every so often, and when they realise their mistakes and make amends on their teachings, they claim that the New Light is now in force to cover the old light. ⁴ They claim that they are spirit driven, however and as explained later on in this book (Chapter 10), they have a catalogue of false predictions, prophecies and errors within their organisation, and because of this, it shows that it is not God who is driving this organisation, but man, and so prone to error. With regards to "New Light", the bible tells us in the Gospels that the Holy Spirit will guide us into ALL truth, not just part truth.

John 16:13 (KJV)

"Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come."

Referring back to the Holy Spirit as covered in Chapter 1, this verse also shows the Person of the Holy Spirit, in that the Lord Jesus refers to the Person of the Spirit seven separate times within this verse. The verse also confirms that the Spirit is TRUTH, the Spirit will GUIDE, the Spirit can SPEAK, the Spirit can HEAR and the Spirit can SHOW.

The bible also tells us that God's word is our light:

Psalms 119:105 (KJV)

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Jehovah's Witnesses claim they have prophets on earth today, and as covered in Chapter 10, their prophecies have all failed in times past, however the bible doesn't tell us that in the age of grace, which we are in now, that there will be prophets on earth which speak to us. Let me show you a passage in Hebrews.

Hebrews 1:1-2 (KJV)

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;"

The bible declares that in these last days we are spoken to by the Son of God, who is the Word of God. We are not spoken to today by any prophets on earth, we are spoken today by God's word, and we are instructed in scripture not to ADD or take away from the Word of God.

Deuteronomy 4:2 (KJV)

"Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you."

Proverbs 30:5-6 (KJV)

"Every word of God is pure: He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him. Add thou not unto His words, lest He reprove thee, and thou be found a liar."

Revelation 22:18-19 (KJV)

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

The fact that Jehovah's Witnesses will regularly change their teachings and insist on new light being revealed proves that they are willing to disregard God's commands given to us directly through His word and value their own man made teachings above God's given word.

Chapter 3

What is God's purpose for the Earth?

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The Jehovah's Witnesses claim that God's main purpose for earth is to have the world filled with healthy happy people in a paradise setting. They claim there is coming a day when a new paradise earth will be created for all those who meet God's approval by serving Him in their organisation. They claim that our dead loved ones will be resurrected, which is detailed further in chapter 7, and will live together in peace on a new paradise earth especially those who were unrighteous at the time of death, which again I will cover later on in this book.

In this chapter of their book, there is no mention of any Gospel message declaring what God's real purpose for mankind is; therefore in my video on this chapter, I have declared what God's purpose is for mankind as taken from Scripture.

The purpose of God for mankind can be read in the following verse of scripture.

2nd Peter 3:9 (KJV)

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

God is not willing that anyone should perish. The Jehovah's Witnesses do not believe that there is a Hell for all those who disobey God they believe that some that are unrighteous will be given a second chance to serve God in a Paradise earth, and they also believe that those who are wicked will be forever destroyed by God and not resurrected. The Jehovah's Witnesses do not speak of Hell and say that Hell is only a figurative meaning in the bible meaning the grave. When the bible speaks of the Lake of Fire in Revelation, the Jehovah's Witnesses say that you can't take the book of Revelation literally as most of it is 'symbolic'. What the bible says regarding Hell is covered in chapter 6.

God's actual will for mankind is for man to come to repentance, which is a change of mind. One has to admit that they are a sinner in the sight of God, change their mind about God and accept His Son Jesus Christ to be their Saviour to have the forgiveness of sins and to receive the free gift of eternal life. Chapter 18 explains repentance in more detail.

The bible explains how one can receive eternal life, which is found only in the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 3:15 (KJV)

"That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

The reason I show John 3:15 rather than John 3:16 is because in the New World Translation which Jehovah's Witnesses use explains the same way of Salvation in their bible.

John 3:15 (NWT)

"so that everyone believing in Him may have everlasting life."

This verse shows that it is clear even in the NWT how a person receives everlasting life; by reading further on into John 3:16 in the King James Version it confirms this...

John 3:16 (KJV)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

However, The New World Translation of John 3:16 has not made it clear that by believing alone you can have eternal life - it contradicts its previous verse and confirms that one must exercise faith continually, which suggests and shows a 'works salvation'.

John 3:16 (NWT)

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life."

Again we see that The New World Translation shows that a person can be destroyed and that they won't perish. Perish suggests that they will be forever in torment which supports other passages of scripture, where as 'destroyed' shows that a person ceases to exist, which the bible does not support.

By the Watchtower Organisation using the phrase "exercising faith", they confirm that one must continue working and planting seed of their literature and speaking to people, confirming the Kingdom of God in order to receive eternal life eventually. However if one must continue working to receive eternal life, then there was no point in Christ dying for our sins on the cross of Calvary. A person can only receive eternal life based on their faith on what Christ has done for them, not what they have done themselves. The Apostle Paul makes this clear in Scripture:

Galatians 2:16 (KJV)

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

Galatians 2:21 (KJV)

"I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."

The Apostle Paul explains that we are not justified by working or keeping the law, but we are justified by our faith towards the Lord Jesus Christ, not an organisation which man has created. Paul explains further on that if we are justified by the works of the law or by our own righteousness then there was no need for Christ to die on the cross for us - He has died in vain.

Our own ways of righteousness could never save or justify anyone. The Jehovah's Witnesses claim that "turning over a new leaf" or "cleaning up their lifestyle" will justify them and grant them eternal life as long they continue or endure in the Watchtower Organisation, however there are many scriptures throughout the Old and New Testament telling us that our own ways of righteousness are filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6 - KJV) and that we cannot by ourselves merit eternal life.

One verse particularly stands out with regards to the Jehovah's Witnesses who claim that cleaning up their lifestyle can merit favour with God.

Jeremiah 2:22 (KJV)

"For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord GOD."

It is by believing in the finished work of Jesus Christ that a person is washed and cleansed from sins and iniquities, which then allows a relationship with God.

With regards to the Jehovah's Witness teachings on future events; they claim that there will be an Armageddon; however there is no mention of it in this section of chapter 3 of their book. They do not tell the reader that a Jehovah's Witness will have to go through Armageddon to reach eternal life, should Armageddon come when they are still on earth. This creates a false illusion that this life is to be endured and then a peaceful life is to follow.

The Jehovah's Witnesses take out a lot of the end time events mentioned in the bible as they do not hold to such views themselves; however let me show you from the bible what will happen in days to come.

First, Christ will come to the air and take all those who believe on Him to Heaven. The Jehovah's Witnesses do not believe that a person can go to heaven and only the 144,000 faithful Jehovah's Witnesses will enter Heaven - I will cover this later on in the book (chapter 6).

Looking at the book of Thessalonians in the bible makes clear what will be the first end time and supernatural event that will take place.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 (KJV)

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

Paul in the above verse is giving comfort and encouragement to the Church in Thessalonica telling them that Christ will come again soon, and both those who have died and those who are alive now will be 'caught up' together in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, to then be forever with the Lord.

There is comfort here for all believers in the Lord; many Christians will daily face persecution, and along with those who are participating in the spiritual warfare and are fighting the good fight of faith who will be constantly under attack they can all look earnestly to the skies in anticipation for our Lord to come and take us home with Him. The Jehovah's Witnesses claim all in the organisation still alive will go through the battle of Armageddon and the tribulation. Unfortunately that is correct because of their unbelief in the Lord Jesus; God is not willing for them to do so - He is willing to take them out from the wrath that He is going to pour on earth if they only believe. God will not force His wrath on any of His children who have come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 (KJV)

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."

Therefore all true believers in the Lord Jesus will not enter the tribulation period and that includes those who are carnal believers. All believers despite their spiritual state will be judged in heaven by Christ at His Judgement Seat, giving an account of all that they have done for Him on this earth, receiving rewards or lack thereof for what they have done. This particular judgement is only for believers - their works do not affect whether they were

actually saved or not, only what rewards they will receive for eternity and is not a condemnation which they have already been freed from.

The tribulation period will be divided into two parts, with a total of a seven year period, and those left behind during this time will experience the wrath of God poured out on the Earth for the final time.

The first half of the tribulation period is three and a half years which the following verse confirms.

Revelation 11:3 (KJV)

"And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth."

During the first half of the tribulation period two witnesses appear, and they will prophesy for one thousand, two hundred and sixty days which is exactly three and a half years. Then they shall be taken away and then there will be a further three and a half years on earth ruled by the Antichrist.

Revelation 13:5 (KJV)

"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months."

The Jehovah's Witnesses do not claim that the Antichrist is a singular person, but they believe that there are *MANY* Antichrists and they teach that even nations can be an Antichrist. However without going into the full detail of this, the bible does mention that *the* Antichrist is a single person, and gives his characteristics and motives during the time of the latter three and a half year reign on earth. He will set a mark upon the world that everyone should take or receive, which could be a microchip although the bible doesn't state exactly how it will be enforced; and without it no man can buy or sell anything.

Revelation 13:17 (KJV)

"And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

There is a warning to those who take this mark; the warning is that whosoever receives the mark so that he might buy or sell, shall be making a covenant with Hell, and shall be sent to Hell for all eternity.

Revelation 14:9-11 (KJV)

"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."

This is why it is important for those who are not taken during the rapture, those who have failed to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour, not to receive the mark of the Beast, as the bible says that this is irreversible upon doing so. However all believers in the Lord Jesus now, do not need to worry because as mentioned above, God does not appoint us to wrath those who are a child of God through Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and will be taken before the tribulation period.

At the end of the tribulation period, Christ returns with His bride to the Earth to defeat the Antichrist and to rule the nations as King. The Jehovah's Witnesses have obscured this teaching in their NWT, and on YouTube I explain in two separate videos the Ascension and Second Coming of Christ that the NWT has disproved. The video links for Kindle users can be accessed here: 1- <http://youtu.be/0zSNHPS04mM> 2- <http://youtu.be/6Aa3P8Phg7w>

The Jehovah's Witnesses claim that they will all go through this time of tribulation and at the end if they have persevered and endured to the end they will enter into Paradise according to their own perseverance, endurance and faithfulness or their own works towards Jehovah.

The bible does talk about a Paradise Earth and this is set up at Christ's Second Coming - those who enter will be those who have accepted Christ now for their Salvation. There will be a number of believers who will go through the tribulation period (those who accept Christ then will not have heard the Gospel now) and who will be faithful to Christ, but will be martyred by beheading for their faith towards Christ. There will be some who have endured to the end during the tribulation period who will enter into the Millennial Period with Christ, however they will not have glorified bodies who have been fashioned like unto His glorious body (Philippians 3:21 - KJV). Towards the end of the Millennial reign on Earth, those in their own natural bodies can / may / will rebel against Christ when Satan is let loose for a little season, and will eventually be ushered to Hell for their rebellious acts towards Christ at the time.

Revelation 20:6-7 (KJV)

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison."

After Satan is let loose from prison for a short time, and seeks to deceive many nations again, Satan is then cast into the lake of fire and is followed there by those who have been deceived and who rebel against Christ. Those who have been faithful towards Christ during the tribulation, who are now redeemed by Christ, will then forever live in a New Earth which is to be created.

Revelation 21:1 (KJV)

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea."

This is why the bible gives us warnings now to accept Christ and to be saved now so that no one can experience the wrath of God to come in the days ahead.

2 Corinthians 6:2b (KJV)

"...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

The bible makes it clear how to be saved now and to avoid the wrath of God either on Earth or in Hell.

Acts 16:31 (KJV)

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..."

If a person rejects Christ now or rebels against Christ in a future time, they will face the judgement of their own sins in Hell, where they cannot escape, and the bible tells us that Hell and the Lake of Fire is an eternal punishment, which again I cover later on in this book (chapter 6).

Chapter 4

Who really is Jesus Christ?

Kindle Users: Click below links to watch the first video in the series:

Who Jesus IS: <http://youtu.be/ft5CopzXITk>

Who Jesus is NOT: <http://youtu.be/evIyfGnAink>

Matthew 16:15 (KJV)

“He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?”

In my video response to this chapter, I created two separate videos on my YouTube channel explaining the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Jehovah’s Witness book gives false teaching of the person of Jesus Christ, and so I felt the need to explain in two videos who Jesus Christ really is, and who Jesus Christ really is not.

The Jehovah’s Witnesses claim that Jesus is the Son of God, but that He is created and was Michael the arch-angel before He came to earth. What the Jehovah’s Witnesses do not announce in any of their public literature, but hold it in their private knowledge is that they believe that Jesus Christ is the spirit brother of Satan, which again other cults such as the Mormons also hold to.

The Jehovah’s Witnesses say Jesus is God’s only begotten son who is the firstborn from God (meaning first created being) and therefore God holds Him precious to Himself because He was the first created; therefore teaching that Jesus is not God or part of the Godhead. They will also teach that Jesus is a ‘mighty god’ and not ‘Almighty God.’

Before delving further into the topic, I start by passing on a warning from the Apostle Paul who knew that others were going to present a different Jesus in times to come.

2nd Corinthians 11:4 (KJV)

“For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.”

The Apostle Paul knew that others were coming preaching about *another* Jesus, but why is this so significant? Satan knows that salvation is only through the person of the Lord Jesus Christ as revealed through the bible, the real Jesus Christ, and that creating a counterfeit Jesus will lead people down the wrong path, even to destruction. Every different cult, whether Jehovah’s Witnesses, Mormons, Seven Day Adventists and so on will preach an entirely different Jesus than who the bible declares Jesus to be. You can know that a person belongs to a cult based on who they believe Jesus Christ to be, it is one of the most visible indications of a cult.

Firstly, I want to show you who Jesus Christ of the bible really is, and I want to share with you that Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation.

Acts 4:12 (KJV)

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

This verse stands out clearly that you cannot go to another person, or another name which is under heaven for salvation. This makes it clear for Buddhists, Muslims, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Seven Day Adventists, Roman Catholics and other smaller cults, that it is not the building you enter that gives eternal life, it is not an organisation that gives eternal life, it is not the name of another person that gives eternal life, it is JESUS only. Remember what the Lord Jesus Christ said in John's Gospel...

John 14:6 (KJV)

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Therefore with Satan creating many counterfeit Jesus' it is evident he is busy trying to deceive people of the truth in order to take people away from salvation. The Roman Catholics would teach the correct Jesus, but they have the wrong doctrine, in that they base salvation on their own works, and not in the finished work of the cross of Calvary.

In the first video of Chapter 4, I explained that Jesus is equal to the Father and also that He is Jehovah God. If any Jehovah's Witnesses read this, they will immediately say "You are contradicting yourself here" because Jehovah's Witnesses claim and believe that Jehovah God relates to the Father only, however let me explain from Scripture how Jesus is equal to God and that He is Jehovah God.

Jehovah is the name of God and God is three persons. As I explained in Chapter 1, God is plural. There is only one God in three divine persons, as seen in the following verse:

1 John 5:7 (KJV)

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

In chapter 1 we looked at the plurality of God in Genesis 1:26 where it says "Let US make man in OUR image after OUR likeness", but we can now look more at what this means for Jesus Christ from Scripture.

Deuteronomy 10:17 (KJV)

"For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:"

Here we can see that the Lord is "God of gods", AND "Lord of lords". The Jehovah's Witnesses take out the word Lord and add Jehovah in its place; however by looking at this verse alone, it shows that God is the only one who is God of gods and Lord of Lords. Mark's Gospel shows that there is only one Lord.

Mark 12:29 (KJV)

"...The Lord our God is one Lord:"

Let us now read a verse in Revelation:

Revelation 17:14 (KJV)

"These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful."

Looking at the Lamb, the Jehovah's Witnesses agree that the Lamb of God is Jesus Christ, and by looking at the above scripture we see that the Lamb of God is given a title that only God has, which is Lord of lords. Only God is Lord of lords, and yet we read that the Lord Jesus is Lord of lords.

Let us look back to the Old Testament Scriptures and go to the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 44:6 (KJV)

"Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and His redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God."

If you read this verse carefully you will notice that there is more than one person mentioned in this verse described as the one God, who is the King of Israel and the Redeemer the Lord of hosts. God gives Himself the title of King of Israel. I want to note two parts here: "King of Israel" and "First and Last". Firstly the New Testament shows who was given the title of the King of Israel.

John 1:49 (KJV)

"Nathanael answered and saith unto Him (Jesus), Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel."

Here we see that Nathanael gives the title of King of Israel to The Lord Jesus, and yet we do not read further on in the chapter that The Lord Jesus rebukes Nathanael, why not? Because Nathanael correctly applies this title to The Lord Jesus knowing who He is and thus the Lord Jesus welcomes the praise from him that He rightly deserves. There can only be one King of Israel, and the Jehovah's Witnesses in their New World Translation says that the King of Israel is Jehovah (meaning the Father) where as the King of Israel is indeed the Lord Jesus, who again is God.

The second part of the verse in Isaiah is the "First and the Last". The Jehovah's Witnesses do not claim that The Lord Jesus is the First and the Last, and do not believe He is the Alpha and the Omega, so let me explain from scripture and show you that He is.

As mentioned in Isaiah the verse finishes and says "I am the first, and I am the last,"

In Revelation we read who the First and the Last, the Alpha and the Omega is:

Revelation 22:12-13 (KJV)

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."

There is no doubt from the above verse that the Lord Jesus refers to Himself as the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last, by reading further down this same chapter, verse 16 shows who it is that is speaking in this section.

Revelation 22:16 (KJV)

*"**I Jesus** have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."*

Therefore by looking back to the Old Testament Scriptures and seeing that The LORD says that He is the Lord of lords, King of kings, First and Last and the Redeemer, it shows that the Jehovah of the Old Testament is Jesus in the New Testament, also remembering that Jehovah is three persons, not one person, and one God.

In the book of Timothy we read that God was manifest in the flesh:

1 Timothy 3:16 (KJV)

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”

The New World Translation declares this as “He was manifest in the flesh” taking out the word God, so to support their own doctrine.

The above verse in 1 Timothy ties in with what John said in his gospel:

John 1:14 (KJV)

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

The Word of God is God, as we have seen in Chapter 1, and there is no God beside Him. He was manifest in the flesh and died on a cross, showing that God wanted to pay the price of our sins, and came to us in the person of the Lord Jesus. The Jehovah’s Witnesses claim that Jesus was an angel, He came to earth as a servant of God, a man only, died and was raised again as a spirit creature. This is blasphemy and does not describe the Lord Jesus at all from scripture. Jesus Christ is LORD, and He is Lord of ALL.

Acts 10:36 (KJV)

“The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (He is Lord of all:)”

I have explained from scripture that Jesus Christ is LORD and now I want to show you from scriptures again that He is equal with God the Father.

John 5:16-18 (KJV)

“And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay Him, because He had done these things on the sabbath day. But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill Him, because He not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.”

The Jews knew exactly who Jesus was claiming to be, that is why they sought on more than one occasion to slay Him. Jesus claimed to be equal with God, and when we look further into the New Testament, the Apostle Paul gives us this fact in his own words.

Philippians 2:6 (KJV)

“Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:”

The Jehovah’s Witnesses will say in defence, that Jesus claimed that the Father was greater than Him, and will take you to the following verse of scripture:

John 14:28 (KJV)

“Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.”

To understand what this verse means, you have to realise that when the Lord Jesus came to earth, He humbled Himself and was made (not created, but His positional stand when with mankind) lower than the angels. I will show you further on in this chapter that Jesus is not an angel.

Hebrews 2:9 (KJV)

“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”

This verse explains He was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death; however His deity in relationship to His Father was that He was still equal to the Father in position and power.

We can see that while the Lord Jesus became a man, He was still God on Earth, which Matthews Gospel explains:

Matthew 1:23 (KJV)

“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”

The Lord Jesus explained to the unbelieving Jews who He really was, even though He was humbling Himself. To see this, let’s first go back to the Old Testament scriptures.

Exodus 3:14 (KJV)

“And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.”

We can see from the book of Exodus that God gave Himself a name to Moses which was “I AM” and told Moses that “I AM” hath sent you to them.

Going forward to the Gospels, The Lord Jesus uses the same title which God gave to Moses.

John 8:58-59 (KJV)

“Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. Then took they up stones to cast at Him: but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.”

Again as mentioned the Jews at this stage sought to stone Jesus because they thought He was being blasphemous about claiming to be equal with God. Jesus was claiming to be equal with God and because He was telling them this, the Jews resented this and sought to stone and kill Him. The Lord Jesus told the Jews that before Abraham was, He was alive and He was “I am”. If the Jews understood that Jesus was claiming to be around before Abraham then the Jews would have no reason to stone Him, but because He said “I am” the Jews knew exactly who Jesus Christ was claiming to be, and thus they tried to stone Him.

If you read the previous verses in the same chapter, you will also see a warning from the Lord Jesus concerning His deity:

John 8:24 (KJV)

“I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins.”

The Jehovah’s Witnesses today do not believe that Jesus Christ is I AM, they do not believe that Jesus Christ is God manifest in the flesh; therefore the Jehovah’s Witnesses will die in their sins, because they have not had their sins forgiven. There is no second chance when a person dies without receiving Christ, a person will spend eternity in Hell for rejecting Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. This is why it is important to realise the error of the Watchtower Organisation, who have predicted falsely in times past, which I will cover in Chapter 10, and taught lies concerning the person of the Lord Jesus and other doctrines.

Now I will explain who Jesus Christ is NOT from scripture below. You will now understand why I had to do this in two videos, as it is important to see who Jesus Christ IS and who He is NOT.

As mentioned previously, the Jehovah's Witnesses claim that Jesus was created, that He is an angel, and that He is Satan's spirit brother. Let me show you from scripture that this is not the case, that Jesus is not a created being.

John 1:1-3 (KJV)

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made."

It is the last line of this verse I want to focus on, which shows that there was nothing made / created whatsoever without the Lord Jesus. He is the creator of all things, and He did not create Himself. There is no mention in scripture that the Father created the Lord Jesus, however when you mention this to the Jehovah's Witnesses, they will take you to Colossians and show you from there that Jesus was the firstborn, thus He must have been created. Let me show you this verse in its context.

Colossians 1:14-18 (KJV)

"In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence."

Firstly, we can see from this passage that we can only have redemption through the blood of Jesus and it's not by works we are justified. We receive the forgiveness of sins basis on our acceptance of Christ, and not through an organisation, or continuing to be faithful in works towards God. Secondly we see that the Lord Jesus is the image of the Invisible God; however the Jehovah's Witnesses stop after the next sentence and say that because this verse shows that He is the firstborn, it confirms that He is a created being. Firstborn in this sense does not mean created, it means that He has been given pre-eminence over all things that He created. Let me explain by looking at a few Old Testament Scriptures.

In the 89th Psalm we read about David:

Psalms 89:20 (KJV)

"I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:"

We read together that this Psalm is speaking about David, and how God was going to exalt him. Let's continue to read in the same Psalm:

Psalms 89:27 (KJV)

"Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth."

Here we see that the LORD was going to make David His firstborn, higher than the Kings of the Earth. Anyone who knows the scriptures will realise that David wasn't the firstborn in his own family, in that David had at least seven other brothers of whom David was the youngest.

Therefore the word firstborn in this text indicates the pre-eminence that David was going to receive in that he would be higher than all the kings of the earth. Again by looking at Colossians we see that this doesn't mean the Lord Jesus was created, but given the pre-eminence over all things in that He created all things. The term Firstborn shows that He has the pre-eminence over all things. He created Satan and all other angels; He has been made higher than all His own creation.

The Lord Jesus is not a created being, however the Jehovah's Witnesses use Micah 5:2 to show that He was from 'early times' and thus created. Again, as mentioned the New World Translation is false, and the King James Version shows in Micah that Jesus was not created but in-fact from everlasting.

Micah 5:2 (KJV)

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting"

The Lord Jesus was never created and was eternally in being. This would confirm that He is not an angel as well. Let us look to the scriptures again to prove this.

Hebrews 1:5 (KJV)

"For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to me a Son?"

Hebrews 1:13 (KJV)

"But to which of the angels said He at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?"

The first chapter of Hebrews explains that God no longer uses prophets on earth to speak to us, but rather uses His Son to speak to us through His word. The Jehovah's Witnesses use prophets on earth today to speak further 'revelation' from God to give them further 'light' on their teachings. Looking again in Hebrews, we read beginning at verse 5 that the Lord Jesus is superior to all the angels created, and that at no point did God the Father say to any of His angels "Thou art my Son" - not one of His angels did He appoint to be His only-begotten Son.

Looking in-between the above verses we come to verse 8 where God the Father has a dialogue with His Son and says the following:

Hebrews 1:8 (KJV)

"But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom."

Here we see that God the Father calls His Son, "O God". Remembering that in other verses I have mentioned in this Chapter that there is no God beside God, thus indicating that Jesus is the same God and Lord as the Father.

In my last point of this chapter, I want to show you that Jesus cannot be the arch-angel Michael. I showed from scripture that Jesus Christ is Lord of lords and that He is Lord of all. Therefore let's read a verse in Jude.

Jude 1:9 (KJV)

"Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee."

