

The Bible

God's Name

The Bible lists many different names for God – God, Lord, Almighty, Everlasting Father, His special name – Yahweh, and many more. (Exodus 3:14-15, Genesis 1:1, 14:19, 17:1, 18:27, 21:33)

The Trinity

There is one God (Deuteronomy 6:4), the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). They are united as one God in a way we cannot explain or understand.

Jesus is True God

In many ways, the Bible says Jesus is true and complete God. One very clear example is in John 20:28. After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to doubting Thomas. When Thomas saw Jesus, he said to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!” Thomas knew who Jesus really was.

Jesus' Resurrection

Jesus died and rose alive again from the dead with a real body (Luke 24:36-53). After 40 days, Jesus went up into heaven (Acts 1:9).

Christ's Second Coming

God warned us not to believe people who say Christ already came back (1 Thess. 2:1-2). When He comes, “every eye will see Him” (Rev. 1:7), all the nations will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds (Matthew 24:30).

People's Souls are Eternal

The Bible teaches that when our bodies die, our soul continues to live forever. (Mark 12:27, Ecclesiastes 12:7, Matthew 25:46)

Jehovah's Witnesses

JW's try to insist that the only correct name for God is “Jehovah.” They even take out other names in the Bible and put “Jehovah” in their place.

“The obvious conclusion is, therefore, that Satan is the originator of the trinity doctrine (teaching).” Because they can't understand the Trinity, they say it can't be true.

“The true scriptures speak of God's Son, the Word, as ‘a god.’ He is a ‘mighty god,’ but not the Almighty God, who is Jehovah.” “In other words, he was the first and direct creation of Jehovah God.” Again, they don't understand how Jesus is true God. So they say that is impossible.

“Jehovah God raised him (Jesus) from the dead, not as a human Son, but as a mighty immortal spirit Son.” “Jesus did not take his human body to heaven to be forever a man in heaven.”

“It does not mean that he (Christ) is on the way or has promised to come, but that he has already arrived and is here.” JW's say that Christ began invisibly ruling the world from heaven in 1914.

“The serpent (the devil) is the one that originated the doctrine of the inherent immortality of human souls.” JW's believe that when your body dies, your soul dies. Your soul doesn't live forever.

Hell is Real

Hell is a real place. There are so many Bible verses about this, it is hard to believe the JW's deny that hell is real and eternal. Some Bible verses are Matthew 25:41-46, Mark 9:47-48, Revelation 20:10-15.

The Result of Adam's Sin

The Bible clearly says that because Adam sinned, everyone is guilty of sin and is spiritually dead (Romans 5:12). Spiritual death means separation from God forever.

Jesus' Salvation Work

The Bible says that Jesus' death and resurrection are to fully save people (John 3:16, 2 Corinthians 5:19, Colossians 1:13-14, Romans 5:9-11)

Salvation is Free

Jesus' salvation is a gift, free! We don't have to work to earn any part of our salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9).

All Believers in Jesus Go to Heaven

There are many, many Bible verses that promise eternal life in heaven for every person who believes in Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:1-2, Philippians 3:20-21, 1 Peter 1:3-5, Colossians 1:3-6). In Revelation 14, the Bible does mention 144,000 people in heaven. But that number is a symbol, meaning all of God's people.

"The doctrine (teaching) of a burning hell where the wicked are tortured eternally after death cannot be true." JW's will say the Bible does not say hell is real, but the true reason they don't believe in hell is that they don't want to accept that it is real.

JW's will say we inherit sin from Adam. But they will say when Adam sinned, he (and we) lost "the right to live." In other words, because Adam sinned, our body and soul will die and disappear.

"The human life that Jesus Christ laid down in sacrifice must be exactly equal to that life which Adam forfeited for all his offspring... no more, no less." In other words, Adam lost the right for us to live. Jesus' death gives us the right to live again. But it doesn't give us actual life.

"No man can gain life... unless he believes God and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ and asks for salvation by making an unconditional agreement to do the will of God." Jesus won the right to life. Now if you want to live, you must work to earn that life.

"Who and how many are able to enter it (the Kingdom)? The Revelation limits to 144,000 the number that become a part of the Kingdom and stand on heavenly Mount Zion." JW's believe only 144,000 people will have eternal souls and live and rule in heaven with Jesus. They say everyone else who earns life will live on earth forever.