Here we see that Michael was contending with Satan and there was a response made to Satan from Michael which said "The Lord rebuke thee". This verse does not say "I rebuke thee" because Michael clearly understands who the Lord is here. If the Lord Jesus was Michael it would show that the Lord was contending with the devil and not the person of Michael, however as mentioned the Lord Jesus created all the angels, including the arch-angel Michael. There is no mention in the entire scriptures to prove, indicate or suggest that the Lord Jesus was / is Michael the arch-angel, and therefore comes down to mans false teachings or wrong ideas about the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Jehovah's Witnesses are taught today that they cannot worship Jesus, which they regard as wrongful idolatry; yet prior to the 1950's they were taught that they could worship Him.

Charles Taze Russell, one of the founders of the Watchtower Organisation, taught that the Jehovah's Witnesses should worship Jesus and the initial Watchtower Charter's specified that establishment of the Watchtower Society was to promote the worship of Jehovah and Jesus.

Charles Taze Russell promoted the worship of Jesus and prayer to Him because He is our God.

*"It seems clear that His Divinity was retained in humanity because He repeatedly spoke of Himself as having come down from heaven, and because He, though passing through trial and sorrow as a man, was yet possessed of the authority and exercised the prerogatives of a God. He was the object of unproved worship even when a babe, by the wise men who came to see the new-born King. Matt. 2:2-11. Even the angels delighted to do Him honor. "When He bringeth the first-begotten into the world, He saith, "And let all the angels of God worship Him." Heb. 1:6. He never reproved any one for acts of worship offered to Himself, but when Cornelius offered such service to Peter--the leading apostle-- "he took him up, saying, stand up; I myself also am a man." Had Christ not been more than a man the same reason would have prevented from receiving worship...." Zion's Watch Tower 1880 Oct pp.2-3
"It is undoubtedly proper enough for us to address petitions to our Redeemer and Advocate, who loved us and gave himself for us....Although we are nowhere instructed to make petitions to him, it evidently could not be improper so to do; for such a course is nowhere prohibited, and the disciples worshiped him." Zion's Watch Tower 1892 May 15 p.157.*

John 14:6 (KJV)

"Jesus saith... I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Because Jesus is the only way to salvation, it is no wonder that Satan has tried to dissuade them to stop worshipping Jesus, and put false road blocks up concerning their teachings towards Him. The bible makes it more than clear that Jesus is God, that He is and was eternal, and has never been an angel. I trust this chapter will help you come to a fuller appreciation of who the Lord Jesus is.

For videos explaining the teaching on who the person of Christ is, please visit my playlist on YouTube which gives further truths on this. Kindle users please click the following:

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Chapter 5

The Ransom, God's greatest Gift

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The Jehovah's Witnesses in this chapter of their book have explained about God's gift of His Son Jesus and how that He died to take away the sins of the world, however they teach that in order for sins to be fully removed, good works must continue to be done, and one must be fully repentant towards God in their actions (I will cover Repentance towards the end of this book). They teach that if a person is not working, and continuing in these practices, then God will not forgive that person. They are adding their own self-righteous works in order to receive God's approval; they state in this chapter that one must exercise works of faith in order to receive the full forgiveness of their sins so that they can enter into the Kingdom of God.

I am going to cover 'Faith Alone' at the end of this book, however in this chapter I would like to take a different approach to this, and show you that it is not by works that we receive eternal life, or have our sins forgiven.

The day before making this video in this series, I met a Jehovah's Witness man in the street who was handing out Watchtower Magazines. He described to me that God has standards, and in order for him to meet God's approval he had to first of all clean up his own life. He confirmed that God does indeed have standards that one must meet, and he claimed that he was in the process of cleaning up his own life in order for him to meet Jehovah God's approval. Prior to this, I had met another Jehovah's Witness in the street who told me that a person would have to quit smoking before he became a Jehovah's Witness (or if you want to put it in biblical terms, that person would have to quit smoking before he became a 'Christian'.)

Let me take you to a verse in scripture:

Romans 3:23 (KJV)
"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

This verse here shows that everyone in the whole world has sinned before God, and so have come short of the glory of God, meaning that nobody can by their own merits level up to God's standard. The reason we cannot attain to God's standard is because His standard is perfection, and not one of us is perfect.

The Jehovah's Witnesses use their own translation of scripture to justify what they mean by continuing in works to receive justification. Let me show you a verse in their bible:

John 3:36 (NWT)
"The one who exercises faith in the Son has everlasting life; the one who disobeys the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains upon him"

First of all, looking at the latter part of this verse, there are many Christians today who disobey God in their walk with Him, either by backsliding or not submitting to Him, therefore that verse in the New World Translation would suggest that a Christian can lose their salvation based on an act of disobedience towards God. However this is not true, and as

covered in the final chapter, nobody can lose their Salvation once they are saved. There is no assurance in this translation of this verse concerning the hope of Salvation.

The beginning of this verse indicates that a person must work to be saved; exercise generally means to work at something. However the bible makes it clear a person is not justified by working but by believing. Let me show you from scripture (King James Version), firstly by looking at what it says with regards to the above verse we read in the New World Translation:

John 3:36 (KJV)
"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Now this verse gives assurance, first it mentions that by believing alone on the Son, we can have everlasting life. The word 'hath' means he possesses eternal life now at present, so we can know for certain we have it now, it is not just a vague promise of something if we meet a certain criteria over our life - we come into it at the point of salvation. The latter part of this verse indicates that a person who does not believe on the Son will not see or receive life, and the verse finishes that the wrath of God abideth on him, meaning that God's wrath is still upon him until that person accepts His Son for salvation by believing on Him.

Let me continue in John chapter 3 to further back up this claim:

John 3:18 (KJV)
"He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

One of the main keywords here is the word 'already' because this shows that a person can do nothing to gain salvation without accepting Jesus as their Saviour and that the person is already condemned. A person may try and work towards eternal life, but if they haven't believed on the Son of God alone for their salvation then they are already condemned.

As mentioned there are people, not just Jehovah's Witnesses, who try and work at their own righteous ways in order to appease a Holy God for salvation; however as mentioned we are all sinners who cannot meet the demands of God by being perfect. The bible explains about those who are trying to work to receive life, let me show you:

Isaiah 64:6 (KJV)
"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness's are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."

The verse above in Isaiah tells us that any of our own good works are still 'filth' before God, that our own righteous ways or works are seen as filthy rags, and He will not accept them. Paul says something similar in the New Testament:

Titus 3:5-6 (KJV)
"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;"

Paul explains that our works of righteousness will not save us whatsoever, and confirms it is nothing that we have done or offer towards God. He then goes on to say that we are saved only through Jesus Christ who is our Saviour.

Furthermore Paul tells the church in Ephesians that nothing we have done or any works we do can or will grant eternal life:

Ephesians 2:8-9 (KJV)

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

Grace means that it is unmerited, so the beginning of this verse shows that it is by God’s unmerited favour toward us that we are saved through faith; and that is faith or belief towards His only begotten Son Jesus, not what we have done of ourselves - including stopping bad habits or practices or turning over a new leaf. The reason for this is because it is a gift, an undeserved, unmerited, unearned, free gift from God for anyone who truly believes and puts their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul further tells us that it is not of works, notice that Paul is not confirming a double emphasis here showing works twice, but is showing that works is separate from our own ways of righteousness. One could say “I have done something to gain eternal life” (by an act of their own righteousness, by cleaning up their life or by doing a good work) and thus boast about what they have done, creating pride in the individual’s heart and mind which causes sin. God would never allow someone to receive salvation in a sinful way, because that would contradict the character of God and the purpose of salvation, for we know that God hates sin.

Paul tells us throughout Romans that the gift of God, which is eternal life, is a free gift and that we are justified freely in His sight. Stopping sinful habits or bad practices should follow salvation not contribute to salvation; however should a believer continue in these practices then that would open the door for God to chasten them, but they will never lose their salvation.

Looking further at what the Jehovah’s Witnesses teach in regards to salvation by works, there were many believers around in Paul’s time who were confused and worried about their salvation, the reason for which was because there was false teaching in Paul’s day also. Paul confirmed in Acts that there were Christians who were troubled with false teachings and Paul had to comfort them as we can see from the below verse:

Acts 15:24 (KJV)

“Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:”

When Paul became a Christian, he received revelations from the Lord Jesus Christ who explained to him what gospel to preach, and that was the gospel of the grace of God. Paul tells the believers in the above verse that he gave no commandment to keep the law in his gospel message. There were obviously believers in these churches who had failed to keep the law or had sinned and were now worried that they might not have been saved, to which Paul replied that salvation is not by keeping the law.

Again Paul experiences these concerns from believers in the church in Galatia who were also worried that they might not have been saved, again because of sinful practices. Paul knew the reason they were experiencing these concerns, is because again false teachers had gone in and taught the opposite what Paul was teaching. He writes to these believers and says the following:

Galatians 2:16 (KJV)

“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.”

There is no doubt about what Paul is teaching throughout these New Testament churches, that salvation is not by working or exercising at something, it is by a one time faith towards Jesus Christ.

A person cannot please God before they receive salvation, because we are sinful creatures who are condemned and face God’s wrath. Paul tells the Roman believers how that a person is justified.

Romans 4:4-5 (KJV)

“Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.”

Paul once again confirms that we cannot work to receive eternal life. An ungodly person who does not work but believes on Jesus is justified because of his faith towards the only person who can save him.

Before we came to the Lord Jesus for salvation, we had no strength of our own and therefore it is God that gives us the strength to overcome all things, including sinful habits and practices.

Romans 5:6 (KJV)

“For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.”

A person who tries to make amends of their own life or tries to work in the flesh before accepting Christ as their Saviour cannot do anything to please God either.

Romans 8:8 (KJV)

“So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.”

In the Gospel of Matthew, the Lord Jesus gives a chilling reminder to all those people who trust their own works for salvation.

Matthew 7:21-23 (KJV)

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

First of all, the Lord Jesus mentions the reason why a person cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven, and that is because they never done the will of the Father. We can see that the will of the Father is not preaching, prophesising, or doing wonderful works in His name; and then we see what happens to that person - they depart from God and enter Hell. The Lord Jesus calls them “workers of iniquity”, these people tried to impress God by their own good works to give them a clear entrance into Heaven, but they failed.

So then, what is the will of the Father? The answer is found in John’s Gospel. Firstly let me show you the only mention the bible makes of work to receive eternal life, and then from the same chapter we can see that the will of the Father is for us to do that same work.

John 6:28-29 (KJV)

“Then said they unto Him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent.”

The Lord Jesus is speaking to His own disciples here and they are focused on what they have to do in order to work the works of God for eternal life. The Lord Jesus responds to the disciples and tells them that the work of God a person has to do is to believe on Him - the Lord Jesus.

The Lord Jesus further explains the will of the Father to the disciples in the same chapter.

John 6:39-40 (KJV)

“And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which He hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.”

The will of the Father is that everyone that believes on the Son may have everlasting life. The word ‘may’ shows the graciousness of the gift that will be passed onto the believing sinner, it isn’t a perhaps, but a promise that they will have everlasting life.

The Jehovah’s Witnesses as well as many other cults use a verse in James to try and confirm that by works you are saved. They use the following verse:

James 2:20 (KJV)

“But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?”

To understand this verse, you have to remember that James is not speaking of salvation here; he is speaking about faith in practice. Many Christians should strive to have faith today for prayer to be answered, for trials that they enter, and to honour God in their daily walk, but it is not saving faith James is speaking about in his letter.

When I speak to cults in the street, I use an illustration that speaks of two sailors to help the person understand as to what James is speaking of here. The illustration makes the person think and I have seen people stumped to provide a response at the illustration. I used to work for a shipping company that worked with oil tankers coming into port, and therefore I have met many sailors in my time, hence this illustration.

‘Suppose I meet two sailors on the street who have come ashore for some downtime before their ship sails once more; one is wearing their sailor uniform, and one is wearing casual clothing. God knows that both are sailors, but I don't know that. I can tell only by the fact that one is wearing a uniform so I judge that he is a sailor. The one that is wearing casual clothing gives me no evidence to believe or to suggest that he is a sailor. I have no way to tell but by his outward appearance. I approach the sailor without uniform and make a judgemental statement saying “You are not a sailor”. He is mortified and goes back to the ship, comes back to me on the street a short time later wearing his uniform to prove to me that he is indeed a sailor. I now realise I had wrongly judged him, and apologise seeing evidence that he is indeed a sailor. However before I made my assumptions, God knew that both were sailors... how?’

1 Samuel 16:7 (KJV)

“But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.”

We are all quick to judge people, we think because people are not living to a certain standard of living that they cannot be Christians. James is trying to explain to the believers here, that he cannot see any evidence of their faith apart from their works and asks them to prove their

faith, not to God but to himself, therefore by doing works James can indeed know for sure that they are Christians. James cannot see their heart, James can only judge if they are Christians based on their works; however as mentioned above God doesn’t look on the outward appearance, God looks on the heart and it is with the heart that man believes for salvation.

Romans 10:10 (KJV)

“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

A person does not have to prove to God that they belong to Him, God knows and sees their heart, He knows if they have accepted His Son for salvation or not.

It is evident throughout the New Testament scriptures that a person does not work for their salvation, a person does not work to become justified in the sight of God and a person does not work to receive the forgiveness of sins. I will explain in detail from scripture in Chapter 18 that salvation is faith alone in Christ alone, plus nothing.

Chapter 6

Where are the dead? (Heaven & Hell)

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Heaven:

The Jehovah's Witnesses teach that when a person dies they cease to exist and that a person has no conscious awareness after the point of death. They also teach that man has no soul or spirit; however I cover that in another chapter further on in this book.

The Jehovah's Witnesses also teach that if one of their members die today, they do not enter Heaven, and that only 144,000 faithful Jehovah's Witness 'Christians' who lived from the time of the Apostle Paul up until 1935 had the hope of entering Heaven. They say that if a Jehovah's Witness has a 'heavenly hope' in their heart then that is a call from God to confirm that they have been chosen to enter Heaven. They teach that most of the 144,000 faithful Jehovah's Witness 'Christians' have now already earned their place in that allocated number. The remainder of the Jehovah's Witness 'Christians' outside the 144,000 have an 'earthly hope' and therefore they will spend forever on a paradise earth instead of entering into Heaven.

Of course, the bible doesn't teach any of the above. There are no scriptures to back it up and therefore it is a man-made idea that has been set up in their organisation. The 144,000 which is mentioned in Revelation in the bible refers to the tribes of Israel during the tribulation period and not to Christians currently.

Preceding the year of 1935 according to the Watchtower Organisation, all "true Christians" were said to be anointed and called to heaven. Therefore, everyone associating with the Watchtower Society prior to 1935 was automatically part of the heavenly calling. Those who converted after 1935 were told they have an earthly hope. What makes their doctrine quite ridiculous is that it indicates God could only find 144,000 'true Christians' over a period of 2000 years, yet over 6 million true Witness Christians since 1935. The Watchtower doctrine has been that until 1935, all "true Christians" were part of the heavenly class, which means that a period of over 1900 years, only 144,000 people can be considered to have worshipped God acceptably.

"As spirit-anointed brothers of Christ, all the early Christians had the prospect of being heavenly priests with Christ." (Jehovah's Witnesses - Proclaimers of God's Kingdom p.35)
They further published:

"One aspect of that secret involved Jehovahs selecting a little flock of 144,000 humans to be associated with his Son as part of the seed, to reign with him in heaven." (Examining the Scriptures Daily 2007 p.117 Nov 28.)

You will notice that the above statement is from their publication titled "Examining the Scriptures Daily" yet ironically by examining the scriptures ourselves the term "little flock of 144,000" is not mentioned in the scriptures.

Closer examination of Revelation confirms without a doubt that this group are not selected over a two thousand year period, but rather the entire group reside on earth at the time of the great tribulation.

Revelation 7:4 (KJV)

"And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel."

The Lord Jesus Christ told many of His followers about Heaven in the scriptures; let us look at a few verses.

Matthew 6:19-20 (KJV)

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:"

Here we see that the Lord Jesus explains about rewards or treasures. There is no mention about having rewards or treasures on a paradise earth, all mention of rewards or treasures are mentioned simultaneously next to Heaven. The Lord Jesus in the above verse explained that there are treasures for each individual to gain once in Heaven and that an individual is instructed not to lay up treasures on earth.

The Jehovah's Witnesses teach that the thief on the cross next to the Lord Jesus never made it to paradise even though the Lord Jesus advised him that today he would be there. They teach that the thief never met the qualifications of gaining paradise, which was that he had not become a baptised, spirit-begotten disciple of Jesus, nor had he built a record of upright conduct and faithful endurance. They further teach that it seems unreasonable that Jesus would promise him heavenly kingship alongside his faithful followers who had proved their integrity. This is taught in their 'Watchtower Magazine' (March 2013 edition titled 'Did Jesus promise the evildoer Life in Heaven?')

The bible does make it clear that there is a qualification for entering Heaven, and it is found in the book of Colossians.

Colossians 1:5 (KJV)

"For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;"

Paul explains that Heaven is for those who have heard the word of truth, which is the gospel, although one must believe the truth as explained in the book of Ephesians.

Ephesians 1:13 (KJV)

"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise."

We have to trust and believe on Christ who is the only person which can give us eternal life. Paul never once confirmed that Heaven were for those who had a 'heavenly hope' or asked any of the saints if they have 'earthly hopes'. He never stated that Heaven had a limited number either.

When Paul was addressing the church at Corinth, he explained that he would far rather be with Christ than remain in his mortal sinful body. He confirms to the Christians at Corinth the following:

2nd Corinthians 5:6,8 (KJV)

"Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

Paul was confident that he would be with Christ the moment he left his body, the moment he died. Paul suffered many tribulations and persecutions, and confirms the following:

Philippians 1:21,23 (KJV)

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:"

Again Paul tells the Church at Philippi that he has a desire to depart from this earth, and to be with Christ which would be far better. Paul knew that as soon as he died, he would be in heaven with his Lord which is the same hope every Christian has today. To die 'is gain', what would Paul be gaining should he die? To be with the Lord Jesus for all eternity, there is no waiting until a future resurrection he would immediately be with the Lord as soon as he died.

Hell:

The Jehovah's Witnesses refute any teachings on Hell, and say that Hell is the grave. They believe that those people who are in Hell are unconscious and do not feel pain. They would teach that faithful men such as Jacob and Job from Old Testament Scriptures will be in Hell. They teach that Death is the payment of sin, not a fiery judgement. They teach that God does not even contemplate eternal judgement anywhere in scriptures.

The bible however, speaks a lot about Hell and eternal judgement, this is why it is important to know and believe the gospel. When the Lord Jesus spoke of believing on Him to be saved, you have to realise what you are being saved from, that is Hell. We all deserve Hell; we all deserved to be punished for our sins, however by the mercy grace and love of God He provided a way of escape from Hell, which is by believing on His Son, Jesus Christ who paid the price of our sins on the cross of Calvary.

Let us look to the scriptures to see what the bible speaks of concerning Hell.

Firstly, God who is a God of love does not want anyone to go to Hell; this is why He has made it so simple and easy for someone to become a Christian through faith towards His only begotten Son, Jesus.

2 Peter 3:9 (LKV)

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

God has no desire to send people to Hell, however a person will enter Hell for all eternity should they reject His Son Jesus for their salvation, having their sins unforgiving through the blood of Jesus.

Therefore, should a person reject Jesus Christ as their saviour, they will enter Hell and suffer for their own sins for all eternity.

Matthew 13:41-42 (KJV)

“The Son of man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

The above verses indicate that those who are out with His kingdom (those who reject Him) and do iniquity will be cast into a furnace of fire. There aren't unconscious souls or bodies in Hell; these people who are in Hell will have an awareness of their surroundings and pain, there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth, unlike what the Jehovah's Witnesses falsely teach.

Let us look at a large passage from Luke's Gospel concerning the rich man and Lazarus.

Luke 16:19-30 (KJV)

“There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.”

The teaching here shows three persons, the rich man, Lazarus and Abraham. The Jehovah's Witnesses get around this passage by saying this was a parable only, therefore it never actually happened. All parables tend to use phrases like “a certain man or woman” or “the sower”, the “Good Samaritan”, or “the prosperous farmer”; however in this passage there are given names of the people, which in this case is Lazarus. There are never any names used in any other of the Lord Jesus parables He used when explaining them, therefore this sets aside this passage from every other parable that was used to explain a teaching. There is no metaphor here in this passage which is used in every other parable; this is a presentation of a spiritual truth using an earthly illustration that actually happened. This passage is confirming that the rich man who was in Hell had a conscious awareness of his surroundings, he felt his pain and he felt thirst. He could see Abraham's bosom, which would indicate Heaven, and realised there was a great gulf fixed between Heaven and Hell. He could cry out to Father Abraham and ask for water - he realised he was surrounded by a flame of fire and he also realised that there was no mercy or escape for him, because he never requested for himself to be sent back from the dead to warn his brothers and family, but requested that Lazarus who was in Abraham's bosom could go back for him to warn his family about the dangers of going to this awful place of Hell.

The Lord Jesus spoke more about Hell in the Gospel of Matthew than any other Gospel, and said the following concerning Hell.

Matthew 25:46 (KJV)

“And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.”

I will cover the subject of who the righteous and unrighteous are further on in this book.

As you can see from the above verse, the unrighteous go away in everlasting punishment, this verse does not say everlasting death, but punishment; and the righteous into life eternal. The reason for everlasting punishment is because of their sins that have been unforgiving, not because they never stopped sinning, but because they never came to the Lord Jesus to be forgiven for all their sins.

As mentioned earlier, Paul received revelations from the Lord Jesus Christ to teach the New Testament truth to all churches he came across. Paul confirmed the existence of Hell as well. First of all, Paul did explain how a person could receive eternal life and not enter eternal punishment.

Romans 3:25 (KJV)

“Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;”

The Jehovah's Witnesses claim one must go through their organisation to receive life eternal; however the bible declares that one must have faith through the blood of Christ that was shed on the cross at Calvary for the remission of our sins. Paul explains throughout the dangers of Hell.

2 Thessalonians 1:8 (KJV)

“In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:”

Paul gives a warning to those outside the church in Thessalonica, that there will be vengeance on ‘them’ that know not God and do not obey the gospel of Christ, to believe on the sacrifice of the one who died for us, which you can read in 1st Corinthians 15:1-4. Paul explains that the vengeance of God will arrive in flaming fire for those who reject the Gospel message. Paul continues this in the next verse.

2 Thessalonians 1:9 (KJV)

“Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power;”

The vengeance of God in flaming fire for those who reject the Gospel shall be punished with everlasting destruction. Again Paul explains about those who will be delivered from this eternal punishment in the next verse:

2 Thessalonians 1:10 (KJV)

“When He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.”

Paul tells the church that those who believe (on Christ and the Gospel) will be with the Lord Jesus when He comes. Paul confirms twenty one times in his epistles (Romans – Philemon) that the word ‘saved’ is a word which describes a rescue. One must realise what they are being saved from, Hell, everlasting punishment, everlasting torment, an everlasting flame, and further on during the eternal state, Hell will be delivered into the lake of fire which you can read below.

Revelation 19:20 (KJV)

“And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.”

This verse speaks of the end times which is covered elsewhere in this book, and gives explanation of those who receive the mark of the beast during the tribulation period who will be damned and cast into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. The lake of fire will be forever burning with brimstone.

Again there is a warning from scripture of those who enter the lake of fire, and before the warning is revealed let me show you a verse from Philippians.

Philippians 4:3 (KJV)

“And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life.”

Paul explains to the church at Philippi some of the people who are written in the book of life, those are they who were preaching the gospel alongside Paul. In order to preach the gospel that Paul preached, one must believe in the gospel message of Christ first and their name will then be written into the book of life.

Acts 13:47-49 (KJV)

“For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.”

At the moment you believe on Christ (the Christ of the bible not Christ of the Watchtower Organisation) you are ordained to life eternal. You will also note from the above verse that the Gentiles who believed on Christ published the word of the Lord throughout all the regions. They never published or spoke of an organisation; they published the word of the Lord. So these people who believed on Christ are written in His book, which the following verse confirms.

Revelation 21:27 (KJV)

“...but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.”

So what happens to those who are not written in the Lamb's book of life?

Revelation 20:14 (KJV)

“And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

This verse confirms that those who have not believed on Christ for their salvation, to have their sins forgiven, are not written in the book of life and thus cast into the lake of fire where they will spend forever in an eternal judgement for not coming to Christ to be saved.

Chapter 7

Real hope for your loved ones who have died (The Righteous and Unrighteous)

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The Jehovah's Witnesses claim that the righteous people were the servants of old and those who serve God as Jehovah's Witnesses today who die in this time. They say these 'righteous ones' will be raised again during a future resurrection time and spend forever on a paradise earth. Jehovah's Witnesses also teach that the unrighteous ones who have died in our time who did not serve Jehovah on this earth will be resurrected at the same time as the righteous ones, and receive a "second chance" to serve Jehovah on a paradise earth, and given time to meet and learn all about Jehovah. (*What does the bible really teach? JW booklet pages 72-73*)

The fallacy of this teaching is that if this were the case, then what would be the point of becoming a Jehovah's Witness in the first place if it's a given that no matter what your beliefs you are going to live on a paradise earth with Jehovah in the future? Why stand in street corners warning people with literature if the people who pass by without interest are going to live on a paradise earth in the future anyways? It makes no sense whatsoever. The Watchtower Organisation are full of contradictions and claim in other teachings that in order to make it into paradise you must be baptised and turn away from all your sins, serve Jehovah humbly and endure unto the end, however those who do none of the latter can still make it to paradise according to their teachings.

The Jehovah's Witnesses give a false hope to those families who have lost a loved one, in order to lure them into their organisation. Satan would love to tell a person that Hell does not exist and that there is a future on a paradise earth for all those who live righteously or in an unrighteous state.

As mentioned, the Jehovah's Witnesses claim that they are the only righteous ones on earth today - but let me show you from scriptures who the righteous and unrighteous are:

Matthew 25:46 (KJV)

"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."

The above scripture confirms that only the righteous will go into life eternal, not the unrighteous, but those who are righteous in the sight of God. This begs the questions, who are the righteous? Let me show you again from scripture:

Romans 3:10 (KJV)

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:"

The above verse indicates that there are none that are righteous. So if there are none who are righteous by their own merits, how does one become righteous? The bible does not say anywhere that the righteous are those that perform good works or deeds or continue in the law. Here we can see what the prophet Isaiah said:

Isaiah 64:6 (KJV)

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."

We can clearly see that the above verse shows that as far as God is concerned, anything we do to be righteous of our own selves is seen as 'filthy rags'. We are born 'unclean' and full of sin, and that will never go away just by doing good works or by being 'righteous'. Paul explains in his letter to Titus that we are not saved through our own ways or works of righteousness.

Titus 3:5 (KJV)

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"

Again, we are not saved by any works of righteousness on our part, it is only by the mercy of God through the sacrifice of His Son that we can be saved - doing good and being faithful in works towards God alone does not make a person righteous.

Paul explains how a person can be made righteous in the sight of God:

2 Corinthians 5:21 (KJV)

"For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

The Lord Jesus Christ was made sin for us, so that we could be made the righteousness of God in Him. Once we come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ we immediately become righteous in the sight of God. Paul in the book of Romans explains how a person is justified in the sight of God:

Romans 3:22-28 (KJV)

"Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."

The righteousness of God is by faith of Jesus Christ unto everyone that believes on Him. Paul explains we are justified freely in God's sight by faith through the free gift of God, and not by works. Once we place our faith on the Lord Jesus Christ and His blood that was shed for us on the cross at Calvary we are declared righteous by God and have received the remission of sins. Paul further explains that there are no works involved otherwise it would bring in boasting by the individual, he completes this passage by saying that a person is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Paul makes it clear there is a difference between the righteous people and the unrighteous people in the second book of Corinthians:

2nd Corinthians 6:14 (KJV)

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?"

Paul explains here that unbelievers (ones who have not believed on the Lord Jesus) are the unrighteous and warns the believers in Corinth not to have fellowship with unbelievers; and makes it clear that the righteous are the ones who are believers in the Lord Jesus.

As mentioned at the start of this chapter, the Jehovah's Witnesses claim that the unrighteous will be part of those who enter the earthly paradise however let me show you what God's word says to those who are unrighteous.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (KJV)

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

The bible tells us that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God, contrary to the Jehovah's Witness teachings. Paul further explains at the end of this passage that there were those who were at one time in their lives unrighteous, but they are now washed, sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, again not in the name of an organisation.

We can read in Acts chapter 10 that Cornelius was a God fearing person who done many good deeds towards God clearly wanted to serve God, yet he wasn't saved until Peter came to him and explained what Jesus Christ done for him - that by shedding His blood on the cross those who believe in Him would receive the remission of sins. Once Cornelius heard about what Jesus done for him from Peter he believed and was immediately saved. Therefore Cornelius was an unrighteous man until he heard and believed about Christ. This shows that by praying to God, doing good deeds and living a God fearing life does not make a person righteous in the sight of God, it is only by believing what Christ has done for you that you become justified in God's sight.

We learn in the book of Hebrews about a place of rest which is described as God's rest. The Hebrew writer explains which of those who do not enter into that rest.

Hebrews 3:18 (KJV)

"And to whom sware He that they should not enter into His rest, but to them that believed not?"

Those who don't believe the Gospel of truth, which is the gospel of the grace of God as in the following verse, are those who cannot enter into God's rest.

Acts 20:24 (KJV)

"But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

Paul received instruction by the Lord Jesus to testify the gospel of the grace of God, which is different than that of the gospel of the Kingdom of God which Jehovah's Witnesses preach today.

Lastly in this chapter, we read about what happens to all those who have rejected the gospel of the grace of God and rejected the Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 20:12-15 (KJV)

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those

things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Each person who rejects the gospel of the grace of God and rejects the Lord Jesus as their saviour will give an account to God for their life; they will be judged and then as mentioned in the previous chapter will be cast into the lake of fire for all eternity for the punishment of their own sins. The good news is, those who believe that Christ died for them and took the punishment they deserve for their sin on the cross and poured out His blood to give them remission of sins will be forgiven and receive eternal life. It's not about works, enduring, what you can offer, an organisation, turning over a new leaf, praying to God, doing good deeds or living a 'God pleasing life'; it's all about Christ, the one who died for you on the cross of Calvary, and by believing on Him you can be saved. Salvation is a free gift to those who accept it.

Chapter 8

What is God's Kingdom?

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Today, the Jehovah's Witnesses preach the gospel of the Kingdom teaching that God will set His kingdom up on earth soon and that one must endure to the end to enter into that kingdom. They do not spread forth the gospel of the grace of God which is the true gospel for the present era that we are living in today which is that Christ is the only way to salvation.

One must note that the gospel of the Kingdom was preached only to the Jews in scriptures and not to the Gentiles, which I will show you shortly. Because the Jews rejected their Messiah, salvation was opened to the Gentiles through faith towards the Lord Jesus.

The Jehovah's Witnesses claim that they are not born again, and do not believe that you have to become born again to enter into God's Kingdom.

This chapter will show that the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven are separate and will explain from scripture what each are.

The Kingdom of God is a spiritual Kingdom not an earthly Kingdom. One can only enter the Kingdom of God in a spiritual way by being born of God. How do we become born of God? Well one can only be born of God through the new birth which is mentioned in John's Gospel.

John 3:3-7 (KJV)

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

The above passage instructs that a person must be born again if they are to enter into the Kingdom of God. The Lord Jesus taught Nicodemus, who was a self-righteous man who thought that by his many works and keeping the law he would be right with God, that a person cannot inherit the Kingdom of God through his own flesh. The Lord Jesus confirmed to Nicodemus that he had to be born of the spirit to enter into the Kingdom of God. Therefore how does one become born of the spirit? The Lord Jesus who was still speaking to Nicodemus in this chapter explained to him how to be born again:

John 3:16 (KJV)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

One who believes on the Lord Jesus has everlasting life, believing on the Son assures entrance into the Kingdom of God.

The Lord Jesus explained in Luke's Gospel what the Kingdom of God is:

Luke 17:20-21 (KJV)

“And when He was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, He answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.”

Here the Lord Jesus explains that the Kingdom of God is not something observed, nobody can literally point to it. The Lord Jesus goes on to say that the Kingdom of God is found within, therefore we can see from scriptures that the Kingdom of God is not an earthly Kingdom, but a spiritual Kingdom.

In examining this further, I can also prove the trinity of God from the passages below explaining about the Kingdom of God and showing the three persons of the Godhead.

As explained above, the Lord Jesus said that the Kingdom of God is within, therefore the Lord Jesus speaks of this spiritually and that God is within us. Paul confirms this in 1st Corinthians.

1st Corinthians 14:25 (KJV)

“And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.”

To begin with, Paul mentions in the above verse that God is in us, which is truth. So if God is within us, which person of the Godhead is in us?

Ephesians 4:6 (KJV)

“One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

Here Paul confirms that the Father is in us, but in other scriptures he mentions about another person in the Godhead who is in us:

Colossians 1:27 (KJV)

“To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:”

Paul in the above verse shows that Christ is in us. We have seen that the Father is in us, and that Christ is in us. There is of course one last person of the Godhead, the person of the Holy Ghost.

Look at Paul’s words in the letter to the Romans:

Romans 14:17 (KJV)

“For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”

This scripture confirms what the Lord Jesus said in Matthew, that the Kingdom of God is not somewhere seen, nor a place to socialise with meat and drink; but it is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, where one would have the joy of their salvation, having fellowship with and in the Holy Ghost. Looking again at the persons of the Godhead who dwell in us, we can read further in 1st John chapter 4 about the Holy Ghost:

1st John 4:3 (KJV)

“And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.”

John is writing to believers in the Church here, explaining about the Spirit of God and the spirit of the antichrist. John explains that if a person does not confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, they are not of God, and that is exactly what the Jehovah’s Witnesses teach -they do not believe that Jesus, who is God, came in the flesh and thus it is evident that they are not of God.

Verse four through to six in the above chapter explains those who do not accept Jesus Christ is come in the flesh do not belong to God, and God does not hear them. John tells the Christian believers to know the difference between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. One cannot be blind to the fact that the Jehovah’s Witnesses have made over one hundred false predictions in the past, which is covered in chapter ten of this book, which is clear evidence that they have the spirit of error.

In the same chapter of John, we can see the last person of the Godhead within the Christian believer.

1 John 4:13 (KJV)

“Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit.”

This not only explains what and where the Kingdom of God is, but also confirms each Godhead member within the believer of Christ.

I will now explain the Kingdom of Heaven, which is a physical Kingdom unlike a spiritual Kingdom.

Matthew 10:5-7 (KJV)

“These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

You will notice here that the Lord Jesus instructed His disciples not to go into the way of the Gentiles to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven, as this was the gospel for the Jews. The Lord Jesus came first to His own and His own received Him not, so as mentioned previously, the gospel was opened up to Gentiles because of the rejection from Israel towards the Lord Jesus.

The Kingdom of Heaven is mentioned more often in the book of Matthew than any other Gospel, because Matthew is a Jewish Gospel emphasising the Son of man and the literal physical earthly kingdom to come. Here below is the message of the Kingdom of Heaven which again was preached to the Jews only, and will be preached to those during the tribulation period.

Matthew 24:13-17 (KJV)

“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:”

You will notice that within this section it is speaking of the end times and the abomination of desolation mentioned by Daniel the prophet, again speaking of those who will be around during the tribulation period.

The Jehovah's Witnesses keep preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and this is not the gospel message for today. Why do they still preach it? The reason is because they do not rightly divide the word of truth in scripture.

2nd Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

The Jehovah's Witnesses still preach the gospel of the Kingdom because they are ignorant of the scriptures and cannot right determine what is meant for now or for future times. As mentioned the Gospel of Matthew is written with a focus on Israel and the Jews, those who were under the law; and includes insight of what will happen to the world during the tribulation period when the Church is taken away from this world.

In Matthews Gospel, there is a parable from the Lord Jesus explaining that He will take away the Kingdom from the Jews, because they have rejected Him.

Matthew 21:43 (KJV)

"Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof."

The other nation that the Lord Jesus speaks of is the Gentile nation, where the gospel of the grace of God is preached today. God isn't dealing directly with Israel today, although a Jew can receive salvation today through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ in the same way as anyone else can. When I think of the Jews today who worship God and try to keep the law, but reject Christ as their saviour, I see a parallel with the Jehovah's Witnesses in that they are trying to worship God and yet reject that Christ is God and their saviour. They do not believe on Christ to have salvation and would rather do their own thing to try and get to Heaven through their own understanding and ways.

Paul tells the Roman believers that God will turn his sight back to Israel again once the time of blessing for the Gentiles is complete, and the Church is raptured:

Romans 11:25 (KJV)

"For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in."

The Gospel message for today is found in 1st Corinthians

1st Corinthians 15:1-4 (KJV)

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

Paul explains that anyone who believes this gospel message shall be saved. Those who believe on Christ to save them, shall be eternally saved and receive the remission of all their sins.

Chapter 9

Are we living in the last days?

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We have been living in the last days since the Apostle Paul was preaching the gospel throughout the New Testament, however looking at what is happening around the world today, I believe we are in the last of those last days before the Lord Jesus takes His saints out of this sinful, evil world.

The Jehovah's Witnesses claim that if you are not watchful, then Armageddon will come upon you unexpectedly. The Jehovah's Witnesses, as mentioned in previous chapters, are preaching the gospel which will be preached during the tribulation times, and not the gospel message that God has asked us in His word to go forth preaching today.

Before I explain what the bible teaches about events occurring before the tribulation and the times of God's wrath being poured out on earth, we'll first cover what the Jehovah's Witnesses teach or have taught concerning some of the end time teachings.

The Jehovah's Witnesses claim that Jesus Christ came back to this earth invisibly in 1914. This claim had already changed from earlier when Charles Taze Russell first announced that Jesus' invisible rulership started in 1874. With World War 1 starting in 1914, the Jehovah's Witnesses claim this is the date when the Lord Jesus came back invisibly to this earth. More will be explained about their false predictions of both this date and others in the next chapter.

The bible shows however that when the Lord Jesus does come back to earth a second time, it won't be invisibly and He will be seen around the world.

Revelation 1:7 (KJV)

"Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen."

Whether you want to take the above verse to mean that every eye shall see Him at the same time, or that every eye will gradually see Him over the course of His return; either way it clearly says that every eye shall see Him which doesn't mean He comes back invisibly. There are no passages anywhere in scripture that so much as suggest an invisible return of the Lord Jesus.

Before the tribulation, which is God's wrath being poured out on earth, there will be an event which is supernatural in origin, and that is the rapture of the Church. The above verse from Revelation indicates the second coming of Christ, which occurs after the rapture. In the video for this chapter, I explained what the true church is, and so who will be raptured as part of the church. The rapture literally means being caught up by Christ into the air.

The true church of today is not a Kingdom Hall or Mormon Tabernacle, Roman Catholic chapel, or a parish church building; the true church is made up of the people who believe in the Lord Jesus. Let's look at what scripture says:

Acts 17:24 (KJV)

"God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;"

The above verse indicates that God does not dwell in temples or a place made with hands, therefore to say a church is a building alone where God can be found cannot be correct. By looking further at scripture, we can see what the true church is:

Acts 2:47 (KJV)

"Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

It is the Lord who adds those who are saved to the church. But how does He do this? As mentioned above, the church is not a specific building, but it is the people.

Romans 16:5 (KJV)

"Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my wellbeloved Epaphroditus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ."

By examining the verse above, we note that Paul greeted the 'church' in the believers' house. He did not say that the house was the church; he stated that those who were in this house were the church, evidencing that the church is in fact a people, not a building.

One must realise and understand who the head of this church is, and that is of course Christ, not man, and not an organisation.

Ephesians 1:22-23 (KJV)

"And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is His body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all."

We note that those in this church belong to Christ and those who are in Christ are in this church. So how does one come into this church, or be part of this church?

Acts 5:14 (KJV)

"And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women."

Here we see that those who believe on Christ were added to the church. The Jehovah's Witnesses claim that they believe on Christ also, but as shown in chapter four of this book, they do not believe on the true Jesus as revealed through the bible; and Paul gives warning out about worshipping a false Jesus:

2nd Corinthians 11:4 (KJV)

"For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him."

When Paul was writing, there were those who preached of another Jesus and another gospel, and Paul states that there is only one Lord and one gospel. Even more so now we have the Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Seventh day Adventists and other cult members who preach a different gospel and another Jesus. The Jesus of the Watchtower contradicts the true Jesus mentioned in scripture; therefore the Jehovah Witnesses teach of one who cannot save. Those who believe, and have put their trust in the true Jesus alone for their salvation, are termed 'believers' because they believed on Jesus for eternal life. Once you believe on Jesus, who died on the cross for your sins, was buried and rose again, you immediately have eternal life, and are therefore a believer in Christ. You from that moment have your sins forgiven and are now a child of God. Throughout scripture we can see that a person cannot work for their salvation, nor join a church building to become a child of God, but belief in Jesus alone saves. Peter one day was speaking to Cornelius concerning the Lord Jesus:

Acts 10:39-43 (KJV)

“And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up the third day, and shewed Him openly; Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with Him after He rose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is He which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins.”

You will note that Peter is now preaching the gospel of the grace of God, in that Christ died, was buried and then He was raised on the third day, and whosoever believes on Him shall receive the remission of sins. We can further read what happens to Cornelius when he heard these words spoken by Peter:

Acts 10:44 (KJV)

“While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.”

Cornelius believed on the Lord who died for him, was buried and rose again; and so received the remission of sins, which means the total forgiveness of all his sins. Cornelius, like many other believers, was now added to the Lord and thus he now belonged to the true church, which is the body of Christ. You will also realise reading these verses that the Jehovah’s Witnesses do not preach this same gospel that Paul and Peter preached, and claim that one must come into their organisation, do works, and endure to become saved; however this is a different gospel for a different Christ.

The true church is the body of Christ made up of those who have trusted Him alone for their salvation. Again it is not a building which is made by hands of men, but a particular group of people, those who accept the sacrificial death on the cross of Calvary to have the remission of sins.

Now that we’ve looked at who the true church is, we can turn our attention to the Rapture of this church which will be the first supernatural event to take place before the days of tribulation.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-18 (KJV)

“For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

This passage speaks of the coming rapture of the Church. The word ‘rapture’ is not mentioned in this verse, or indeed anywhere in the bible; however the concept of ‘rapture’ which literally means ‘caught away’ is defined here. Paul explains that the believers in Christ will be caught up together with all those who have died believing on Christ, and they will all be forever more with the Lord.

You will notice at the ending of the above passage that there is a comfort for all believers in Christ, that this is a soon coming hope for all who have trusted Christ. Millions of people around the world who trust Christ alone for their salvation will be caught up, taken away to be with the Lord for all eternity. Those who have failed to trust Him will remain on this earth to go through the tribulation period, which will last seven years on earth, and will be a terrible time for those remaining. As mentioned in the previous chapter, the Antichrist will come into

power and try to force his mark on those left behind, and those who do not accept it, will not be able to buy or sell anything during the time period. Those who remain faithful to God and endure throughout this period will be persecuted, and will eventually suffer beheading for the Lord Jesus’ sake.

Revelation 20:4 (KJV)

“And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

This is why it is important to trust Christ now, so there is no need to face the terrible time that is about to face the world. It is better to accept God’s gracious gift while it is offered now:

2nd Corinthians 6:2 (KJV)

“For He saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

Paul confirms further to the believers at Corinth the Rapture of the church, and explains what will take place during this event:

1 Corinthians 15:51 (KJV)

“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

He explains that our bodies will be changed in a moment, a “twinkling of the eye”; but to what will they be changed? Paul explains how our bodies will be changed in the book of Philippians:

Philippians 3:20-21 (KJV)

“For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.”

I explain further on in this book about the glorious body that the Lord Jesus Christ has, as Jehovah’s Witnesses believe He was raised as a spirit creature. However at this point, Paul notes that our bodies which are currently vile, sinful and corrupt will be changed and fashioned like unto Christ’s glorious body - a body that cannot sin, that cannot feel pain and will not deteriorate.

Jehovah’s Witnesses believe that they will go through Armageddon, and in this point they are correct if they survive the tribulation, although they will be on the wrong side of the battle because they have failed to trust in Christ for their salvation. Should they repent and stop trusting in their own selves or in an organisation and trust Christ, they will escape the wrath that is about to come. Paul explains that there is wrath to come; however at the same time there is comfort for the believer in Christ that they will not experience this.

1 Thessalonians 1:10 (KJV)

“And to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.”

Again Paul mentions that there is wrath to come, however he comforts those in the church at Thessalonica with the fact they have been delivered from that wrath. Paul further comforts the believers in the same letter concerning the wrath that is to come.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 (KJV)

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."

It is further emphasised here that salvation is only through the Lord Jesus Christ, and not in man or self or organisation. If you could earn salvation, then salvation would be of yourself, however the bible tells us that salvation belongs to the Lord. Jonah also confirms this:

Jonah 2:9 (KJV)

"But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord."

Salvation is not through doing good works, turning over a new leaf, joining a religious organisation, being baptised, doing good deeds, keeping the law, or anything else which man deems right in his own mind; salvation is through the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all mankind, was buried and rose again the third day. For those who believe on Christ they receive eternal life; but for those who reject and try and work their own way, eternal punishment will follow should they die without accepting the forgiveness of sins.

In the book of Revelation, the Lord Jesus confirms that those who kept the word of His patience, that is the gospel message, will be delivered from the temptation that is to come upon the whole world - that is the tribulation.

Revelation 3:10 (KJV)

"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."

There is much confusion today concerning the doctrine of the rapture of the Church and the second coming of Christ. To put it simply, at the rapture we go up to be with Christ, at the second coming, we come back down to earth with Christ.

Jude v14 (KJV)

"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints."

In the Gospels, we can read about the signs of the last days, in that there will be earthquakes, pestilences, wars, rumours of wars, famines and fearful signs in the heavens. It is clear even now that all the signs of the last days can be seen in this generation - the signs are all here to show that the Lord Jesus is on the door step of returning for His saints. If you have been watching the video series on this book you will notice that in chapter nine of the series I have included a short video at the end of my ministry to show you events around the world which would indicate the signs of the end times. Also in the short video, I mention a person who today claims that he is Christ. His name is Alan J Miller (from Australia), and he has created a small group in Queensland which follows him and worships him and listens to his teachings. Before I explain why I mention this person, look at the following verse:

Luke 21:8 (KJV)

"And He said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them."

During the end times, there will be those who claim they are Christ Himself; however the Lord Jesus warns that we should not go after them.

Alan J Miller, the man who has published himself as Christ, claims that he remembers being on the cross, and has a girlfriend today who claims was Mary, who they claim was the

girlfriend of Jesus; all of which is sheer blasphemy. I tried to contact this man through e-mail to explain how that he could not be Christ, and his "personal assistant" responded to me claiming is that he is not God, but the person of Jesus only... He claims that he is no one's lord, which proves further he cannot be Christ Jesus as He is Lord of all. However what is fascinating, or perhaps more laughable, about his claim is the fact that before he claimed to be Christ, he was a Jehovah's Witness who was disfellowshipped by the Watchtower Organisation for an apparent affair. Like many other Jehovah's Witnesses today, he is deceived by Satan. His teachings about Christ and the character of Christ are similar to the Jehovah's Witness teachings of who Christ is from their own doctrines. (Source and more on his claim: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Divine_Truth)

The Lord Jesus in the Gospels explained the signs before His second coming; however these signs are apparent today which indicate we cannot be far from the Lord returning to collect His saints from this sinful world, for which we join with John in saying 'Even so, come, Lord Jesus'.

Chapter 10

Spirit Creatures, how they affect us?

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<http://youtu.be/cFJSe-TmuwM>

In chapter 10 of their book “What does the bible really teach”, the Jehovah’s Witnesses explain how wicked spirits influence people today. I want to focus and explain from scriptures how indeed this is true, but explain a list of false predictions that have been given by the Watchtower Organisation in times past to their followers.

Firstly, in their book (What does the bible *really* teach) the Jehovah’s Witnesses have stated in pages 101-103 in Chapter 10 the following quotes:

“...Demons use the art of prediction” “Wicked Spirits mislead people”

Let me show you from scripture that this is indeed correct, but explain how Satan has and is continuing to work in the Watchtower Organisation through False Teachings and Predictions.

Revelation 12:9 (KJV)

“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

In the above verse, we can read that the Devil, who is called Satan, deceives the whole world where he was cast out into the earth and a number of his angels were cast out with him. Let me further explain how he deceives people from times of old to this present day.

2 Thessalonians 2:9 (KJV)

“Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders. and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.”

It is implied here that Satan uses his power by way of signs and lying wonders to deceive the world that we live in. In by doing this, he creates a diversion so that people will not receive the love of the truth, that they might not be saved. The bible make is utterly clear how a person can be saved, and it is so simple yet Satan through his own workings complicates the truth of the Gospel message. One must only realise that they are a sinner, and believe from their heart that Jesus died for their sins and was raised again from the grave three days later. God is not willing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9) and this is why He creates a way of Salvation so simple, yet it is Satan who complicates this message.

Looking further on, we can read how Satan uses other people to deceive them.

Matthew 24:11,24 (KJV)

“And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”

Again today many false prophets shall rise and deceive many, this was given directly from the Lord Jesus Himself, and we can see that today there has been many “Religious Organisations” who has risen up only in the last century and claimed they are the truth. The Watchtower

Organisation who sprung up during the 1800's have taught many false teachings and prophesied lies which I will show you shortly in this chapter, and we can see that what the Lord Jesus had said back then has indeed come true.

As mentioned in the previous chapter there has risen up false Christ's and there are false prophets on earth today who show great signs and wonders and try to deceive those who are Christ's.

The Lord Jesus gives us warning on meeting False Prophets.

Matthew 7:15 (KJV)

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

Jehovah's Witnesses today as those who are wolves in sheep's clothing, you will meet them in the street; they will seem genuine and concerned about you, and dress in nice attire. They will seem knowledgeable in bible scriptures, but they misquote verses and twist scripture to suit their own teachings. They hand out books (which this book is speaking against) titled "What does the bible really teach" and look the genuine article. However there are far from the truth and mislead people to follow their organisation and rules rather than what the bible actually teaches.

In the Old Testament, the LORD spoke to many of His own people concerning false prophets which were on the earth at that time, and gave instruction to His people to discern the true prophets from the false prophets. Here is what the LORD said to Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 14:14 (KJV)

"Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart."

Jeremiah was taught by the LORD that those who prophesy lies in His name, those He has not sent, and neither has He commanded them to speak. They prophesy lies because of the deceit of their own heart. These people were coming in the name of the LORD (or coming in the name of Jehovah) and speaking lies to God's real people. Today we have Jehovah's Witnesses who come in the name of Jehovah and speak lies and testify lies, these people are not sent by God, and they come speaking lies because of the deceit that is laid up in their own heart.

Back further in the Old Testament, we read how God warns His people about False Prophets on earth at that time, and why they speak lies.

Deuteronomy 18:22 (KJV)

"When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him."

We read here that should a person come in the name of the LORD and prophesy a thing that is to happen but does not come to pass, then the people of God have to realise that it was not the LORD that had spoken it, but the false prophet had spoken it presumptuously, and again we are not to fear them.

From the verses I have shown you, I have explained how Satan deceives the whole world, with lying wonders and signs. False prophets today show signs and lying wonders like just like Satan does, therefore because these false prophets are not of the Lord, then they are of

Satan. Matthew explains how we need to beware of these people today, just like the Lord warned Jeremiah about false prophets in times past. It is no wonder why Satan uses these lying wonders and false predictions, so that he can deceive and complicate the Gospel of the grace of God and throw people off from knowing the truth.

With that, I would like to show you a list of False Predictions that the Watchtower Organisation have claimed in years past. I want to note here that the predictions mentioned below are different from the ones I used in my video, to give the reader an understanding that there is a huge amount of false predictions made by the Watchtower Organisation. What I cover below doesn't scratch the surface, and you can read more on their false predictions at the following website:

<http://www.jwfacts.com>

Firstly, the below verse indicates the Millennial Kingdom Reign and the conditions thereof, please bare this in mind when reading the prophecies made by the Watchtower Organisation.

Isaiah 11:6-9 (KJV)

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."

Each time the Watchtower has predicted an occurrence; it has not eventuated as foretold, and created a 100% failure rate. Does this inspire confidence in Watchtower interpretation? Jehovah's Witnesses promoted these falsehoods in the past, and continue to zealously advocate current doctrine as unfailing truths.

As mentioned in the previous chapter, the Jehovah's Witnesses claimed that the Lord Jesus returned in 1914, but years previous to this date, they announced that He was on the earth in 1874 invisibly and then changed the dates.

"Surely there is not the slightest room for doubt in the mind of a truly consecrated child of God that the Lord Jesus is present and has been since 1874;..." Watchtower 1924 Jan 1 p.5)

"The prophecy of the Bible, fully supported by the physical facts in fulfilment thereof, shows that the second coming of Christ dates from the fall of the year 1914." What is Truth? (1932) p.48

In the following list below, you can read how the Jehovah's Witnesses claimed "without a doubt in their mind" that Christ had returned to earth in 1874 and throughout the years afterwards they widely taught this until they had changed their mind on the date. It wasn't until 1930 that they had changed their minds on Christ returning in 1874 to 1914. The following list includes titles and page numbers from their own literature to prove their own false teachings.

1899:

"Just so it has been in this harvest: Our Lord's presence as Bridegroom and Reaper was recognized during the first three and a half years, from A.D. 1874 to A.D. 1878." (1889 The Time is at Hand, p.239)

1911:

"...three and a half years after his second advent at the beginning of the harvest period, in the fall of 1874." (1911 *Thy Kingdom Come*, p.234)

1917:

"The Millennium (Rev. 20:3, 4, 7) began in 1874, with the return of Christ." (1917 *The Finished Mystery*, p.386)

1922:

"No one can properly understand the work of God at this present time who does not realize that since 1874, the time of the Lord's return in power, there has been a complete change in there has been a complete change in God's operations." (1922 *Watchtower*, 9-15, p.278)

1924:

"Surely there is not the slightest room for doubt in the mind of a truly consecrated child of God that the Lord Jesus is present and has been since 1874...." (1924 *Watchtower*, 1-1, p. 5)

1927:

"To understand the events concerning the Lord's second presence from 1874 to 1914 requires one to be spiritually minded...." (1927 *Creation*, p.312)

1929:

"The Scriptural proof is that the second presence of the Lord Jesus Christ began in 1874 A.D." (1929 *Prophecy*, p.65)

With the outbreak of World War One in August 1914, Russell reconfirmed that the end of the world would be October 1914. When nothing happened in October 1914 Russell reused the idea that 1915 would signal the end.

The following quotes are from their publication "*Studies In the Scriptures Series II - The Time Is At Hand* 1915 ed. pp.99, 101, 242"

"In view of this strong Bible evidence concerning the Times of the Gentiles, we consider it an established truth that the final end of the kingdoms of this world, and the full establishment of the Kingdom of God, will be accomplished near the end of A.D. 1915...

Be not surprised, then, when in subsequent chapters we present proofs that the setting up of the Kingdom of God is already begun, that it is pointed out in prophecy as due to begin the exercise of power in A.D. 1878, and that the "battle of the great day of God Almighty" (Rev. 16:14), which will end in A.D. 1915, with the complete overthrow of the earth's present rulership, is already commenced...

The "Gentile Times" prove that the present governments must all be overturned about the close of 1915 A.D."

In another failed prophecy which was taught widely in the organisation, they taught that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob would return to earth in 1925 to which they build a house for them, which was later sold. The average Jehovah's Witness on the street today has no understanding of this, because this was quietly brushed under the carpet when the old faithful never turned up.

"As we have heretofore stated, the great jubilee cycle is due to begin in 1925. At that time the earthly phase of the kingdom shall be recognized." Millions Now Living Will Never Die p.89 "Hence these faithful men (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) may be expected on earth within the next few years." (The Harp of God p.340)

The watchtower built a house in 1929 for Abraham, Isaac and Jacob with the intent that Judge Rutherford could live in it, until one of the Old Faithful arrived to live in it. The deed, which was signed by Rutherford, has three noteworthy items in it.

First, Beth-Sarim was built for the express purpose of housing the patriarchs.

Second, though Rutherford could live in the house, he could only do so until someone from Hebrews 11 arrived.

Third, the Beth-Sarim house was to remain in Jehovah's kingdom use perpetually. Thus, the Watchtower would certainly have this property forever.

Perhaps it is not necessary to explain, but no one from Hebrews 11 ever arrived to take charge of the Beth-Sarim property. As a result, Rutherford spent the last years of his life in this beautiful mansion while his followers suffered in poverty during the Great Depression of the 1930's.

Further, a few years after Rutherford's death, the Beth-Sarim house was sold. In 1948 this house was disposed of and the teaching concerning the "return of the ancient worthies was quietly dropped in 1950" (Millions Now Living Will Never Die: A Study of Jehovah's Witnesses, Alan Rogerson, p. 48).

They further taught in 1969 in their publication 'Awake 1969 May 22, p.15' the following:

"If you are a young person, you also need to face the fact that you will never grow old in this present system of things. Why not? Because all the evidence in fulfilment of Bible prophecy indicates that this corrupt system is due to end in a few years. Of the generation that observed the beginning of the "last days" in 1914, Jesus foretold: "This generation will by no means pass away until all these things occur."-Matt. 24:34. Therefore, as a young person, you will never fulfill any career that this system offers. If you are in high school and thinking about a college education, it means at least four, perhaps even six or eight more years to graduate into a specialized career. But where will this system of things be by that time? It will be well on the way toward its finish, if not actually gone!"

By 1975 a lot of Jehovah's Witnesses left the organisation due to their continued disappointment in receiving false hope. Again this is kept quiet by the Watchtower Organisation today in fear they will lose many more of their followers.

Below I have continued to show further of the false teachings by date and publication of what they have taught in times past, because they claimed that time was short, many Jehovah's Witnesses at an earlier time gave up work and University careers due to believing that time was short. Again, I do not scratch the surface on all their failed prophecies and teachings.

1888:

"...the setting up of the Kingdom of God is already begun, that it is pointed out in prophecy as due to begin the exercise of power in A.D. 1878, and that 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." (1888 The Time Is At Hand, 1911 ed), p.101)

1894:

"We see no reason for changing the figures-nor could we change them if we would. They are, we believe, God's dates, not ours. But bear in mind that the end of 1914 is not the date for the beginning, but for the end of the time of trouble. We see no reason for changing from our opinion...." (1894 Zion's Watch Tower, 7-15, p.226)

1917:

"Also, in the year 1918, when God destroys the churches wholesale and the church members by millions, it shall be that any that escape shall come to the works of Pastor Russell to learn the meaning of the downfall of 'Christianity'." (1917 The Finished Mystery, p.485)

1920:

"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 chapter eleven, to the condition of human perfection." (1920 Millions Now Living Will Never Die, p.89-90)

1924:

"The year 1925 is a year definitely and clearly marked in the Scriptures, even more clearly than that of 1914" (1924 The Watchtower, 7-15, p.211)

1925 a:

"The year 1925 is here. With great expectation Christians have looked forward to this year. Many have confidently expected that all members of the body of Christ will be changed to heavenly glory during the year. This may be accomplished. It may not be." (1925 The Watchtower, 1-1, p.3)

1925 b:

"It is to be expected that Satan will try to inject into the minds of the consecrated the thought that 1925 should see an end of the work...." (1925 The Watchtower, 9-1, p.262)

1931:

"There was a measure of disappointment on the part of Jehovah's faithful ones on earth concerning the years 1914, 1918 and 1925, which disappointment lasted for a time. Later the faithful learned that these dates were definitely fixed in the Scriptures; and they also learned to quit fixing dates for the future and predicting what would come to pass on a certain date...." (1931 Vindication, p.338-339)

1941:

"Receiving the gift, the marching children clasped it to them, not a toy or plaything for idle pleasure, but the Lord's provided instrument for most effective work in the remaining months before Armageddon." (1941 The Watchtower, 9-15, p.288)

1942:

"Further proof that these princes will shortly take office upon earth as perfect men is found in the prophecy of Daniel....Proof is now submitted that we are living at the "end of the days", and we may expect to see Daniel and the other mentioned princes any day now." (1942 Consolation, 5-27, p.13)

1969:

"In view of the short time left, a decision to pursue a career in this system of things is not only unwise but extremely dangerous....Many young brothers and sisters were offered scholarships or employment that promised fine pay. However, they turned them down and put spiritual interests first." (1969 Kingdom Ministry, June, p.3)

1974:

"Reports are heard of brothers selling their homes and property and planning to finish out the rest of their days in this old system in the pioneer service. Certainly this is a fine way to spend the short time remaining before the wicked world's end." (1974 Kingdom Ministry, May, p.3)

As mentioned earlier in this chapter, the bible declares that if a prophet speaks falsely in the

name of the Lord and it does not come to pass, then he is not of the Lord and has spoken it presumptuously.

There are many more failed prophecies that the Watchtower Organisation have predicted, although some of the Jehovah's Witnesses today do not realise these. The average Jehovah's Witness in the street today have not heard about these false prophecies, and are told within the organisation not to do any religious studies over the Internet or to go onto YouTube channels in-case they are brainwashed. The reason for my videos being on YouTube is because there are Jehovah's Witnesses seeking answers now and looking for the truth on these channels.

The Jehovah's Witnesses today who are still in the organisation who know about the false prophecies of past, try and get around this by quoting a verse from Proverbs, which is:

Proverbs 4:18 (KJV)

"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

They claim that because their prophecies failed, is because the light shines more brightly in years to come, and therefore they receive the truth in part only which becomes brighter until the final day. This verse of course does not speak about the truth of God's word, which is the final authority, and there is no need for further revelations today.

The Lord Jesus explained that the Holy Spirit would come and teach and lead people in all truth, not part truth.

John 16:13 (KJV)

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come."

Clearly the Watchtower Organisation does not have the Spirit of Truth, but a false spirit, that of Satan who is called the 'father of lies'.

Chapter 11

Why does God allow suffering?

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<http://youtu.be/78qLjRTiSq>

If a Christian approaches a Jehovah's Witness while on the street or faces them door to door, and the Christian questions their teachings, which the Jehovah's Witness are unable to answer, they then believe they are being persecuted and are suffering for Jehovah's sake. However there is a difference between suffering for God and being exposed as a false teacher, which the Jehovah's Witness is unable to distinct between.

1 Peter 2:19-21 (KJV)

"For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps."

The Jehovah's Witnesses are teaching lies and corruption, and are being exposed for their false teachings, they believe that when someone questions them, this is persecution and that they are to endure this; however as mentioned at the beginning of this chapter, they are suffering wrongfully and do not receive any glory for it. As Christians we are told to suffer because Christ also suffered for us, and so we should follow His steps. To have false teaching exposed isn't suffering persecution; it is bringing to light that which is false, which is entirely different.

In chapter 11 of their book, they have said the following:

"Jehovah is not interested in service performed under compulsion... therefore how will you use the free will that Jehovah has given you?" (What does the Bible really say? page 114)

Although they have stated this, they are very hypocritical in this teaching, as they are also told that if they are not working in handing out booklets and magazines or if they are being unfaithful to the organisation, then Jehovah will destroy them at Armageddon - thus they are working and living in fear and under compulsion. A Jehovah's Witness is suffering unnecessarily because they are still bound by Satan who is controlling the organisation. Should they come to the Lord Jesus in faith, then they can have peace in their heart concerning eternal matters.

Many Jehovah's Witnesses who leave the organisation today are treated as outcasts and shunned by their immediate family members. They have taught their followers that should a person leave their organisation, they become apostates who are 'mentally diseased' and are like a criminal; which is the reason some people continue to stay in the organisation because of fear of man. Here is a quote from their publication:

*"Apostates "quietly" bring their ideas into the congregation, **like criminals** who secretly bring things into a country. Apostates use "counterfeit words." This means that they say things that make their false ideas sound true, like criminals who make false documents look real. They try to get as many people as possible to believe their "deceptive teachings." Peter also said that they like twisting the Scriptures. They explain Bible verses in the wrong way to*

*make others believe their ideas. (2 Peter 2:1, 3, 13; 3:16) Apostates do not care about us. If we follow them, we will leave the road to everlasting life.... The Bible says that apostates are **mentally diseased** and that they use their teachings to make others think like them. (1 Timothy 6:3, 4) Jehovah is like that good doctor. He clearly tells us to stay away from false teachers. We must always be determined to follow his warning. What must we do to avoid false teachers? We do not speak to them or invite them into our houses. We also do not read their books, watch them on television, read what they write on the Internet, or add our own comments about what they write on the Internet. Why are we so determined to avoid them? First of all, it is because we love "the God of truth." So we do not want to listen to false teachings that go against the truth in God's Word." (Watchtower 2011 Jul 15 p.11)*

As I will cover in the last chapter of this book, a person who is saved and already has eternal life cannot lose their salvation. The Jehovah's Witnesses try to instil fear whereas the bible tells us repeatedly throughout Old and New Testament Scriptures "Fear not".

As a Christian I have the freedom to check false teachings and compare them to what the bible says. I do not fear what man has to say, because I know that men do not have the final authority over God's word. Any teaching/doctrine should be compared against God's Word to make sure that it is not false, whether by someone trusted or someone we have not heard teach before. We ought to be like the people at Berea (Acts 17) who were nobler than others and searched the scriptures daily to see what they were being taught was correct.

As mentioned above with regards to the quote found in this section of their booklet, Jehovah's Witnesses teach they have a free will, however they contradict this by saying they are forbidden to read books, tracts or publications outside their organisation, and they are forbidden to watch 'religious' videos on video sharing networks online. Jehovah's Witnesses are not allowed to receive gospel tracts from Christians, because they think that all literature outside their organisation is from the devil. Of course they won't say that it being handed one, but they will refuse politely. Very seldom a Jehovah's Witness will take one from you, and should you (a Christian) be in a position that they take a gospel tract from you, pray as soon as you leave them that the seed will be sown, watered and the increase given. What I find works is asking them a question that they cannot answer on the spot. I ask them to study it and e-mail me their response, which generally they are happy to do as this can be added to their 'hours' for the week. I then give them a card with my details on it, including the address for my YouTube videos in the hope that they through their own curiosity will have a look. Most of the time they will e-mail you back, and this gives you the opportunity to reply with bible scriptures and to show them the truth. If they are seeking they will respond; if not, at least the seed has been sown.

Jehovah's Witnesses are suffering wrongly, and suffering through fear in what their organisation tells them, however looking at Scripture we can see the comfort of God.

2nd Timothy 1:7 (KJV)

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

There is a difference in suffering for Christians and the world. Let me explain through the scriptures. Firstly, why do people generally suffer? People immediately jump on the band wagon and say that there can't be a God because He wouldn't allow suffering - He wouldn't allow pain or natural catastrophes and so on. However the world is suffering not because God is a 'cruel titan', but because of the sin that entered the world.

Romans 5:12 (KJV)

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

In the Garden of Eden, Adam sinned by disobeying God's commandment of not touching or eating the fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden. Eve, Adam's wife, was deceived by Satan in taking the fruit, which she then passed to her husband Adam to eat. Because Adam sinned wilfully sin entered the world, and now we are living in the consequences of a sinful fallen world. There is a difference between a Christian suffering and someone who in the world who suffers.

A person in the world may turn to alcohol, drugs, and in some extreme circumstances suicide to get away from their circumstances. When a Christian suffers, they suffer for the name of Jesus Christ. The Jehovah's Witnesses say they are either suffering for Jehovah's sake, or for the organisation. Let us see what the bible says with regards to Christian suffering:

2nd Timothy 3:12 (KJV)

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

This verse does not indicate that you will suffer persecution through living by the dictates of an organisation. You can only live a godly life once you are in Christ Jesus. You are only saved once you are in Christ Jesus, not a man made organisation. The verse does make it clear that it is a given fact of life that anyone trying to live a godly, pleasing life for the Lord will as some point suffer for His sake.

2nd Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

For those who are in Christ, the 'old things' have passed away: where once you were a child of the devil, now you are a child of God; you once faced condemnation, now you are freed and face no condemnation; you were once destined for Hell, now you face eternity in Heaven; you had a desire to fulfil worldly pursuits and fleshly lusts, now you can receive new spiritual desires; you were then without the Holy Spirit, but now you are sealed by the Holy Spirit.

You do not join an organisation to become a child of God, you accept Jesus Christ as your saviour to be IN CHRIST and it's only when you are in Christ that you may suffer persecution through living a godly life.

The Lord Jesus promises those who have believed on Him that if they should suffer persecution, they will receive a reward:

Matthew 5:10 (KJV)

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

As explained in chapter 7 concerning who the righteous are, if a believer in the Lord is persecuted for righteousness sake, their reward to come in Heaven is great. Notice that the reward will be given to us in Heaven and not on a paradise earth; again this refutes the Jehovah's Witness teachings that only a minority will enter Heaven (144,000 people).

As Christians, we are called soldiers of Christ and as Christians who are serving God, we are to endure hard times, which Paul reminds Timothy:

2nd Timothy 2:3 (KJV)

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

How does one endure hardness as a Christian? There are many ways today we are to endure, not for salvation, but for rewards, to learn patience and to see the goodness of God through these trials. One way is to abide by sound teaching, and rightly divide the word of truth.

2nd Timothy 4:3-4 (KJV)

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”

Paul explains to the believers here that we need to endure sound doctrine; there are many false teachers around today and believers are willing to listen to these teachers to have their ears tickled. The Jehovah’s Witnesses do not endure sound doctrine, as their doctrine has either been exposed as false or it constantly changes throughout the years. They are told not to listen to doctrine outside their organisation, which does make it hard for a person to come to the truth concerning God’s word. The Jehovah’s Witnesses are persuaded not to read their bible on its own, and to read it with an aid, which in their case would be Watchtower publications. They have taught this in one of their own publications:

“We all need help to understand the Bible, and we cannot find the scriptural guidance we need outside the ‘faithful and discreet slave’ organization.” (Watchtower, February 15, 1981, p.19)

Another reason why some Christians suffer today is due to the chastisement of the Lord. However not all suffering is due to this reason. We read the following in Hebrews concerning this:

Hebrews 12:6-7 (KJV)

“For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?”

Should a Christian become cold in his walk with the Lord, they can be chastened, which is true evidence that this person was a child of God in the first place. Furthermore we are told in scripture why believers are chastened:

Hebrews 12:11 (KJV)

“Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.”

Christians suffer sometimes because of the chastisement of God in their lives, whether because they have grown cold, or are continuing in sin. We are told that being chastened is not a joyous time, but if we endure this chastening, it will in the end produce fruit in the believer’s life. However, God only chastens those who are His, and the only way you can become a child of God is through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and not through an organisation.

Galatians 3:26 (KJV)

“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.”

As believers in the Lord Jesus, we should have peace knowing our lives are in His hands, no matter the circumstances we are going through; and should take joy that any suffering we endure is ultimately for His glory.

Chapter 12

Living in a way that pleases God

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Jehovah's Witnesses confess that in order to please God, they must start to live in a way that pleases God in order to be accepted by Him.

In their book "What does the bible really teach?" they have quoted in pages 121-122 that in order to start living in a way that pleases God, one must begin to shun sin and abhor what Jehovah hates. They have not mentioned throughout this chapter the name of Jesus once or His perfect sacrifice for redemption, and thus believe that they can start living a godly life without accepting the Lord Jesus as their saviour.

In chapter 18 of this book, I will further look at 'Faith alone, in Christ alone plus nothing' however in this chapter; I will be touching on how that works cannot save us for our sins.

In the Gospel according to Matthew, the Lord Jesus spoke concerning who will stand before Him and those who will try and work their way to heaven.

Matthew 7:21-23 (KJV)

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Notice here that there will be those who will say "Lord, Lord" and they will not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. First of all, by looking at the beginning of this passage, we can see what reason the Lord gave them for not granting them entry to the Kingdom of Heaven, and that is that they never done the will of the Father, which is in Heaven. Jehovah's Witnesses claim that the will of the Father is to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom, but that would contradict what the end of this passage shows with regards to workers of iniquity. Therefore what is the will of the Father that someone may get entry into the Kingdom of Heaven? Well we can find this in John's Gospel.

First of all, what is the work we need to do?

John 6:28-29 (KJV)

"Then said they unto Him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent."

The disciples in discussion with the Lord Jesus here asked Him what work shall they do, which is the works of God? The response was that they believed on Him (The Lord Jesus) and this is the work of the Father.

This is the work of the Father, and this coincides with the Father's will for mankind which again you can read further down in the same chapter.

John 6:40 (KJV)

"And this is the will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day."

The will of the Father is to believe on His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Without accepting Jesus Christ as your saviour, then you cannot work or please God in anything you do or say.

The bible throughout Old and New Testament declares that our own ways or works of righteousness doesn't please God.

Isaiah 64:6 (KJV)

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."

The Apostle Paul confirms that we are not saved through our own righteousness either in the book of Titus.

Titus 3:5 (KJV)

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"

The bible explains that we are saved only by God's grace through Faith which is a gift, and not through ourselves or through any works.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (KJV)

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Paul explains that it is not through anything that we do, nor is it works. The Jehovah's Witnesses say that a person has to shun all sin in their lives first before they are approved by God. Looking at the above verse, we note that Paul said it is not by works, what can be classed as works? Some people say its charitable deeds, or doing good works, however the bible actually defines what works are in the Old Testament scriptures.

Jonah 3:10 (KJV)

"And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that He had said that He would do unto them; and He did it not."

God asked Nineveh to turn for their evil ways, and when they did, God saw their **works** and turned from the evil He said that He would do unto them.

To become a child of God we are not instructed to turn from sin to get saved, we are instructed to turn to the Lord Jesus and believe on Him to get saved. Paul had experiences throughout the Churches he came across with people worried if they were saved or not, because many false teachers had come in and started preaching false gospels.

Acts 15:24 (KJV)

"Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment:"

We have been freed from the law, we are not required to keep the law to get saved, we are instructed to trust Christ to be saved and it's not of any works that we do that contribute to our salvation, more on this is covered in chapter 18 of this book.

Looking back to the verse I shared in Matthews Gospel, these people turned up and requested that they should have a place in Heaven, because of the many good works they done and how they prophesied also. This passage shows that these people will be cults, such as Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Seventh Day Adventists, and other such people who base their own organisations and works on getting to Heaven. The Jehovah's Witnesses continue to preach about Jehovah's Kingdom in the streets putting in many hours a week doing so, in the hope that they will eventually make it to life eternal. The Jehovah's Witnesses also preach about themselves in the streets, claiming that their organisation is the truth and salvation is only through their organisation, thus they are preaching about themselves. Paul explains in scriptures that he didn't preach about himself, but preached Christ Jesus.

2nd Corinthians 4:5 (KJV)

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."

As mentioned, the Jehovah's Witnesses preach the Kingdom of God on the streets, which again does not please God, as this is not the gospel message for today. We are to preach Christ crucified.

2nd Corinthians 4:4 (KJV)

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

The god of this world, which is Satan, has blinded the minds of the Jehovah's Witnesses who believe not nor preach the glorious gospel of Christ.

If a person was instructed to initially please God through their own righteousness as the Jehovah's Witnesses have claimed, then there would be no point in Christ dying on the cross for our sins.

Galatians 2:21 (KJV)

"I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."

It is only after we accept Christ Jesus as our Saviour through faith that we can live to please God. A person trying to please God through their own works without accepting Christ as their saviour, will be like those in the passage in Matthew that are called workers of iniquity and be cast away from the Lord Jesus.

As followers of Christ, and not an organisation, we can therefore do works and live in a way that pleases God. These works that a believer continues in, is not to keep their salvation, for that cannot be lost and will be looked at in the final chapter, but these works are for rewards which a believer will receive in Heaven and to receive blessings here on earth.

Once a person is in Christ Jesus, again not in an organisation, they face no condemnation.

Romans 8:1 (KJV)

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

It is only when we trust Christ that we are instructed in scripture to do good works.

Hebrews 13:20-21 (KJV)

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in

every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

You will notice at the beginning of this passage, that it is through the blood of the everlasting covenant, which is the blood that was poured out for us on the cross of Calvary that once we are washed in the blood of the lamb we can be made perfect in every good work, working and pleasing God in His sight.

Ephesians 2:10 (KJV)

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

As Believers in the Lord, we are instructed to walk in good works for the Lord, however failing to do good works as a believer in the Lord Jesus will not result in losing your salvation, as this is secure, but it will mean loss of rewards and possible chastisement as mentioned in the previous chapter.

Paul tells the believer's how to conduct their lives as Christians in the book of Titus.

Titus 2:11-14 (KJV)

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

When you accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour you are redeemed for all iniquity, which shows that we are freed from sin, and no longer face condemnation. Paul explains that as Christians we should set an example that is different from the world, and that is to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, living soberly, righteously and godly. Again such behaviour is only accepted by God once you place faith in Christ Jesus. At the beginning of this passage, you will notice that God has appeared to all men who brings salvation, and it is up to the individual to accept this or not. God is not willing that any should perish, and His will is to have all men to be saved, however those rejecting His Son will face His wrath.

You will notice in the mid section of the above passage that Paul is looking for someone. He is looking for the Lord Jesus to return, and calls Him "The Great God". Paul realised who the Lord Jesus was, that He is God manifest in the flesh as he explains in 1st Timothy, and as I have shown in chapter 4 of this book.

Chapter 13

(Biblical Stance on Blood Transfusions)

(A Godly view of life)

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The Jehovah's Witnesses have a teaching today that a person who is in their organisation cannot receive a blood transfusion. Should a Jehovah's Witness receive a blood transfusion, according to their teachings this could result in that person losing their eternal life. A Jehovah's Witness today will claim they would far rather die, being "faithful" towards Jehovah than being "unfaithful" receiving a blood transfusion, and losing their eternal life, being destroyed by Jehovah.

The teachings of blood in the Watchtower Organisation suggest to their followers that they are forbidden to eat meat with blood in it. In their book "What does the bible really teach?" on page 129, they quote the following:

"We show respect for blood by not eating it. In the law that Jehovah gave the Israelites in Leviticus, he commanded... 'You must not eat the blood of any sort of flesh' therefore God's command not to eat animal blood, first given to Noah some 800 years earlier, was still in force."

One has to realise in the first instance that the bible tells us that we are set free from the law, and we are not under the law today.

Galatians 3:23 (KJV)

"But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed."

The Jehovah's Witnesses claim their organisation is Spirit led, however this of course cannot be true, not because of the false prophecies and lies they have taught, but if they are led by the Spirit, then they are not under the law, thus they should be able to have blood transfusions at their own discretion.

Galatians 5:18 (KJV)

"But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law."

One of the most hypercritical teachings of the Watchtower Organisation is the doctrine on blood transfusions; this is because they teach throughout the world that a Jehovah's Witness is not allowed to receive a blood transfusion in any case whatsoever. Should a Jehovah's Witness receive a blood transfusion, then they will lose their eternal life and 'Jehovah' will destroy them at Armageddon. However in Bulgaria should a Jehovah's Witness require a blood transfusion, they are allowed to receive one basis on the law of the land in Bulgaria. The Watchtower Organisation claims they have come to a mutual agreement with the Bulgarian Government in allowing Bulgarian Jehovah's Witnesses to receive blood transfusions should they require one. Therefore should a Bulgarian National Citizen who is a Jehovah's Witness have a blood transfusion, according to the Watchtower Organisation they will not lose their eternal life and 'Jehovah' will not destroy them at Armageddon. In Scriptures, God says that He is no respecter of persons. So if this was all true, why would God allow Bulgarian national citizens who were 'His people' to keep their eternal life having

a blood transfusion, but not allow any other persons who belong to other nations throughout the world to receive blood transfusions?

Here is a quote from their earlier Watchtower magazine concerning blood transfusions in Bulgaria.

"The position of the Watchtower Society is clear: despite their agreement to allow Witnesses to receive blood transfusions in Bulgaria, in reality the Society has no intention of honoring this agreement. The Society will continue to levy religious sanctions against Witnesses who receive blood transfusions, forcing the Witnesses to decide between possible death or 'excommunication or disfellowshipping'" (Watchtower, January 15, 1961, p. 64).

However during the 90s, in order for the Watchtower Organisation to be classed as a religion in Bulgaria, they allowed blood transfusions to be carried out for their followers over in Bulgaria, and signed a document with the European Commission of Human Rights Council.

The following is quoted in the communication issued by the Secretary to the European Commission of Human Rights information note number 148 on the 276th session of the European Commission of Human Rights in Strasbourg 1998:

"For Jehovah's Witnesses to be recognised as a religious organisation in Bulgaria, the Watchtower Society had to ensure that, regarding blood transfusions, "members should have free choice in the matter for themselves and their children, without any control or sanction on the part of the association."

Watchtower representatives publicly announced that though they continue to highlight bible principles regarding the requirement to abstain from using blood, they do not prevent followers in Bulgaria from taking blood transfusions. In a Watchtower press release of April 27th 1998, they stated:

"The agreement also includes an acknowledgment that each individual has the freedom to choose the type of medical treatment he receives. The terms of the agreement do not reflect a change in the doctrine of Jehovah's Witnesses."

Therefore, all Jehovah's Witnesses outside Bulgaria are forbidden to have blood transfusions, and set down a law that if a Jehovah's Witness receives one, they will be destroyed by death from Jehovah at the time of Armageddon and disfellowshipped from their society.

Let us have a look to see what the bible teaches today concerning how God views the life of a person.

Firstly, God would far rather save a life than to destroy it, He is not willing that any should perish, because He is a God of love.

2nd Peter 3:9 (KJV)

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Ezekiel 18:23,32 (KJV)

"Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: ... For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD"

God has no pleasure in destroying people, and wicked people today continue to displease Him, yet He is long-suffering and not willing that any should perish.

As mentioned, we are not under the law today nor are we restricted by the law today, and in the Gospel of Matthew we see that the Lord Jesus spoke to the Pharisee's concerning this matter.

Matthew 12:1-4,7 (KJV)

"At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and His disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto Him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day. But He said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him; How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests? But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless."

Here we see that the disciples were hungry, and began to pluck the ears of the corn. The Pharisee's looking on said this was unlawful to do being on a Sabbath day. The Lord explained He would far rather the disciples to eat something being hungry than to be restricted by the law and to die of hunger. He showed the Pharisee's that it was better for the disciples to eat and live, than to be restricted by the law, starve and die.

Again in the Gospel of Matthew we read the account of the man with the withered hand, and how the Lord Jesus healed him in front of the Pharisee's.

Matthew 12:10-12 (KJV)

"And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked Him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. And He said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days."

The Lord Jesus explained in this illustration to the Pharisee's that should one of their sheep fall in a pit in the Sabbath day that they would lift it out, therefore there is no reason that a man cannot be healed on the Sabbath day. The Lord Jesus here was saying that the obligation to save life superseded the Jewish law. He was showing the Pharisee's that He loved life, and values life, and He would far rather save life than to destroy life as we can see from the following passage of scripture.

Luke 9:54-56 (KJV)

"And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But He turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village."

Looking further on concerning blood transfusions, we can see from the New Testament scriptures that there is no law concerning having blood transfusions, nor eating meat with blood in it. The Jehovah's Witnesses teach that should one of their members have a blood transfusion, they will lose their eternal life and be destroyed by Jehovah. There are no verses to support this teaching, therefore it is a man made idea and not biblical.

The verse that the Jehovah's Witnesses use to teach concerning blood transfusions is found in the below verse...

Acts 15:29 (KJV)

"That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well."

This verse addresses EATING blood – and not having blood transfused into your body to replenish your life.

Looking at a verse in the Gospel of Mark, we can see that by eating blood, it cannot defile a person.

Mark 7:15 (KJV)

"There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man."

The effects of nature that defile a person are anger, wrath, cursing and lying, and nothing that can enter into man can defile him or make him unclean.

Looking further in Acts 15, it tells us:

Acts 15:20 (KJV)

"But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood."

By comparing this verse to verse 29 which I have shown above, these verses point back to the Law of Moses in Leviticus 17:12 and 14, forbidding the eating of flesh with its blood in it. Abstaining from blood does in no way refer to receiving blood transfusions as the Watchtower's interpretation insinuates.

As Christians we are not to participate in these practices but withdraw from such things. The Gentiles in their new found freedom were not seeing this in the way the Jewish brethren were. The command issued at the Acts 15 council to the church was on the behalf of the Jewish believers in the New Testament. The decree is a concession in view of the background of the 'weaker brethren.'

In 1st Corinthians 8:1-13 we are reminded of the 'stronger brother' who is to restrict himself on the behalf of the 'weaker brother', so that they may not stumble the 'weaker brother'. Looking at an extract from these verses we can read:

1st Corinthians 8:7-10 (KJV)

"Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled. But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse. But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak. For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;"

Paul is teaching the believers here that they are free to eat meat which in this instance is offered to idols as he teaches that they have liberty to do so, however should a believer again on this occasion perhaps a Jewish believer who is weak in the faith, is offended at this practice, then as the stronger brother in the Lord he is to withdraw this practice in front of the weaker brother so not to cause a stumbling block against him.

Similarly in Acts 15, the Gentile believer is to restrict himself in respect for his Jewish brother's conscience regarding food laws.

Looking further at this in Corinthians, Paul taught the believers there concerning the practices of eating meat offered to idols, and how they should conduct themselves if they were offered meat offered unto idols.

1 Corinthians 10:27-29 (KJV)

"If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake. But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof: Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience?"

Paul confirms here that if a person is offered meat unto idols they again are free to eat, however should a brother who is weak in the faith sitting next to him, questions this, then for conscience sake, not himself, but the conscience of the other brother.

At the start of Paul's ministry, Paul received revelations from the Lord in what to teach the Church, he was taught of the Lord what Gospel to preach and other practices within the Church ordinances also. Looking at the following verse, Paul describes that believers of the Lord should not mix with other believers if they are committing such sinful practices.

1st Corinthians 5:9-11 (KJV)

"I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat."

To begin with, these believers who were committing these practices were still saved, they hadn't lost their salvation, and again this is examined at chapter 19 of this book. Paul explains that believers should not have fellowship with other believers who were fornicators, covetous, extortioners, or idolaters. Paul does not once state that if a person is eating meat with blood or meat offered unto idols then we are not to have fellowship with them. Paul throughout scripture tells the believers that they have liberty in eating meat offered unto idols and meat with blood in it.

The Jehovah's Witnesses teach today that they must abstain from all blood, and have taken the verses out of context to teach their own doctrines in not having a blood transfusion. Nowhere in the bible does it say that a person is forbidden to have a blood transfusion, and interestingly enough, there is nothing in Jewish law that would prohibit a person from benefiting from a blood transfusion (or donating blood, for that matter). Furthermore, according to Jewish belief, saving a life is one of the most important commandments, overriding nearly all of the others. Therefore, if a blood transfusion is deemed medically necessary, then it is not only permissible but obligatory in Jewish belief.

You merely have to look at the death of the Lord Jesus Christ to understand how He loved us dearly; He gave up His own life so that we can receive life through Him. He poured out His own blood for us, and gave a promise in His word.

Acts 10:43 (KJV)

"To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins."

This is a marvellous promise by the Lord Jesus Christ. Peter declared here that whosoever believeth on Him shall receive the remission of sins. How is this done?

Hebrews 9:22 (KJV)

“And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.”

There is no remission of sins without the shedding of blood. Our sins are wiped clear, past, present and future by the blood of Jesus. He offers the ultimate blood transfusion to whosoever believes on Him and gives that person the remission which is the total cleansing and full pardon and forgiveness of all our sins through His shed blood. He died in our place, showing that He has no desire to destroy us, His desire is to save us, to give us life, and this is why He died and shed His own blood so that we could have the remission of sins and to give Him the full glory.

Chapter 14

How to enter into the Family of God?

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Chapter 14 in their book published by the Watchtower Organisation is titled “How to make your family life happy?” However, when I created the video on this section, which again you can view by clicking the link above, I took a different angle on this chapter and decided to address this chapter as “How to enter into the Family of God” and look at once you are in the family of God, how God treats His own children. Then towards the end of the chapter, I focused on how we should treat one another once you are part of the family of God.

The Jehovah’s Witnesses teach that in order to become part of the family of God, you must do a study first of all within their doctrines, once you have studied their teachings, you are then to pass a test, a questionnaire to see how well you have learned in your study, which again could determine if you can enter the Watchtower Organisation or not, once you have passed this questionnaire test, you then become an “un-baptised publisher” which is handing out Watchtower magazines and other literature within the organisation and witness to others about Jehovah’s Kingdom. Before you become an un-baptised publisher, you are required to free yourself from serious sins such as sexual immorality, drunkenness, and drug abuse. Once you have proved yourself as an un-baptised publisher, you then go through the waters of baptism after gaining further knowledge of the Watchtower Organisation, and after this, you are therefore now part of the family of God. I will cover the qualifications of baptism in Chapter 18 of this book.

No where in scriptures does it mention that in order to become part of the family of God you have to go through the above. The bible says that in order to become a child of God, adopted as a Son and into the family of God, you place your faith in Jesus Christ, who cleanses you from all sins and all unrighteousness.

Galatians 3:26 (KJV)

“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.”

To become a child of God, it is through the Lord Jesus Christ, and not through an organisation. Paul explains to the church at Galatia again below how we are adopted as sons of God.

Galatians 4:4-7 (KJV)

“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”

There is no where in scripture where the bible tells us that in order to become part of the family of God; you have to enter into an organisation. Going to church or a religious building does not make you righteous in the sight of God. The Lord Jesus explained how a person enters into the kingdom of God, and you can only enter into the Kingdom of God, which

again is the family of God by being born again. You cannot inherit eternal life unless you are born again, and the Lord Jesus explained this in John’s Gospel to Nicodemus.

John 3:3-7 (KJV)

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.”

I had a conversation with two Jehovah’s Witnesses in street work once, and they informed me that being born again is not only knowing your spiritual Father, but knowing your spiritual Mother also, and the Mother is the organisation that they are in.

If you look carefully at the Lord Jesus words, He is not asking Nicodemus to enter in again through his mother’s womb, nor is He affirming to Nicodemus to know his spiritual parents, He is affirming that he must be born again spiritually. Therefore how does one become born again?

The Lord Jesus explains further to Nicodemus that once you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, you are born again. Being born again is so vital for eternal life, and the doctrine of being born again is only mentioned once throughout scripture, so in the once that it is mentioned, it has to be clear on how a person is born again, and the Lord Jesus gave the answer to this question that had puzzled Nicodemus.

John 3:15-16 (KJV)

“That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Believing on Jesus for your Salvation gives so much, it enables us to become a Child of God, gives us mercy, gives us peace, gives us eternal life, cleanses us from all unrighteousness and sin, gives us a hope in our hearts, and puts us into the family of God.

The Jehovah’s Witnesses will claim that they have believed on Jesus, however as you will see from chapter 4 in this book, the Jehovah’s Witnesses have another Jesus. On my website, which you can find at the end of this book, I have created various videos showing from scripture who the Lord Jesus Christ really is from scripture, which you are free to watch in your own time.

You cannot have your sins forgiven by doing good works, and again I shall cover this in chapter 18 in this book, your sins can only be cleansed by the blood of Christ.

Romans 5:1 + 9 (KJV)

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”

We are saved from God’s wrath once we accept His Son alone for our Salvation. Justified through faith and cleansed in the blood of Christ. Once we accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour, by believing that He is Lord, we are made righteous in the sight of God.

An organisation never died for my sins, the Lord Jesus did, and those who believe on Him have eternal life.

Once you become part of the family of God, He then treats you as sons, as a loving Father. As Christians, we still sin because we have the flesh, the world and Satan attacking us with temptations and ungodly desires. We are to strive to please the Lord during these temptations, however through weakness of the flesh, if we succumb to these temptations, and yield to them without confessing them to God or not judging ourselves, then God doesn't take our salvation away from us, as that is giving to us as a free gift and cannot be lost, again this will be looked at further in Chapter 19, but rather God chastens us so that we become a better person.

2nd Corinthians 6:9 (KJV)

"As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;"

Paul explains that we can never perish now that we are a child of God, but we are not out the reach of His chastening hand. God however does not chasten us for the slightest thing, He gives us time to realise our errors, He gives us time to confess our sins, and He is slow to anger and long-suffering toward us. However without chastening, then it would show that God does not love, however as God is a loving Father, He Chastens whom He loves.

Hebrews 12:6 (KJV)

"For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth."

We have noticed that God is the one who chastens, and yet we read elsewhere in scripture that it is the Lord Jesus who chastens people. We read in Revelation the words of the Lord Jesus.

Revelation 3:19 (KJV)

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."

The Lord Jesus is speaking to the lukewarm church here in Laodicea, and is chastening them for their lukewarm attitude towards Him. As I explained in Chapter 4, the Lord Jesus is God manifest in the flesh, three eternal beings who are the one true living God.

Chapter 15

Worship that God approves

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In this chapter, I will look at worshipping the Lord Jesus, which the Jehovah's Witnesses are forbidden to do so by their organisation. The Jehovah's Witnesses also claim that they are the "True Religion" today; therefore I will cover religion at the end of this chapter.

Today the Jehovah's Witnesses do not teach to any of their followers the correct way to worship. They are forbidden to worship the Lord Jesus telling their congregation that to do so is like worshipping an idol. They are taught that Jesus cannot be worshipped in any way whatsoever.

However, prior to 1954 the Watchtower Organisation did worship Jesus. Charles Taze Russell, the main founder to this organisation claimed that Jesus could be worshipped and that there was nothing wrong in doing so. In a quote published in Zions watchtower 1880 Oct pp 2-3 he said the following:

"It seems clear that His Divinity was retained in humanity because He repeatedly spoke of Himself as having come down from heaven, and because He, though passing through trial and sorrow as a man, was yet possessed of the authority and exercised the prerogatives of a God. He was the object of unreprieved worship even when a babe, by the wise men who came to see the new-born King. Matt. 2:2-11. Even the angels delighted to do Him honor. "When He bringeth the first-begotten into the world, He saith, "And let all the angels of God worship Him." Heb. 1:6. He never reprov'd any one for acts of worship offered to Himself, but when Cornelius offered such service to Peter--the leading apostle-- "he took him up, saying, stand up; I myself also am a man." Had Christ not been more than a man the same reason would have prevented from receiving worship."

In a further comment made by Charles Taze Russell, he announced in Zion's Watch Tower 1898 Jul 15 p.216 the following:

"Question. The fact that our Lord received worship is claimed by some to be an evidence that while on earth he was God the Father disguised in a body of flesh and not really a man. Was he really worshiped, or is the translation faulty? Answer. Yes, we believe our Lord Jesus while on earth was really worshiped, and properly so. It was proper for our Lord to receive worship in view of his having been the only begotten of the Father and his agent in the creation of all things, including man."

As I have explained in Chapter 4 in this book, Jesus is not the Father, and thus through quote such as these, make the Jehovah's Witnesses confused. However reading into these quotes it is very clear that Charles Taze Russell did approve the worship of the Lord Jesus to his followers and allowed them to "rightly" do so. Charles Taze Russell claimed that when Cornelius bowed down to Peter was incorrect in doing so, because Peter was only a man, Charles Taze Russell knew from scripture that the Lord Jesus was much more than just a man, however the Jehovah's Witnesses today claim that Jesus was an Angel, who because just a man on earth, died and rose again as a spirit creature, which of course is blasphemy. A man never died on the cross for my sins, it was God manifest in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16) if Jesus was only a man, He would be able to sin, but He never once sinned, proving that He was God, because God cannot sin, but man can.

The preceding head of the Watchtower Organisation, Judge Rutherford followed suit with regards to worshipping the Lord Jesus. He said in the article, *Watchtower* 1939 Nov 15 p.339 the following:

"Jehovah God commands all to worship Christ Jesus because Christ Jesus is the express image of his Father, Jehovah, and because he is the Executive Officer of Jehovah always carrying out Jehovah's purpose (Heb.:3-6)."

Judge Rutherford acclaimed to his followers that worship of Christ is necessary because God commands all to worship Him.

During the 1950's, when the New World Translation was published, the Watchtower Organisation revoked worship of the Lord Jesus and claimed it as Idol worship.

In their article *Watchtower* 1954 Jan 1 p.31 they have quoted the following:

"Should we worship Jesus?"

Consequently, since the Scriptures teach that Jesus Christ is not a trinitarian co-person with God the Father, but is a distinct person, the Son of God, the answer to the above question must be that no distinct worship is to be rendered to Jesus Christ now glorified in heaven. Our worship is to go to Jehovah God. However, we show the proper regard for God's only-begotten Son by rendering our worship to God through and in the name of Jesus Christ. Even now when we kneel in prayer, as Paul did according to Ephesians 3:14-19, we offer prayer in the name of Jesus Christ in obedience to his own directions (John 15:16; 16:23-26), but the prayer itself is addressed, not to Jesus, but to God his Father. In this way we keep things in their relative positions."

Was the Lord Jesus worshipped?

Revelation 4:8-11 (KJV)

"And the four beasts had each of them six wings about Him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to Him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, The four and twenty elders fall down before Him that sat on the throne, and worship Him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

If you look at the first part of this passage, you will notice that the four beasts who said "Holy Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come" these four beasts were saying that Jesus was Almighty, is Almighty and when He comes He is Almighty. The Father is not coming to earth; it is the Lord Jesus who is coming to earth and it is the Lord Jesus whom we are anticipating for His return. However not only did these four beasts worship Jesus, the twenty four elders also worshipped Him saying that He created all things. This is backed up in Colossians chapter 1 where the Lord Jesus is described as creating all things to exist.

Looking in the Gospels, we can see that the Lord Jesus was worshipped by sinners who once they came to Him in faith and believed on Him, they worshipped Him.

John 9:31-38 (KJV)

"Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth His will, Him He heareth. Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. They

answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on Him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen Him, and it is He that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped Him."

There are many accounts of people who were healed by the Lord Jesus throughout scripture, and after they were healed they worshipped Jesus. Not once did the Lord Jesus rebuke anyone for worshipping Him.

The Jehovah's Witnesses claim in this chapter of their book, that you must continue in worship with God in order to receive everlasting life, thus proclaiming works. Looking at the commencement of the above passage, it reads "If any man be a worshipper of God and doeth His will, Him He heareth." Therefore God doesn't hear anyone that refuses to do His will. The will of God required for Salvation is explained in the preceding chapters of John in Chapter 6.

John 6:40 (KJV)

"And this is the will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day."

Again, the Jehovah's Witnesses will claim they believe on Jesus, but they have another Jesus created by the Watchtower Organisation, and thus falsely believe on the wrong Jesus. They don't believe on Jesus solely for their salvation, and therefore their works are "contributing" towards their salvation, which again will fall on its face, as no one receives eternal life basis on what they do.

The Lord Jesus told the Jews the following in John's gospel:

John 8:24 (KJV)

"I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."

The title "I am" was a name of God given to Moses to tell others that "I am sent thee." Therefore the reason why the Jews tried to stone the Lord Jesus was because they knew exactly who He was claiming to be.

John 10:33 (KJV)

"The Jews answered Him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God."

So can we worship the Lord Jesus? Yes of course, many passages in the New Testament Gospels show that not only those who were healed of Jesus worshipped Him, but also the Disciples also worshipped Jesus.

The Jehovah's Witnesses are not permitted to pray to the Lord Jesus either; however we can read the account of Stephen when he prayed to the Lord Jesus.

Acts 7:59 (KJV)

"And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

Stephen called upon GOD and said LORD JESUS, He prayed to Jesus asking Him to receive His spirit when he was about to die, another claim from scripture that will baffle a Jehovah's Witness as they do not believe that man has a soul or spirit in them.

Moving onto religion now, the Jehovah's Witnesses claim that they are the "True Religion". Every religion shows the way to God is through earning your own way of getting there, the Jehovah's Witnesses are one of many religions who believe this, that by doing many good works, and continuing in the works that they do, will merit a place in eternity with God. There will come a time when all religions who stand before God at the Great White Throne will be confused wondering why they are not accepted by God.

Matthew 7:21-23 (KJV)

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

The Lord calls these people who practice religion, workers of iniquity, trying to get into heaven through their own works, trying to make it in their own way.

Religions today, such as Buddhism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, Seventh Day Adventists, Roman Catholics all believe they must earn the right to be reconciled with God. All religions are about man trying to reach up to God. Christianity is different, firstly it is not a religion, it is a relationship with God, and Christianity isn't about man trying to reach God, it is about God trying to reach down to man.

John 1:10-11 (KJV)

"He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not."

The Lord Jesus came down to try and have a relationship with man, He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. It's not about what you do that reconciles or makes you acceptable to God, it's about what the Lord Jesus done for us, He died on a cross for us to provide us life, and those who believe on Him shall receive life.

It's not about works of righteousness, or good deeds, or any works whatsoever that we do on our part. The Lord Jesus finished the work on the cross, this is why He uttered the words "It is Finished." before He bowed His head and died.

The Lord Jesus came into this world that He might bring us to God, not ourselves trying to reach God through our own ways.

1 Peter 3:18 (KJV)

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:"

The above verse shows that it is the Lord Jesus who brings us to God. We can't reach God through an organisation or through any good works on our behalf. On a quick note, the Jehovah's Witnesses use this verse to try and prove that Jesus was raised as a spirit creature; however the verse shows that He was quickened BY the Spirit, not raised as a spirit.

We have been made right with God if we accept the free gift of God's Son, Jesus who was punished for our sins on the cross, who shed His blood for us, died and on the third day was raised again from the grave. Paul confirms this in the book of Romans.

Romans 3:21-25 (KJV)

"But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all

and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;"

Christianity isn't a religion to work at our Salvation; Christianity is a relationship with the person who paid the price for our eternal life on the cross of Calvary. Jesus blood has paid it all. The bible says in Hebrews 9:22 that without the shedding of blood, there can be no remission of sins. Jesus paid it all for us through His blood, and if we accept and believe on Him, we can have the remission of sins through His shed blood for us (Acts 10:43).

Chapter 16

Should Christians Celebrate Religious Holidays?

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When the Watchtower Organisation first started, the Jehovah's Witnesses confirmed to its followers that it was acceptable to celebrate Christmas, which is far from what they are told today. Today Jehovah's Witnesses are not permitted to celebrate Christmas and are told that it is pagan, and therefore to shun Christmas entirely.

The organisation actively engaged in and even promoted celebrating Christmas, Birthdays and Mothers Day until well after 1919. These were thought out apparently under the guidance of God and explained as acceptable. Now the same 'God' has dictated that they are to be considered pagan and those that participate are described as 'ignorant'.

In their publication, Zion's Watch Tower 1904 Dec 1 p.364 they quote the following:

"Even though Christmas is not the real anniversary of our Lord's birth, but more properly the annunciation day or the date of his human begetting (Luke 1:28), nevertheless, since the celebration of our Lord's birth is not a matter of divine appointment or injunction, but merely a tribute of respect to him, it is not necessary for us to quibble particularly about the date. We may as well join with the civilized world in celebrating the grand event on the day which the majority celebrate - Christmas day."

Prior to 1928 the Jehovah's Witnesses did celebrate Christmas, however after this year they ceased to celebrate this holiday. What caused the bible Students to stop celebrating Christmas? Richard H. Barber gave this answer:

"I was asked to give an hour talk over a [radio] hookup on the subject of Christmas. It was given December 12, 1928, and published in The Golden Age #241 and again a year later in #268. That talk pointed out the pagan origin of Christmas. After that, the brothers at Bethel never celebrated Christmas again." (Yearbook 1975 p.147)

Therefore, should Christians Celebrate Christmas? I want to focus on Christmas tree's first of all, and explain about having one during Christmas in one's house.

There is a lot of confusion today about should Christians have a Christmas tree in the house, it does go down to ones conviction of course, but allow me to show you from scripture how I see nothing wrong in having one, as long as it is not used as an act of worship like an idol.

To begin with, some verses that people use to condemn having a Christmas tree are found in the book of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 10:3-4 (KJV)

"For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not."

Again, another verse to support not having a Christmas tree in the house is found in the book of Habakkuk.

Habakkuk 2:18-19 (KJV)

"What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols? Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it."

As you will see from the above verses these people who cut down these trees were using them as idols to worship them, they took away the worship of God and worshiped the tree instead and made it into a dumb idol, laying gold and silver upon it.

Should a person be using the Christmas tree to bow down and worshipping it, then of course I would agree that it is a wrong practice, and should be condemned as it is an act of worship towards an idol.

However, let's focus our attention to the book of Leviticus and there was a holy day where the Lord asked the Israelites to worship Him during this particular season in the year called the feast of booths, and how the Lord asked them to celebrate it.

Leviticus 23:38-41 (KJV)

"Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD. Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath. And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month."

In the above passage, you will notice that the Lord asked the Israelites to gather different trees on a certain time of the year, bringing gifts and freewill offerings and to worship the Lord by the trees. The Lord never asked them to worship the trees, but to use the trees as decoration in their worship towards the Lord. It is common knowledge from scripture that these Israelites were under very strict Levitical law during this time, and doing anything outside of the command of the Lord could result in punishment, or in extreme circumstances the death of that person.

The Jehovah's Witnesses who claim they cannot have Christmas trees do not get their authority from scripture, therefore it is not from God. By looking at the New Testament scriptures now, we can see that having a Christmas tree in the house is down to the individuals own conviction, remembering that the Israelites were under the Levitical law, and we are reminded today that we are not under the law.

Romans 6:14 (KJV)

"For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace."

There are guidelines in the New Testament scriptures for the sanctification of the believer in Christ to follow, however where the bible is silent, there is no law. The bible tells each believer not to commit fornication, adultery, theft, murder etc, but no where does it tell the believer that they are forbidden to have Christmas trees. However common sense should prevail if a person is bowing down and worshipping it.

The bible gives us a warning not to let any man spoil you through vain deceit after the traditions of men.

Colossians 2:8 (KJV)

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

Paul explains in Colossians furthermore that should a person desire to celebrate a certain holy day, then we are not to judge that person if they want to celebrate it.

Colossians 2:16 (KJV)

"Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:"

The bible is more pro in allowing a person to celebrating Christmas, than not allowing a person to celebrate it, which I will look at shortly.

Therefore, is a Christian allowed to have a Christmas tree? The answer simply is, it is neither correct nor incorrect to have one, it is entirely to the individuals own conviction, as the bible is not against having a tree to have as a decoration in the house around the time of a yearly feast. A tree used in conjunction with idol worship is blatantly wrong, and should only be used as part of decoration as the Israelites used at the time of the feast of the booths.

Should therefore Christians celebrate Christmas, by giving and receiving gifts and participating in the festive season? Looking at the Gospels, it is clear that many people celebrated the birth of Christ.

Matthew 1:18-23 (KJV)

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

The Lord Jesus was conceived by the Holy Ghost through the Virgin Mary, and His name was to be called Emmanuel, being interpreted "God with us." Here we see that God was coming to save His people from their sins, and through the person of the Lord Jesus He came to earth as a babe.

Matthew 2:1-2 (KJV)

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him."

Again, the wise men on this occasion sought to find Jesus and to worship Him. As I discussed in the previous chapter, only God can be worshipped, and the fact that the wise men came to worship Him, shows that Jesus can be worshipped as He is God in the person of the Lord Jesus.

The Lord Jesus was worshipped from His birth, through to His ascension, and is still actively worshipped today. The Jehovah's Witnesses worshipped Him until they were told by their organisation that they had to stop.

The Jehovah's Witnesses claim that it is pagan to celebrate Christmas or Birthdays, and they claim that the only two people in the bible who celebrated Birthdays were not of Jehovah, thus according to their teachings it is therefore automatically pagan to worship or participate in celebrating Birthdays. The reason Christians celebrate Christmas is to remember the birth of Christ, and to share Him with others also. There has been many a time where Christ's name has been witnessed to others especially at Christmas time. The bible makes it clear, to receive eternal life, you put your trust in Christ and believe on Him, and what better way to tell others about Christ than to remember His birth, and remember why He came into the world, to save His people from their sins.

Matthew 2:9-11 (KJV)

"When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

The Jehovah's Witnesses are forbidden to receive or accept presents or gifts and that includes from work colleagues. They teach in their book "What does the bible really teach on pages 160-161" the following:

"What if someone wants to give you a gift? Much depends on the circumstances. The giver might say: 'I know that you do not celebrate the holiday. Still, I want you to have this.' You may decide that accepting the gift under those circumstances is not the same as taking part in the holiday. Of course, if the giver is not familiar with your beliefs, you could mention that you do not observe the holiday. This would help to explain why you accept a gift but do not give one on that occasion. On the otherhand, it would be wise not to accept a gift if it is given with the clear intention of showing that you do not stick to your beliefs or that you would compromise for the sake of material gain."

Receiving a gift is a great honour, especially when someone gives you one at Christmas or your Birthday. The Jehovah's Witnesses although they would refuse gifts, they are actually refusing the gift of God also. This is how subtle Satan is, taking away from their minds the free gift of God that is giving to them and instead of accepting gifts, they have refused the one gift that can give them eternal life, and that is through the Lord Jesus.

Romans 6:23 (KJV)

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Salvation is not by working at it, if it was then salvation would become a reward for that individual, but instead salvation through the grace of God and through Faith in His Son Jesus is a free gift.

The bible mentions that at the birth of Christ, the angels and all of heaven celebrated the birth of Christ, therefore shouldn't we?

Luke 2:13-14 (KJV)

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

As mentioned above, Paul explained to the church at Colosse that those who desired to celebrate a certain holyday then we are not to judge that person in doing so. The Christian is at liberty to express their desire to celebrate Christmas at their own conviction, however by

looking at the scriptures; the bible is more for celebrating Christmas, than against celebrating Christmas.

For further teaching on this topic, please visit my website or YouTube channel and watch the video titled “Does the Watchtower have Joy?” where I cover Christmas and Birthdays and explain that the Watchtower once celebrated both.

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Chapter 17

Draw close to God in prayer

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<http://youtu.be/AB5HqXH63TI>

In their book “What does the bible really teach” the Jehovah’s Witnesses teach on page 166 that in order to be heard by God in prayer, you must meet certain requirements before your prayer can be met by God. Firstly you must exercise faith towards Him, which shows that you must continue working before God can hear you.

The Jehovah’s Witnesses although they would say that prayer is part of worship, they would not allow a person to pray to the Lord Jesus, and are forbidden to do so by their organisation.

They teach their followers that they are to pray and worship the Father only, and by praying or worshipping the Lord Jesus would be classed as a form of idol worship, similar idea to a Catholic if they prayed to Mary.

The Jehovah’s Witnesses will pray to the Father through the name of Jesus, but although they are using Jesus’ name, they have a different Jesus, not the Jesus of the scriptures.

The bible explains that God cannot hear the prayers of the unrighteous, and as I have explained in this book in chapter 7, I focused on who the righteous and unrighteous were. However let us focus on what the bible says with regards to how God only answers the prayers of the righteous.

Proverbs 15:29 (KJV)

“The LORD is far from the wicked: but He heareth the prayer of the righteous.”

As mentioned in chapter 7, the bible does declare that there not one person who is righteous and Paul explains this in the following verse:

Romans 3:10 (KJV)

“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:”

Therefore in order for God to firstly answer any prayer, you have to become a child of God. The Jehovah’s Witnesses believe and teach their followers that they become a child of God after they are committed to God through their own works, which I will explain in Chapter 18; however the scriptures teach differently to their views yet again, and explain that you become a child of God the moment you accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

Galatians 3:26 (KJV)

“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.”

The bible explains in the following verse how a person becomes righteous in the sight of God, and again it is not by any works that we contribute.

Romans 4:5 (KJV)

“But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.”

There are no works involved to become righteous, if there were works involved then the bible could not be trusted, because to receive salvation, which is a free gift, a person believes on Jesus to save him from all their sins. Many people today believe in a person called Jesus, historians would say that Jesus lived, however it’s not just believing he existed, the Jews believed He existed, but a person must realise that they are a sinner, and realise Jesus died in their place on the cross of Calvary, was buried and rose again the third day. Paul explained to the Romans that salvation was through Jesus Christ by faith only, not through works.

Romans 3:22 (KJV)

“Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:”

The only way a person can be made righteous is by accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, knowing that their eternal life has been paid for, and nothing that can be achieved by their own merits can contribute towards the gift of eternal life, other than believing on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul explains in Titus that a person is not made righteous through their own works, which again I will cover in more detail in the next chapter, however Paul when writing to Titus said the following:

Titus 3:5 (KJV)

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;”

Paul explained throughout the New Testament that salvation came upon believing in Christ through faith, and not through works, therefore once you come to Christ as you are, and believe on Him, you have been made righteous in His sight. God declares you as righteous once you accept His Son Jesus.

Romans 3:25-26 (KJV)

“Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.”

By continuing to do good works, or entering into a man made organisation does not justify a person or make them righteous in His sight, only those who by faith accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

Once a person has accepted Jesus as their Saviour, God can therefore hear their prayers.

1st Peter 3:12 (KJV)

“For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.”

The Lord’s ears are only open to those who are made righteous by their faith towards His Son Jesus.

As mentioned, the Jehovah’s Witnesses do not believe that prayer directed towards the Lord Jesus is permitted, and believe that prayer only to Jehovah the Father is acceptable. However when Stephen in Acts was being stoned, he prayed to Jesus calling Him God.

Acts 7:59 (KJV)

“And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

Stephen prayed to the Lord Jesus at a time when he was dying to receive his spirit, again something that the Jehovah's Witnesses to not believe or teach is that a person has a spirit.

However, being made righteous by accepting Jesus Christ as your Saviour and now being a child of God can still offer some difficulties in prayer, and Christians can still have their prayers hindered. One way of prayers being hindered are if husbands do not love their wives, which the following verse confirms:

1st Peter 3:7 (KJV)

"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

Should a believing husband have any dissensions with his wife, it does not take away their salvation which again is a free gift giving to them, however it hinders the prayer life of that believing husband, or the believing couple, because God wants to see love from the individuals and cannot offer His love in return of prayer answered if they do not love one another.

A person can draw close to God in prayer by being in fellowship with Him. There are many Christians today who through weakness of flesh, or have a desire to have the world around them satisfy them rather than seeking to be Godly, are out of fellowship with God because they do not seek after Him. Again, and I will cover this in the last chapter, a Christian cannot lose the free gift of salvation, but a Christian can be out of fellowship with God, but their relationship with Him cannot be broken. For example, a son can fall out with his earthly father through a disagreement, and not speak to each other; however they are still father and son in relationship, which cannot be broken. In order for their fellowship to be restored, the son would have to come back to the father and confess his error to him for their fellowship to be restored. John explains this in his first epistle that in order to walk in fellowship with God, one must confess their sins to God in order for the fellowship to be restored back together again.

1st John 1:6-7 (KJV)

"If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Once we are back in fellowship with God, we can be blessed, our prayers won't be hindered and God will forgive us freely for any wrong we have done toward Him.

We should continually pray and not give up or faint when we do pray. We can read from scripture in the book of Daniel that Satan hindered the prayer of Daniel, and we know today that Satan will try and hinder our prayers in any way we can, therefore we must seek to be in fellowship with God, knowing that we have accepted His Son Jesus as our Saviour, knowing only that it is the blood of Jesus Christ that cleanseth us from all our sins, and not through any works we do, and make sure we faint not when we do pray for things to happen.

Luke 18:1 (KJV)

"And He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;"

The last prayer in the bible is to the Lord Jesus in Revelation.

Revelation 22:20 (KJV)

"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

We are told by the Lord Jesus to pray to the Father, and we pray through His name, and it is Him who answers our prayers.

John 14:14 (KJV)

"If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."

Jehovah's Witnesses today are not having their prayers answered because they have not been made righteous. The Jehovah's Witnesses base their faith in an organisation that was created by man, which God has not ordained nor set up and they ultimately worship a false god. God can only hear the prayers of the righteous, which is when a person is saved through the Lord Jesus Christ, which I will now discuss further in the next chapter.

Chapter 18

Baptism and your relationship with God (Salvation and Baptism)

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(Part 1) <http://youtu.be/8DzGHLMzhRM>

Salvation:

In their book “What does the bible really teach” the Jehovah’s Witnesses teach that before they can be baptised one must forsake all their sins and live a life pleasing to God. Being baptised as a Jehovah’s Witness is not the same as when a Christian is baptised. Christian baptism is to show an outward sign to others that you are a follower of the Lord Jesus, which is a commandment by Him. However when a Jehovah’s Witness is baptised, it is because they believe it is part of the saving faith which contributes towards their eternal life. The Watchtower state that a person cannot be saved by simply believing on the Lord Jesus alone, and as a Jehovah’s Witness you are only saved through having a prolonged bible study, witnessing to others in the street, baptism, turning from all sins and then enduring unto the end. The Jehovah’s Witnesses do teach that you can lose salvation should you leave the organisation or if you are caught committing a grievous sin and are disfellowshipped from the organisation.

Before I explain about baptism, I would like to clearly present from the bible how a person is saved, and the doctrine of salvation in full. I will be explaining in detail that a person can only be saved one way, and that is through the Lord Jesus Christ by faith alone in Him and not by anything that a person can do in their own way. This chapter will be written in length, as I have a burden to make clear the truth of what the Lord has shown me fully in His word when I was studying the doctrine of salvation, and I would like you to take your time in reading what is set out in this chapter.

Having learned this subject through God’s word alone, with the Lord guiding me throughout, I have had many attacks from the enemy, as this is the subject Satan hates the most - he does not want people knowing the truth about the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ in order that people may have their sins **freely** forgiven.

Romans 5:15 (KJV)

*“But not as the offence, so also is the **free gift**. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.”*

Many people think they can earn salvation through their own way, through their own works and through living a “clean” lifestyle, and with these good works they believe they will be saved and will be granted eternal life. This may seem like an acceptable way; however let’s examine what the bible says about salvation.

Proverbs 16:25 (KJV)

“There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

The Jehovah’s Witnesses teach that in order to get saved, you first have to turn away from all your sins before you are accepted by Jehovah. They use the following verse to make this claim.

Acts 3:19 (KJV)

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;”

The Jehovah’s Witnesses use the above verse to teach the following which is displayed in their Watchtower magazine.

“If we want Jehovah God to forgive us [initially], we need to learn about him—to understand his ways, his advice, and his requirements. Jehovah generously forgives those who repent of their misconduct and try to change.” (Watchtower May 2013)

The Jehovah’s Witnesses teach further how a person can be forgiven by God (referring to salvation)

“God forgives those who repent of their sins, follow his standards in their life, and exercise faith in Jesus Christ.” (JW Website > Bible teachings > Questions > Unforgivable Sin)

This teaching and also the verse above in Acts is widely misinterpreted today by explaining that it means you must turn away from your sins **to be saved**, but this verse is far from teaching this, otherwise it would imply works added onto faith for salvation. It would also imply that if this teaching were correct, every person who was a member of a cult would be saved. I will speak about the term ‘exercising faith’ which the Jehovah’s Witnesses have used towards the end of this chapter.

There is a misunderstanding on the word repentance today, and I hope to explain the true meaning on repentance by comparing verses from scripture. To understand what this verse is speaking about, it is vital to examine previous verses in the same chapter. As you may know, the person speaking in the above verse is the Apostle Peter, however to whom is he speaking to here in this verse?

Acts 3:12 (KJV)

“And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel...”

Peter is speaking to the men of Israel, who are the Jews. The Jews were a self righteous group wherein they tried to keep the law in order to get themselves to God. The Jews who were trying to keep the Law of Moses were generally not continuing in a sinful way or lifestyle, they had already shunned their sinful lifestyle, in that they were trying to keep the commandments of God; therefore Peter is not telling them to “repent or turn from their sins” - although they are still sinners, Peter is telling them something else which we can read in the next verse.

Acts 3:13 (KJV)

“The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified His Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied Him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go.”

Peter is speaking to the household of Israel regarding the person of the Lord Jesus. The key phrase in the above verse is “denied Him”. The Jews had denied the Lord Jesus and crucified Him on the cross of Calvary. Peter was pointing out to them how they had denied Him and that they were continuing to live in the same unbelieving way as before, living in their own righteous ways denying the one who could save them. Looking further in verse 17 we read the following.

Acts 3:17 (KJV)

“And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.”

Peter explains to the Jews here that they had done this through ignorance, and in verse 19 of Acts chapter 3, Peter tells them to repent, not of their sins, but of the ignorance towards the Lord Jesus Christ and that they had to turn to accept Him, in order that they could have their sins blotted out.

A person cannot have their sins blotted out solely by turning from their sins, as then any person who turns over a new leaf in their life would have their sins blotted out, and that would be a heresy based on works. Repentance is a change of mind towards God, a change of mind to believe the Gospel, it is not a change of lifestyle you have to commit to before you become acceptable towards God. This is what the Jehovah’s Witnesses teach, and it is false on so many accounts, because the bible does not teach this.

As mentioned, there is a way that seems right unto man. Turning from your sins to get saved does sound biblical, but this is not grace, this is not the free gift God is offering. A free gift demands nothing from us. Turning from sins **to get saved** is not recorded in the bible, and thus it is a great deception today. Turning from sins is something a Christian ought to do in their walk with the Lord after they are saved, and should be a daily practice in a believer’s life - it is the fruit of a believer’s salvation, not the root, which I will speak furthermore shortly in this chapter.

For salvation, you come to Christ alone, just as you are, in recognition that you are a sinner bound for Hell and that He is the Saviour, and He forgives your past, present and future sins - it is your faith towards Him that saves you. A person still has the old sinful nature with them when they get saved, you do not become perfect in every way when you are saved. If you had to turn from all your sins to get saved, you would always be questioning if you were saved or not when/if you commit a sin, thus a person would be basing their salvation upon their own righteousness. It is the same example of putting the cart before the horse, in that you are trying to put your good works first, your own righteousness before salvation and that won’t avail to anything.

Leaving the book of Acts just for a moment, I want to explain briefly who can blot out sins and at the same time show the deity of the Lord Jesus.

Isaiah 45:25 (KJV)

“I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.”

Colossians 2:13-14 (KJV)

“And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross;”

In Isaiah, God’s word tells us that God is the only one that blots out our transgressions, and doesn’t remember our sins. Looking at the verse in Colossians we read that the Lord Jesus is the only one that blots out our sins, as He took it out the way nailing it to His cross. We cannot earn salvation, we cannot achieve this through our own way, we cannot do anything to have our sins blotted out in our own way or works of righteousness, and we can only receive the forgiveness of sins through the finished work of the cross, where the Lord Jesus shed His blood. The above verses show that Jesus Christ is God. He is not the Father, God is in three persons, and Jesus Christ is LORD (Philippians 2:11).

Back in the book of Acts, we can read that Peter is not telling the Jews to turn from their sins to have them blotted out; he is telling them to turn to or trust Jesus to have their sins blotted out. There is nothing a person can do to earn salvation, salvation is of the Lord. (Jonah 2:9)

Looking further what Peter said to the house hold of Israel in the same chapter, he says the following.

Acts 3:26 (KJV)

"Unto you first God, having raised up His Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities."

Looking at the above verse, it explains that it is God that does the changing in a person; it's not what you do within yourself. A person doesn't turn from their sins or iniquities to find favour with God, a sinner accepts Jesus Christ, and trusts Him alone for their sins to be forgiven, and then once they do so, God turns you from your iniquities and you are no longer a sinner in His sight, but a child of God.

After Peter explains to them about the Lord Jesus, we read of how the Jews responded in the next chapter.

Acts 4:4 (KJV)

*"Howbeit many of them which heard the word **believed**; and the number of the men was about five thousand."*

When the Jews heard about the Lord Jesus and about His resurrection, they believed and were saved. Once you hear the Gospel, you have a choice; you can either reject it or accept it. You can either reject Christ or accept Christ, and if you accept the Gospel and believe on Christ to save you, then you have repented and that is exactly the biblical form of repentance.

You can only have your sins blotted out by turning to and believing on the Lord Jesus. Acts 11 explains this further.

Acts 11:21 (KJV)

*"And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number **believed**, and turned unto the Lord."*

Another verse that the Jehovah's Witnesses may use with regards to turning from your sins to become acceptable to Jehovah is found in Acts 17.

Acts 17:30 (KJV)

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:"

I would like to look at some key phrases within this verse and explain what this verse actually is referring to, as there are a lot of misconceptions regarding the teaching of this verse. The first key phrase is 'times of this ignorance' the next one is 'God winked at' and the third phrase is 'but now'.

The Apostle Paul is speaking here to the Grecians who were worshipping false idols and had not heard of the resurrection of Jesus Christ before Paul came along. Reading further down in this chapter you will notice that some of the Grecians mocked Paul and some of them did not believe; this is why they were in ignorance. However when Paul explains about the times of this ignorance, he was referring to worshipping false idols, which in before times God winked at, meaning that He overlooked. Paul wasn't telling them to turn from their sins, because this would contradict this verse and other scriptures, why? Because God has never once in the

history of mankind overlooked or winked at any sin. Adam sinned and God took action. Cain killed Able and God took action, the people during Noah's day sinned, and God took drastic action, the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah dwelt in sin, and again God took action. David sinned, and once again God took action and so on right through the records left in God's word. However when someone sinned in ignorance, what did God do? Did God overlook it or wink at the sin created through ignorance? We can find out in the book of Leviticus.

Leviticus 4:1-3 (KJV)

"And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them: If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto the LORD for a sin offering."

Looking further in Leviticus chapter 5 we can read another similar passage.

Leviticus 5:15 (KJV)

"If a soul commit a trespass, and sin through ignorance, in the holy things of the LORD; then he shall bring for his trespass unto the LORD a ram without blemish out of the flocks, with thy estimation by shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass offering:"

God still demanded a sacrifice for sins carried out in ignorance, it is now clear that Paul in Acts 17:30 is speaking to the Grecians about turning from these false idols which are dead idols and cannot give eternal life or the forgiveness of sins. Paul was telling them to repent of their ignorance as Peter was telling the Jews early in Acts. God has never overlooked sin done through ignorance, therefore Paul is not telling the Grecians to turn from their sins to get saved, because if he were, the verse would be contradictory with Gods own words. Paul is telling them that worshipping false idols will not give them eternal life, but turning to the Lord Jesus will guarantee them the forgiveness of their sins and eternal life. As mentioned, there were some Grecians who mocked Paul and did not believe in the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, therefore they did not repent, however there were some when they heard about the resurrection believed and were saved, thus displaying repentance.

Acts 17:34 (KJV)

*"Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and **believed**: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them."*

A person does not turn from their sinful lifestyle or turn to an organisation to have their sins blotted out. A person turns to the Lord Jesus Christ in faith to have all their sins blotted out.

The Jehovah's Witnesses teach others to repent of their sins and come into their organisation to be saved, and thus if this was correct teaching, every cult member who turned from their sins, walked into an organisation and placed faith in God would also be a child of God, however this is not the case.

It is very important to express the meaning of the cross to Jehovah's Witnesses, because the blood of Christ cleanses us from ALL sin. The Jehovah's Witnesses have been told not to worship Him, and therefore do not emphasise Him in their witnessing to others, because they are told He is not important as the Father, that He is inferior to the Father. It is only the Lord Jesus that saves, not an organisation and certainly not your own self. I met a Jehovah's Witness on the street in Edinburgh once who angrily told me that Jesus could not save him, and he further explained to me that if he kept repenting of his sins, he will find favour with Jehovah. This shows you that when God offers man a free gift, man in his own pride does not want to accept a free gift and feels he has to work for it or do something for the gift. When

the Apostle Peter came to Cornelius, Peter explained what happens when a person trusts Christ.

Acts 10:43 (KJV)

"To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins."

There are no works mentioned in this verse, and Peter explains that by believing only you will have the complete remission of sins; meaning that God no longer holds any of your past, present or future sins into accountability, He forgives them all through your faith towards His Son, Jesus Christ.

Furthermore, what is classed as works? Well, speaking to Jehovah's Witnesses, they say that they need to try and turn from all their sins to eventually be saved, and this is reformation not salvation.

2nd Kings 17:13 (KJV)

"Yet the Lord testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets."

The above verse is speaking to Israel, God's people who were under the law at this time. God told Israel who were sinning terribly that they needed to turn from their evil ways in order to obey God's commandments and His law. Now with this in mind, look at what the Apostle Paul says in Galatians which explains that a person is not justified in this way.

Galatians 2:16 (KJV)

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

Paul explains that the works of the law will justify no one, so therefore by preaching that one must turn from their sins to be saved, is telling a person that it is faith in Christ PLUS keeping the law. Clearly this goes completely against what Paul was preaching to the churches throughout the New Testament, where false teachers had crept into and were teaching these errors and heresies. The church over in Galatia was deeply troubled with false teachings being introduced that a person ought to place faith in Christ and keep the law. Paul had to reconfirm their salvation, to them who had been bewitched and troubled by this false teaching.

Galatians 3:1-2 (KJV)

"O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"

Paul explains further that there is neither any law nor any amount of righteousness from us that justifies or brings us to Christ.

Galatians 3:21-26 (KJV)

"Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to

bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster."

There is not one law, nor any amount of righteousness that gives eternal life. Only our faith towards the Lord Jesus and His finished work on the cross enables us to receive eternal life. Should there be any law or any righteous act that could give us life, then Christ's death would be pointless or in vain. However He died so that we could receive life and through our faith towards Him we are saved, not through our own righteousness. Paul mentions above that the promise of eternal life is given by faith of Jesus Christ to them that believe on Him.

As Israel was under the law, the Christian today is under grace. A person cannot be justified under the law.

John 1:17 (KJV)

"For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

Acts 13:38-39 (KJV)

"Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."

Going back further into the Old Testament, we can see a clear picture in Jonah where God told the inhabitants of Nineveh to turn from their evil ways. When these people did stop their sins, how did God look upon this act?

Jonah 3:10 (KJV)

"And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that He had said that He would do unto them; and He did it not."

Turning from your evil doings, sins, ways and iniquities are works according to God's word, and again Paul made it very clear we are not saved by what we do, nor are we saved by our own works, nor our own righteousness. Turning from our sins is our own works of righteousness which is the law; Paul explains exactly that in the following verses.

Philippians 3:9 (KJV)

"And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:"

Romans 3:28 (KJV)

"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."

I once heard a minister preach on the subject of salvation and he quoted the following which I would like to share below as I find it helpful:

"If a man asks you to turn from all your sins to be saved, go to him and ask him if he has turned from all his sins. If he says he has, then he is deceived and a liar, as Gods word tells us in 1st John 1:8 that if we say we have no sin we have deceived ourselves and the truth is not in us, therefore we are found as liars. If the same man tells you that he has not turned from all his sins, then he is a hypocrite for telling others to do so in order to be saved."

No Christian can truthfully say they have turned from all their sins.

1st Kings 8:46 (KJV)

"If they sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not), and thou be angry with them,

and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near;”

There are many Christians today who struggle with the weaknesses of the flesh, through acts of jealousy, pride, boasting, anger, lust, idolatry, lying, dishonesty, love of money, hatred, gossiping, revelling, fornication, disobedient to parents, unloving, backbiting, doubting, pleasing men instead of pleasing God, causing disunity, hypocrisy, vanity, bitterness, filthy communication, self-seeking, discontent, effeminate, unkindness, seeking after worldly pleasures, thieving, drunkenness, arrogance, slothfulness, unforgiving, worry and the list goes on - there is not one Christian who can say they have turned from all of the above. Therefore if any of these were your own sins, and you had to turn from them to be saved, then salvation would be a continuous involvement on your part. You would have to be proved constantly, and a person would never know if they were saved or not if they fail, and that is exactly how a Jehovah's Witness thinks - they can't tell if they are saved or not because they are trying to base their salvation on self-righteousness and works instead of the finished work that Christ completed on the cross. He poured out His blood to give us the remission of our sins if we choose to trust Him.

How does God view a person's self-righteousness?

Isaiah 64:6 (KJV)

“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”

When the bible tells us to repent for salvation, it always means a change of mind or change of direction, not a change of how you live to be accepted for salvation. The bible throughout the Old Testament tells us that God repented. This does not mean that God had sins of His own to turn away from, it means that He changed His mind, as He did with the people of Nineveh who turned from their evil ways.

Consider the following verse.

Acts 20:21 (KJV)

“Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.”

An atheist, who rejects the existence of God and stands firm in his own teachings, would have to apply this verse to himself. He has to realise that he is a sinner and that there is a Holy God, this is repentance. Then after he acknowledges this, to be forgiven he has to place faith on Christ to be saved. Repentance is a change of mind towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ who died for the sin of mankind.

The Jehovah's Witnesses teach that if a “Christian” lives in a certain sinful lifestyle they most definitely cannot be a child of God. Most cults do believe this as well, namely the Seventh Day Adventists and Mormons whom I have also spoken to on the streets. They believe that if a Christian were to sin deliberately then they cannot be saved.

A Seventh Day Adventist, whom I spoke to on the street one day, explained to me that in order to have salvation you have to overcome all your sins. I asked the SDA cult member to show me a verse to back this up, and he quoted the following verse.

Revelation 3:21 (KJV)

“To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.”

However, this verse is not speaking about overcoming sins – it doesn't even mention sins. The bible explains what an over-comer is.

1st John 5:4-5 (KJV)

“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?”

Therefore an over-comer is someone who is born of God and believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

These cults also teach that there is no such thing as a ‘carnal Christian’. However when evaluating the life of the Apostle Paul, you can learn that Paul had sin problems of his own and calls himself a wretched carnal Christian sold under sin.

Romans 7:14-25 (KJV)

“For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.”

Paul wrote to the church at Philippi and expressed that he had a vile sinful body.

Philippians 3:21 (KJV)

“Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.”

When writing to Timothy, Paul expressed further that as a Christian he IS the chief of sinners.

1st Timothy 1:15 (KJV)

*“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom **I am chief.**”*

As mentioned, turning from sinful practices and lifestyles in our own lives is the fruit of our salvation which Paul stressed, and is not the root of our salvation. The root of salvation is Christ alone and His finished work on the cross. Therefore as Christians, believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, it is important that we are turning from our sins in our daily walk with Him, in order to receive blessings, to be placed in His service and to bring honour unto the Lord and to keep His testimony pure, also for rewards at the Judgement seat of Christ.

God's word tells believers, not unbelievers, to not sin; but should we fail or fall into temptations we have an advocate with the Father, that of His Son, Jesus Christ.

1st John 2:1 (KJV)

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”

The bible tells us that if believers are practising sinful ways, it can hinder our prayer life. Therefore it is vitally important to know what you are trusting in for your salvation, your own righteousness, good works and your own lifestyle, or the blood of Jesus Christ and His finished work upon the cross of Calvary.

Therefore as the bible explains that salvation is through faith alone in Christ alone, and not of us, this does not give the child of God the license to sin. Christians will still sin, because they have the world, the flesh and the devil attacking and we sometimes fall into the traps of temptations - we still sin word, thought and deed every day; however should a believer in Christ commit a sin they have been given the grace to come boldly to the throne of God and to confess their sin before God. If we are not doing this and not judging ourselves then God will judge us, not as He does with the world, but as a loving Father, He chastens His own.

1st Corinthians 11:31 (KJV)

"For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged."

Should a believer in Christ continue to live in a sinful lifestyle and they do not confess their sins, they do not lose their salvation, which I will focus on in the next chapter, but God will chasten that person and will take action to step in, as a loving Father does to teach His children and to bring them back into fellowship with Him and to walk in the path He has for them. As believers in the Lord we ought to keep on the path He has for us, and not walk with the world. The bible tells us that Christians are bought with a price, and should honour God in their body.

The bible tells us through the verses below that God rebukes His own saints, because through weaknesses of the flesh we sin, not because we want too, but because we can't help ourselves, we are in a vile sinful body.

Hebrews 12:5-9 (KJV)

"And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?"

This is why the bible tells us to grow in knowledge of the Lord and also in His word. If we are not growing in the word of God or in His knowledge we will become disobedient children. Christians should be taught discipleship after salvation which is different from salvation itself in order to show forth the fruit of their salvation.

1st Peter 2:2 (KJV)

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:"

2nd Peter 3:18 (KJV)

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."

A believer in Christ who has backslidden and continues sinfully in a lifestyle unpleasing to God will receive one of two eventualities. Firstly as mentioned above if they are saved, God will chasten that person so that they come back into fellowship with Him, or two, that person who either resists the chastening or is stubborn in his own ways, will still have a place in heaven awaiting Him, however that person will not receive any rewards when they are either

called home to be with the Lord through death or the rapture of the Church. The Lord can take a person home early (in death) if the child of God is committing grievous sins without confessing them or turning from them. This is more to protect the testimony of the Lord.

The bible tells us that there will be those believers in Christ who will be ashamed at His coming, because either they have lived a sinful lifestyle or they have not pleased the Lord in service for Him.

Revelation 3:18 (KJV)

"I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see."

However a believer who is saved by putting their faith in Christ alone has the complete forgiveness of all sins through the Lord Jesus Christ and does not come under anymore condemnation as the world does. They have been called into liberty, and we are instructed not to use this liberty for an occasion of the flesh.

Galatians 5:13 (KJV)

"For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another."

It is the blood of Jesus which cleanses us from all unrighteousness and this is why Christians give Him the glory, He deserves all the praise. If salvation was earned on our behalf we would glory in ourselves, we would boast in what we have done, and the focus would be off the one who saved us. Salvation cannot be earned.

Ephesians 1:7 (KJV)

"In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace;"

Paul explains that it is nothing that we ourselves can glory in, but the cross of Jesus only.

Galatians 6:14 (KJV)

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

The Lord Jesus receives all the glory for what He done on the cross for our salvation; nothing that we can ever do will merit a place for eternal life. We become a child of God through faith alone in Christ alone, not through an organisation or through our works or righteous ways. The Apostle Paul confirms below that a person becomes a child of God by faith in Christ Jesus alone.

Galatians 3:26 (KJV)

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."

The Jehovah's Witnesses will claim that they do believe in Christ, but they have another Jesus, not the Jesus of the bible, a false Jesus created by the Watchtower Organisation. The Apostle Paul stated that there are those who do have another Jesus and another gospel.

2nd Corinthians 11:14 (KJV)

"For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him."

Many people wonder today if they are saved, through self doubts, through attacks of the devil or listening to false teaching concerning that a person must work for their salvation or apply the works of law added to faith. I remember speaking to a Jehovah's Witness in the street once, asking them if possible you can know you are saved? And their response was "we don't know if we are saved yet or not." This is very sad, because the bible offers us the assurance of our salvation, and we can read it below.

1 John 5:13 (KJV)

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

The bible tells us that we will know we have eternal life as soon as we have believed on the Son of God for salvation. It is only through the Lord Jesus Christ that we are saved, again not through any organisation that we enter into or any works on our behalf. God wants to assure His own children that we are saved, and gives us such an assurance through the above verse.

The Jehovah's Witness favourite verse to refute salvation by faith alone is the following.

Matthew 10:22 (KJV)

"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

Jehovah's Witnesses believe that a person must endure to the end to be eventually saved, and this is their verse which backs up their own teaching. However if you take this verse in its context, you will realise that this isn't the gospel message of today, in-fact this is the gospel which will be preached during the tribulation period. A future day gospel message not the gospel which Paul preached.

Christ preached the gospel of the kingdom to His own people, the Jews. This gospel was for God's own people who rejected Christ. The Lord never preached the same Gospel as Paul. Christ preached the Gospel of the Kingdom of God (Which the Jehovah's Witnesses preach today) 'Repent and believe the Gospel' found in Mark 1:15. This gospel wasn't the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, as Christ was still alive when He preached this message. Paul preached to the Gentiles the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, the Gospel of the grace of God. This was a Gospel message which Paul was entrusted to preach and he was the only one who was given this gospel to preach to the Gentiles given to him by the revelation of Jesus Christ. Paul was never taught this by any other Apostle; neither did he learn it by himself.

Galatians 1:11-12 (KJV)

"But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ."

If a person could save themselves by turning from a sinful lifestyle to find favour with God, then there would be no reason as to why Christ had to die on the cross for our sins. Paul again explains this further in scripture.

Galatians 2:21 (KJV)

"I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."

Pictures of salvation can be clearly seen in scripture in both Old and New Testament passages. When Naaman in 2nd Kings had leprosy, the servant whom he approached asked him to dip in the waters of Jordan seven times to be cured. Naaman complained that he would far rather do this his own way and go into another river which in his opinion was far

better (just like today people would prefer to go their own way), yet after a while Naaman changed his mind and followed the instructions he was given. Naaman repented in that he changed his mind and believed. Leprosy in scripture is a picture of sin, and once a person had this disease there was nothing they could do on their own to be cured of it. They could not turn from it, or do good works to be rid of the disease as it was still dwelling in them. Many lepers came to the Lord Jesus while He was on earth to be healed of their disease and were cured because they placed faith in Him. The Lord simply asked them if they believed and upon hearing their faith, He cured them. The lepers repented in that they realised they had this disease and came to Christ; however they could remain lepers and reject Christ and die from their disease instead. This is the picture of salvation for the sinner today. The sinner can remain in their sins, which is the spiritual disease from birth and reject Christ - this results in death, hell and the lake of fire, or they can repent, by changing their mind about their situation and coming to Christ to be spiritually cured, He will cleanse their sins and make them whole.

The Jehovah's Witnesses state that a person must turn from their sin (note singular) to find favour with God. God doesn't save a person because they stopped being an alcoholic, stopped taking drugs, or stopped a certain sin in their life; God saves them from ALL their sins and iniquities, the sin which is imbedded within them, if they trust Jesus Christ alone. He doesn't save them from being an alcoholic; He saves them from being a sinner.

As a believer in Christ, we have the duty to keep the testimony of the Lord Jesus, and we ought to show others our faith in Christ and set an example of His testimony through our good works, through living a clean lifestyle and not committing any sins which would make the testimony of the Lord void. Paul warns Christians, not sinners in Romans 6 that we should not yield to sin and we should not obey the lusts thereof, yet rather we ought to yield ourselves to God. This is for our sanctification, not our salvation.

In conclusion, you cannot be saved by entering into a man made organisation, and turning from a sinful lifestyle which is by keeping the law and bringing your own righteousness; but salvation comes by believing on Jesus Christ, the one who died for your sins, was buried and rose again the third day - trusting entirely on Him alone and letting Him turn you from your sins.

Acts 16:30-31 (KJV)

"And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

Changing our lifestyle to receive salvation will not justify anyone. Changing one's lifestyle for sanctification (which you can read in the next chapter) is important in order to grow in Christ, however changing your lifestyle will never save or justify or grant eternal life.

1st Peter 1:18-19 (KJV)

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"

The word conversation recorded here in scripture means lifestyle. Peter explains to the Jewish people turned believers that they were not redeemed by changing their lifestyle, but were redeemed by the precious blood of Christ when they came to Him and believed. Our lifestyle ought to change once in Christ, but this is not the requirement to receive salvation.

Ephesians 2:3 (KJV)

"Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh,

fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others."

Therefore once we are in Christ, our conversation, our lifestyle, even the old man, ought to change as commanded by God, but as Peter records, this is not what redeems us, and in Chapter 19 I will cover what happens to Christians who continue to dwell in an unfruitful lifestyle.

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(Part 2) <http://youtu.be/JDH74k4cabw>

Baptism:

Baptism is immersion in water, not the sprinkling of the head as other cults or religious organisations would do, such as Catholicism. Baptism is the way of demonstrating towards others your faith, that you are a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. Baptism is by no way a means to save a person and does not grant the person eternal life. Baptism is an illustration of a believer's identification of the Lord Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. The Jehovah's Witnesses do the same practice; however they do not believe that Jesus rose again from the grave in His body, which I have focused on earlier on in this book.

The Jehovah's Witnesses teach that baptism cannot guarantee anyone salvation, meaning that although they place emphasis on baptism for salvation, it can be lost again. Baptism taught from the scriptures shows that it does not save anyone, and only through the blood of Christ you are saved from your sins not through the waters of baptism. Therefore a Jehovah's Witness cannot guarantee a person salvation, but the word of God can offer a guarantee.

Baptism is classed as a work, because you physically have to do something to be baptised. Therefore because works are not important to save anyone, baptism cannot save a person. Paul said the following to the church at Ephesus.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (KJV)

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Paul tells the believers at Ephesus that they are saved through faith which is towards the Lord Jesus, and not through anything that they can offer themselves, it is the gift of God. Paul reminds us in Romans chapter 5 on three occasions that it is a free gift – not requiring any follow up work.

Paul tells us plainly in scripture that works of righteousness don't save anyone.

Titus 3:5 (KJV)

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;"

Anything other than faith alone in Christ alone is works, and is not acceptable to God; He sees all our works of righteousness as filthy rags and does not care for them.

Isaiah 64:6 (KJV)

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."

We are called to do good works for Him, but only after you are saved through the blood of Christ and having faith in the finished work of the cross, believing that He paid it all for us.

Ephesians 2:10 (KJV)

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

Therefore a Christian ought to walk in good works only after they are saved by faith in Christ alone.

Pay attention to the following passage of scripture:

1st Corinthians 1:14-17 (KJV)

"I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name. And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect."

Paul was explaining to the Church here at Corinth that baptism is not a requirement for salvation - it is a command by the Lord to follow in His footsteps, but does not offer salvation to the individual. Paul explained that he was not commanded by Christ to baptise others in his ministry, but to preach the Gospel only. Paul did baptise a few who were saved through his ministry, but if baptism was a requirement to be saved, then Christ would have commanded Paul to do so, but He never.

The thief on the cross never had time to be baptised either, yet he was promised eternal life in paradise by the Lord Jesus. The Jehovah's Witnesses teach on their website and in their literature that the thief on the cross was never promised eternal life because he never turned from his sins, nor did he prove himself to Jehovah, nor did he get baptised, therefore did not gain eternal life the moment he turned to Christ. In a quote in their watchtower magazine, they teach the following.

"First, let us consider whether that evildoer met the qualifications for heavenly life. Humans with heavenly prospects have been baptized in water and with holy spirit and are thus spirit-begotten disciples of Jesus. (John 3:3, 5) Another requirement is that they conform to God's moral standards and manifest such qualities as honesty, integrity, and compassion. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11) They must also remain loyal to God and Christ till the end of their earthly course. (Luke 22:28-30; 2 Timothy 2:12) Only by meeting those requirements can they show themselves worthy of being resurrected and qualified for the weighty responsibility awaiting them in heaven, namely, serving as priests and kings with Christ over mankind for a thousand years.—Revelation 20:6. In contrast, the evildoer alongside Jesus lived as a criminal and died as a criminal. (Luke 23:32, 39-41) True, he showed a respectful attitude when he said to Jesus: "Remember me when you get into your kingdom." (Luke 23:42) Nonetheless, he had not become a baptized, spirit-begotten disciple of Jesus, nor had he built a record of upright conduct and faithful endurance. Does it seem reasonable that Jesus would promise him heavenly kingship alongside his faithful followers who had proved their integrity?" (Watchtower March 2013 "Did Jesus promise the evildoer life in Heaven?)

What do the scriptures teach?

Luke 23:42-43 (KJV)

*"And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, **To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.**"*

You will notice that although the thief on the cross according to scripture was guaranteed eternal life, the Jehovah's Witnesses deny this because he never worked for it or produced self-righteousness as they teach. If this thief was not in heaven, then Jesus' words are deceiving and would be a lie. The Watchtower ultimately are calling Jesus a liar here. Remember the words of Satan to Eve?

Genesis 3:1 (KJV)

*"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, **Yea, hath God said**, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"*

The same spirit of deception questioning God's word that was found in the Garden of Eden is found within the Watchtower Organisation.

Regarding baptism within the Watchtower Organisation, first of all the Jehovah's Witnesses do not believe that the Holy Spirit is a person, they baptise people today by omitting the name of the Holy Spirit and adding "Spirit filled Organisation" therefore when a Jehovah's Witness is baptised, they are baptised into the Watchtower Organisation and not into Christ as the bible tells us that we are. The below verse correctly confirms three names that we are to be baptised into.

Matthew 28:19 (KJV)

*"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the **name of** the Father, **and of** the Son, **and of** the Holy Ghost."*

Notice the name of the Father, the name of the Son and the name of the Holy Spirit, showing three names. The Lord Jesus never once commanded His disciples to baptise people into an organisation. The bible teaches us that when a person is baptised, we are baptised into Christ.

Galatians 3:27 (KJV)

"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

Paul is giving the example to the church at Galatia that each individual is baptised into Christ, not an organisation or a church, but into Christ.

Looking at the earlier church, we can see that Philip was sent to preach the Gospel to the Ethiopian eunuch. With this, I will show you an error in the New World Translation. Firstly let us focus on the event with Philip and the eunuch.

Acts 8:29 (KJV)

"Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot."

The Holy Spirit spoke to Philip here and commanded him to go near to the eunuch and to join himself to his chariot. The Jehovah's Witnesses teach that the Holy Spirit is just a force, not a person; however we read that the Spirit spoke to Philip and guided him to the chariot.

In this same chapter, there is an error in the New World Translation that the Jehovah's Witnesses use with regards to the topic of baptism, and I will explain showing their verse from the NWT, then show you why it is an error using the King James bible.

Acts 8:36-38 (NWT)

"Now as they were going along the road, they came to a body of water, and the eunuch said: 'Look! Here is water; what prevents me from getting baptized?' " 37 — 38 With that he commanded the chariot to halt, and both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him."*

Verse 37 in the New World Translation has been omitted. The Jehovah's Witnesses get around this by saying that this verse is not in the originals, however why would a question be in the originals and not the answer? If the answer was displayed in their book, it would take away and make their teachings look void concerning how a person can be baptised. The Jehovah's Witnesses say that a person can only qualify for baptism after a systematic bible study, which could take up to six months, and you must know a lot about the organisation before you can qualify for baptism - you must learn about the name of Jehovah, you must know about God's Kingdom, and once you have learned all of this and correctly answer the questions given to you, then you can qualify for baptism. Let's read about the qualification of baptism in the King James Version.

Acts 8:36-38 (KJV)

"And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him."

Philip and the eunuch never had six months, if anything they had less than 10 minutes to go through the steps of salvation and baptism, which if you notice are the same qualification, believing. Salvation is believing that Jesus who is the Son of God died on the cross for our sins, was buried and rose again. The qualification also for baptism is believing.

Acts 8:32 (KJV)

"The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before His shearer, so opened He not His mouth:"

Philip explained to the eunuch that this was the Lord Jesus, who had died was buried and rose again for our transgressions, and the eunuch believed. Once the eunuch believed, he asked to be baptised and said "What doth hinder me to be baptised?" Philip never explained that he had to do a further bible study, to know about God's Kingdom, or anything about an organisation. Philip said to him "If you believe with all your heart you may", that is believe that Jesus died for him on the cross for his sins. With that, the eunuch said "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." He believed that Jesus was the Christ, the one who would grant him eternal life and the forgiveness of sins, and with the eunuch's faith towards Christ, he was baptised. The Jehovah's Witnesses believe that Jesus is the Son of God, meaning just a son, but they do not believe that Jesus is God manifest in the flesh as scriptures teach.

1st Timothy 3:16 (KJV)

"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

The qualification of baptism is by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. The majority of people in the New Testament who were saved were baptised on the same day that they got saved, they never had to wait to learn about anything else, as soon as they were saved they got baptised to demonstrate their faith in Christ.

Acts 18:8 (KJV)

*"And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, **believed** on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing **believed**, and were baptized."*

The Jehovah's Witnesses also teach that should a person leave their organisation through being disfellowshipped, or losing faith and then return, then they have to be baptised once again. According to their own teaching, a person in their organisation could be baptised

multiple times, however there was no person in the entire scriptures who was baptised more than once. There were believers who were disfellowshipped through acts of sin or that they fell away, however when they came back into fellowship again through being restored, they were never commanded to be baptised once again. Many of the Corinthian believers continued in sinful ways which lead to them being disfellowshipped, however Paul writes to those believers who were restored back into fellowship again in the 2nd book of Corinthians, but there was no commandment for those believers to get baptised again, because a person cannot lose their salvation, and a person cannot get saved through the works of baptism.

Earlier, I mentioned that a Jehovah's Witness teaches that in order to be approved by Jehovah (receiving salvation) one must exercise faith in Christ. This again implies works. The term 'exercising' is working at it, however the bible does not state anywhere in scripture that salvation is by exercising faith, it states that salvation is a one time faith towards Christ and that we are saved the moment we believe in Him. It is important for Christians through our daily walk with Christ to exercise faith in Him to grow in Him, but this is not the demand for salvation. Look at the comparison of scriptures below both in the New World Translation and the King James Version. One implies works, the other implies belief.

John 3:16 (NWT)

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life."

John 3:16 (KJV)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Salvation is simple, available for anyone, not by entering into an organisation and trying your best, it is available to all those who come to the Lord Jesus in faith. The Jehovah's Witnesses, who teach that salvation must be earned, exercised or worked at, make salvation difficult to understand and grasp. God made salvation simple because:

2nd Peter 3:9 (KJV)

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

How good to know, that once we have trusted and believed on the Lord Jesus for our salvation we are immediately assured of eternal life through God's word.

Romans 10:9-10,13 (KJV)

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The simplicity of salvation can be summed up with the below verse, in taking the water of life freely from off the Lord.

Revelation 22:17 (KJV)

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Chapter 19

Eternal Security in Christ (Remaining in God's love)

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The Jehovah's Witnesses teach that in order to receive eternal life, one must continue in God's love through continued prayer to Jehovah, continuing in good works, continuing to be faithful to God, enduring in your walk and by entering and remaining into the Watchtower Organisation, thus remaining in God's love. However a true child of God always remains in God's love despite their faithfulness or commitment.

Romans 8:35,38-39 (KJV)

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

If a person had to do something to keep in God's love, then they are working at it, and that is exactly how a Jehovah's Witness thinks and acts, and to which they are counting on to be accepted by God. The bible explains that salvation is not through works or an organisation, but through one person, the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 4:12 (KJV)

*"Neither is there salvation **in any other**: for there is **none other name** under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."*

Titus 1:2 (KJV)

"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;"

Like every other cult, Jehovah's Witnesses claim that salvation is not available outside their organisation. In their Watchtower magazine February 15th in 1979 on page 30 they made a claim that only members within their organisation could receive everlasting life.

Here are some quotes from their past literature which teaches that salvation is only available within their own organisation.

"To receive everlasting life in the earthly Paradise we must identify that organization and serve God as part of it." (Watchtower 1983 Feb 15 p.12)

"Consider, too, the fact that Jehovah's organization alone, in all the earth, is directed by God's holy spirit or active force. (Zech. 4:6: NWT) Only this organization functions for Jehovah's purpose and to his praise. To it alone God's Sacred Word, the Bible, is not a sealed book." (Watchtower 1973 Jul 1 p.402)

"Only Jehovah's Witnesses, those of the anointed remnant and the 'great crowd,' as a united organization under the protection of the Supreme Organizer, have any Scriptural hope of surviving the impending end of this doomed system dominated by Satan the Devil." (The

Watchtower, September 1, 1989, p. 19; Remaining Organized for Survival Into the Millennium')

The Jehovah's Witnesses teach that should you leave their organisation then you are dead, lifeless, cut off from eternal life and will not be missed. Does this sound like an organisation that is filled with love and care?

Furthermore the Watchtower Organisation states that there is no salvation outside their organisation.

"Come to Jehovah's organization for salvation" – (Watchtower 1981 Nov 15 p.212)

"But if we were to draw away from Jehovah's organization, there would be no place else to go for salvation and true joy." (Watchtower 1993 Sep 15 p.22)

The bible speaks of salvation through the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, not through an organisation. When you are in Christ, the bible tells us how the Lord receives a person, and how the Lord treats us if we become unfaithful or unfruitful.

First of all, there is only one way to salvation.

John 14:6 (KJV)

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Salvation is not based on what organisation you enter into, but available to all who are under sin and come to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness.

Galatians 3:22 (KJV)

*"But the scripture hath concluded **all under sin**, that the **promise** by faith of Jesus Christ might be **given to them that believe**."*

Therefore once you believe on Christ, you have the promise of eternal life, and it is a promise which God cannot break. It is a free gift given to you the moment you believe on Christ.

Jehovah's Witnesses and other cults claim that salvation can be lost, through acts of disobedience or unfaithfulness towards God. However the bible tells us that a person is saved until the day they die, or until the day they meet Christ in the air.

Ephesians 1:13-14 (KJV)

*"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were **sealed** with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory."*

Looking at this verse systematically, we can see the following key words and phrases.

Trusted – Whom do we trust for salvation? This would be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Heard the word of truth – We are saved by faith after hearing the word of truth – the gospel. This goes hand in hand with the following verse.

Romans 10:17 (KJV)

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise – We cannot become unsealed. There are no verses in the entire word of God where a Christian became unsealed and had to be sealed again. Once we trust Christ for our salvation, the King of Kings seals us by the Holy Spirit and we have His seal on us which cannot be reversed.

There is a lovely resemblance of this in the book of Esther, when Esther speaks to King Ahasuerus on sending letters to the Jews concerning their safety, and with the King's seal upon the letter, no man may reverse it. As a King of the world cannot rescind his word, so will the King of Kings not take back His decision for us.

Esther 8:8 (KJV)

"Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse."

The Jehovah's Witnesses teach that a person's salvation can be lost when they are disfellowshipped by committing a grievous sin or leaving their organisation. This is why today many Jehovah's Witnesses fear leaving the organisation, partly because other family members are within, and partly they are told that salvation cannot be found outside their organisation. However the bible makes it clear we are saved for eternity, even when we are disobedient or grieve the Lord through sin.

Ephesians 4:30 (KJV)

"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

It is possible that Christians can grieve the Holy Spirit through sins in which they are persisting in, even backslidden Christians, to which is why the bible tells us that we should not grieve the Holy Spirit, as we have Him within us until the day of redemption. That is the day of our death or the day Christ returns to the air to collect His saints. The Holy Spirit cannot leave a Christian nor can He depart from us, otherwise we would lose the seal of God, which is His ownership on us.

The above verse in Ephesians ties in nicely with the verse found in 2nd Timothy.

2nd Timothy 2:19 (KJV)

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

As mentioned in the previous chapter, salvation is through faith alone in Christ, however when a person is born again in the family of God, it is the Christian's duty to depart from iniquity. This is the good work that we can perform once in Christ; otherwise if not doing so, we are still saved but are grieving the Holy Spirit. In any case, once saved we are sealed by God and that is a seal that cannot be broken – if it could be broken, then the promise of God is broken. The Apostle Paul speaks furthermore about the promise of God and His seal upon us – to show that His word is 'yea', that is to say what He says will stand.

2nd Corinthians 1:20-22 (KJV)

"For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. Now He which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."

The bible explains that the moment we are saved, we have everlasting life. If everlasting life was not certain until we had worked at it, then everlasting life would not be a gift, it would be

a reward based on our performance. However the bible explains that everlasting life is a gift from God and Paul explained to the Romans that salvation was not a reward.

Romans 4:1-5 (KJV)

"What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."

There are many scriptures in the bible which show us salvation is a gift.

Romans 6:23 (KJV)

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Paul explains again in the book of Romans that the gift of God is a free gift.

Romans 5:15,16,18 (KJV)

*"But not as the offence, so also is the **free gift**. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the **free gift** is of many offences unto justification. Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the **free gift** came upon all men unto justification of life."*

Romans 3:24 (KJV)

*"Being justified **freely** by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:"*

In the book of Acts, Peter rebukes Simon the sorcerer for wanting to purchase the gift of God with money.

Acts 8:20 (KJV)

"But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money."

Neither works, nor money can buy a gift that is available free from a loving God.

Romans 11:6 (KJV)

"And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work."

Many people, including the Jehovah's Witnesses believe that if a person is not continuing in good works, or has sinned, then either they are not saved or have lost their salvation. However as we have read above that salvation is a gift of God, let us see what the Apostle Paul confirms about the gifts that God gives us.

Romans 11:29 (KJV)

"For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance."

The gifts of God are without repentance, meaning God does not change His mind about giving it to us. Looking at the word repentance once again, this shows that the term repentance further indicates that it is a change of mind. This verse indicates that God does

not change His mind about giving us salvation, and once you are saved through the precious blood of the Lamb then you are saved forever, not until you fail or fall into temptation.

Once a person is saved, they have passed from death to life. John explained this in his gospel that we are no longer facing death, but now are living unto life.

John 5:24 (KJV)

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

There is only one qualification for salvation, believing on the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 6:47 (KJV)

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."

When a believer in Christ sins they can't lose their salvation, because they still believe on Him and that is what qualifies a person to receive everlasting life. Therefore salvation cannot be lost from sinning or lost by becoming unfaithful.

There is only one sin that will stop a person from receiving everlasting life, and that is the sin of denying the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 4:3,6 (KJV)

"For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:"

The Lord Jesus gave comforting words in the gospels that He would never reject or cast out those who come to Him.

John 6:37 (KJV)

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

Salvation is God's work, not man's work, and the bible declares that the works of God are forever.

Ecclesiastes 3:14 (KJV)

"I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before Him."

If salvation were our own works or ways, then salvation would not be secured. However the bible explains that we are triply secure in Christ. First of all, The Lord Jesus promises us that He will secure us and not cast out and gives assurance to the believer that He will raise us up at the last day and no one will be able to pluck us out His own hands.

John 6:40 (KJV)

"And this is the will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 10:28 (KJV)

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

The Father also secures us, in that no one can pluck us out His hand.

John 10:29 (KJV)

"My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

And as addressed above, it is the Holy Spirit, the third person in the Godhead that secures us with His seal. Furthermore in the book of Peter, he writes that we are kept by the power of God and that our inheritance cannot fade away and is reserved in heaven.

1st Peter 1:4-5 (KJV)

"To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

The bible declares that God keeps us in His loving arms. However the Jehovah's Witnesses state that God can withdraw from us, thus He doesn't keep us. The following quote in their publication is truth mixed with error.

"Jehovah will not bless anyone who hides gross sin and tries to stay in the clean Christian congregation. (James 4:6) So if you have fallen into sin and want to do what is right, do not hesitate to make an honest confession. Otherwise, you will have a guilty conscience, especially when you read or hear counsel regarding such serious matters. What if Jehovah were to withdraw his spirit from you, as he did in the case of King Saul? (1 Samuel 16:14) With God's spirit removed, you could fall into even more serious sin." (The Watchtower - Study Edition - November 2006)

In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit was active throughout, yet He did not seal anyone as He does now from after the death and resurrection of Christ in the beginning of Acts. As we are secured in Christ, God would rather reassure His own children that we are saved, as the loving Father that He is. There is a verse of assurance found in John's first letter.

1st John 5:13 (KJV)

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

If salvation could be lost, then everlasting life should not be called as it is.

The Jehovah's Witnesses claim that anyone who continues to sin cannot be saved (eventually, as they teach salvation must be endured) and therefore have lost their salvation and in order to receive it again, they must go through the same steps as they once did when they first entered their organisation. However by comparing the scriptures and looking at a believer's lifestyle in the scriptures, it is evident that a person cannot lose their salvation. I would like to further focus on what happens when a believer in Christ sins, and show how they are still secure in the Lord Jesus.

1st John 1:6-10 (KJV)

"If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."

In the above passage, John is speaking regarding having fellowship with God. It is important for every child of God that we are either seeking fellowship or having fellowship with God. We cannot be in fellowship with God and hold onto our sin. To say that we are, then the bible calls us liars. We are either walking in His light, or walking in our own darkness. This is not saying that should a Christian walk in darkness they are lost and bound for Hell, this is saying that we are choosing to walk in a way which God is not willing for us to walk in, that we are choosing our own life instead of choosing the life God has for us. It is important for every child of God to make sure we are walking in the light of the Lord and to walk away from the darkness. This is not to say that we ought to keep ourselves saved, it is saying that we ought to abide in the light of His way and not the darkness of the world.

1st John 2:28 (KJV)

"And now, little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming."

To abide in Him results in blessings, honour to God and rewards for ourselves when He we stand before Him at His judgement seat. A Christian who abides in the love of God will have confidence standing before the Lord and won't feel ashamed.

To abide in darkness results in dishonour, shame, loss of testimony and eventual chastisement from the Lord and this is why we ought to live in the good of the Lord. The above verse tells us that there will be Christians who will be ashamed at His coming, because although they are saved by faith, they are abiding in darkness rather than light. There are many Christians today who seek after high profile careers, wealth and prosperity, and although sometimes the Lord can bless in these circumstances, other Christians will seek after these themselves, not giving the Lord priority or putting Him first in their lives. This will result in Christians either being cold or lukewarm towards Christ, and with the eventuality of not praying or reading their bibles as often as they ought to do so, growing cold in their relationship with the Lord and becoming backslidden, either in heart or in action.

There is a picture in John's gospel of two types of believer's who will be seen at the coming of the Lord.

John 21:7 (KJV)

"Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea."

At this point, Peter had backslidden in that he denied the Lord three times prior to the crucifixion; he also swore and gave oaths. Peter had gone back to his old profession, which he had committed too before the Lord told him to catch men rather than fish. The Lord came back to see His disciples and in this passage, we read that when John saw the Lord he shouted and praised at His coming, where as Peter was found naked, ashamed at His coming.

There will be Christians who will see the Lord in the air and shout and praise at His coming, and there will be other Christians as mentioned in the first epistle of John (1st John 2:28) who will be ashamed at His coming.

The Lord Jesus explains in the book of Revelation that we are to watch and continue in service for Him that we can be clothed, receive rewards and not become naked and ashamed.

Revelation 3:18 (KJV)

"I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see."

Revelation 16:15 (KJV)

"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."

There will be Christians ashamed, naked and have no crowns to lay at the feet of the Lord at His coming, this shows that there are Christians who are saved by simple faith, who's salvation has never been lost, yet they have become unfruitful in their Christian walk whilst on the earth.

In Paul's second letter to Timothy, he explains that there is a crown for those who love Christ's appearing, who are eager and are watching for Him to return.

2nd Timothy 4:8 (KJV)

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

It is noteworthy that not every believer in the Lord Jesus will receive this crown, as many Christians are not keeping the command of the Lord to watch for His coming.

Paul further tells the believer in Christ how they should live, not to obtain or receive salvation, but for our sanctification.

1st Thessalonians 4:3 (KJV)

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:"

There is evidence throughout scripture that believers in the Lord Jesus were continuing in and practicing fornication, we read this also at the church in Corinth. When Paul was addressing this matter, he instructs them how to live in Christ so they could grow in Him through their sanctification. Note that Paul does not say salvation in the above verse, but sanctification. Believers in the Lord ought to abstain from these sins, as this is the will of God for our sanctification not for our salvation.

The same believers in the church in Corinth were puffed up - not mourning the fact they had committed these sins, but in fact proud of them. Paul does not question their salvation; but delivers these Christians unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh.

1st Corinthians 5:5 (KJV)

"To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."

Note from the above verse that Paul tells those who have been delivered unto Satan, they are still saved and will be with Christ. Prior to the crucifixion, the Lord Jesus explained to Peter that Satan had desired to sift him, but the Lord Jesus reminded him that He would keep praying for him that his faith would not fail.

Luke 22:31 (KJV)

"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:"

If Christians are delivered to Satan to be sifted or for the flesh to be destroyed; it is to refine the believer, or to ensure that God can use that person in service for Him. When a Christian is sifted it is not a pleasant experience, however when they come through the trial, they are refined like gold to make them a better Christian.

In Paul's first letter to Timothy, he explained that there were two Christians blaspheming and Paul had to take action so that they would learn not to do so in future. Paul again did not question their salvation, he put forward this action so that they could learn not to blaspheme the one who had died for their own sins. This was so that they would walk better in their walk with the Lord.

1st Timothy 1:20 (KJV)

"Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme."

Although there are no Apostles on the earth today to perform such an act, God can still do this His own way in order to teach His children the right way to walk in His path for them. Throughout the Old Testament, Israel had forsaken God and yet they were still His own people. God still cared for them. One of the ways that God brought them back into His way and fellowship again was to deliver them unto their enemies so that they could come back to God and be restored once again. While the believer today does not fight against flesh and blood enemies, God can still deliver a Christian to their enemy, Satan, to make that child of God come back into His fellowship once again and to be restored. It is never in view of a hatred of that child of God, but in a way of love that God sees the inner heart of that individual and seeks after their fellowship.

Paul explains to the church at Corinth that every man's work (service) will be tried at the judgement seat of Christ. When he speaks on the rewards given at the day, he speaks of Christians whose rewards will be burnt, tried through fire. These Christians have not lived in service for the Lord and perhaps not turned from certain sins in their lives; they have not produced eternal fruit or laid up treasures in Heaven as the Lord commanded the believer to do so in the Gospel of Matthew chapter 6, yet however these Christians are still saved as Paul explains.

1st Corinthians 3:13-15 (KJV)

"Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

The person referred to in the above passage is a person whose soul is secured through the precious blood of the Lord Jesus, but who has wasted his life on worldly pursuits and living in an unfruitful lifestyle.

At the Judgement seat of Christ, our sins will not be brought up again as they have been dealt with by the blood of Christ; however our works (service for Christ) will be examined. The bible tells us in Jude that believers in the Lord regardless of how we have lived for Him, will stand faultless before Him with joy, knowing that our sins have been paid for.

Jude 1:24 (KJV)

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,"

When believers are being unfruitful in their Christian walk, God will chasten them as the loving Father that He is.

Hebrews 12:6 (KJV)

"For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth."

The chastening of the Lord is always with the aim that God can bring you back into fellowship once more and into His holiness. There is nowhere in scripture where the Lord takes salvation from the believer who is living in an unfruitful lifestyle, but yet He chastens them that they produce fruit in their lives.

Hebrews 12:10 (KJV)

"For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness."

The Lord Jesus spoke in John's Gospel about those who are in Him producing unfruitful works.

John 15:1-3 (KJV)

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit."

The Lord Jesus is eager for believers in Him to produce fruit; He would far rather bless His children than chasten His children. He is eager for them to grow, spiritually, maturely, and growing in knowledge and love for Him. He takes things out of our life which are causing no fruit to grow, and when fruit does grow, He purges us in order for more fruit to appear. He never casts us away. Yet the Jehovah's Witnesses say otherwise.

"Jehovah's visible organization can use you, but can get along without you too. But you cannot get along without it. Fruitless ones are eventually pruned off and never missed as new ones are grafted in. Pruned-off branches soon wither and die, being cut off from the circulating, life-giving sap." (Watchtower 1950 Jan 15 p.26)

You will have noticed by their above quote that when their followers leave the Watchtower Organisation they don't have a concern for their departure, and call their ex-members 'cut off and never missed'. Yet God cares that we lose fellowship with Him, and brings us back into His fellowship, as the loving God that He is.

Salvation for the believer cannot be lost, yet the Jehovah's Witnesses live in fear wondering if they will eventually be saved. Yet the bible explains that God reassures us and commands us not to fear.

2nd Timothy 1:7 (KJV)

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

I am grateful that through my Christian life, although I have failed Him, fell into temptations and lived at times in an unpleasing and unfruitful lifestyle, He still cares about me and He has brought me back into His holiness and never left my side, nor have I ever lost my salvation.

Hebrews 13:5 (KJV)

*"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**"*

Afterword:

For more teachings on how the bible examines the false teaching on the Watchtower Organisation please visit my website, the address is as followed:

www.JWanswers.co.uk

You can visit my YouTube channel where my videos on each subject are, the address is:

www.YouTube.com/npjy83

Also, I have a Facebook group in which myself and some administrators help Jehovah's Witnesses, with the truth of God's word. Feel free to join to help or receive discipleship if you have left the Watchtower Organisation or a burden to help. The address for this is:

www.facebook.com/groups/JWandCBD

I have covered many other topics online helping / assisting / correcting the Watchtower teachings and the topics are as followed:

General Topics:

The Ascension of Christ and His second coming x2
 Trinity proven from the New World Translation
 Proof of the bodily resurrection from the New World Translation
 The Holy Spirit proven as a person from the New World Translation
 Did Jesus die on a cross or a stake?
 The 144,000 revealed in the New World Translation
 Hell – Part 1
 Hell – Part 2
 Soul and Spirit
 Evidence from John 1v1 that the New World Translation is false
 Is God omnipresent?
 Life after death
 The Rapture of the church
 Who is the Jehovah's Witnesses Mediator?
 Trinity explained from a whiteboard (Classroom)
 Does the Watchtower offer salvation?
 Does the Watchtower offer hope?
 Does the Watchtower offer joy?

Topics on the Lord Jesus:

Is Jesus Almighty?
 Is Jesus a created being?
 Is Jesus an angel?
 Can Jesus be worshipped?
 Is Jesus LORD of Lords?
 Is Jesus the God of glory?

Feel free to watch any of them. There are more videos that I have covered which are not listed above, a full listing can be found on my website in the library link.

I would like to thank the Lord first and foremost as He has helped me greatly with guiding me through His word and understanding it and He is the great encourager. I thank my wife also for persevering with me whilst taking long hours studying this and for helping with the editing of the book as well. And I would also like to thank my parents for the much help they have given me with this and the encouragement in speaking to the Jehovah's Witnesses on the streets and online.

You will have noticed that there is some repetition throughout this book on certain teachings, especially with salvation. In their book "What does the bible really teach?" they have constantly stressed works for salvation, and this is the reason why I have counteracted this throughout my book.

Please also keep this in mind. You will have noticed that Jehovah's Witnesses are frequent in most town squares and cities today trying to reach others and put forward their false literature to passers-by. If you are a Christian, a born again believer in the Lord Jesus, then you have a duty, to be as zealous as them, but provide the truth of the gospel to others in these same cities and town squares so that we can win souls for Christ.

Proverbs 11:30 (KJV)

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."

If any Christian has a burden or a desire to speak or to help Jehovah's Witnesses (or any other religious organisation) either on the street, online or if you are having a bible study with them, it is **vital** that you get to know your bible, before you tackle the false teachings they bring forth. Remember, you are in a spiritual warfare and when you try and tackle false teachers, you are ultimately going onto the battlefield fighting evil (which is behind it all) and trying to rock the forces of darkness.

Ephesians 6:10-18 (KJV)

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;"

Final word of encouragement for believers
(Building in adversity)

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Some comfort for those who are currently witnessing for the Lord. If you read the book of Nehemiah, you will read that Nehemiah had a burden to do something for the Lord, he wanted to build the wall at Jerusalem. In chapter 1, we read his desire, his prayer to the Lord and how he wept. In chapter 2, we read that he was sent to build this wall. From verse 11 in chapter 2 we read how he encourages others to help him, and then from verse 19 we see there were people who opposed what Nehemiah had planned on doing, in that they laughed and mocked him.

Nehemiah still stood strong and with the help of others, he continued to go forth and build this wall which we see in chapter 3. Come to chapter 4 and we read that the same people who laughed and mocked at Nehemiah earlier, were now becoming angry at his work and sought to actively hinder the work.

However, when Nehemiah heard about their anger, and how they had planned to hinder him, we read the following in Nehemiah chapter 4.

Nehemiah 4:13 (KJV)

"Therefore set I in the lower places behind the wall, and on the higher places, I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows."

Nehemiah commanded those who were building to watch and hold onto their swords for the enemy that was approaching.

The same principle applies for the believer in the Lord Jesus today; when we are building for Him, we will face opposition, we will face those who are against our work, we will face those who want to bring our work down and hinder it. However, as Nehemiah instructed the children of Israel to keep building and keep their swords on them for the approaching enemy, we as believers have our own sword, the bible, and we must know how to use it to face the attacks of the evil one, who will be against our work and try to hinder it.

You will notice from the book of Nehemiah, that as they remained faithful to God and used their swords, God blessed the work and the wall was built.

Keep sowing the word of God, building upon the foundation of Christ and keeping our swords on us at all times, and the Lord will bless our work and labour for Him.

1st Corinthians 15:58 (KJV)

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

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