

Jehovah's Witnesses

A Brief History of the Jehovah's Witnesses

The first recognized leader and president of this group is Charles Taze Russell. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on Feb. 16, 1852. His religious background was Congregational and Presbyterian. Russell organized a Bible class in Pittsburgh in 1870 while Russell was at the age of 18 years. In 1879 Russell began a magazine named "Zion's Watch Tower and Herald of Christ's Presence". This magazine is now known as "The Watchtower Announcing Jehovah's Kingdom" or simply "The Watchtower". There is another magazine that they put out which is called "Awake". In 1884 the Jehovah's Witnesses was incorporated in Pennsylvania and named Zion's Watch Tower Tract Society. In 1931 there adopted the name "Jehovah's Witnesses". A common nickname has been "Russellites". Russell died in 1916. The new leader and also judge was Joseph F. Rutherford. He died in 1942 and was succeeded by Nathan H. Knorr. Knorr was responsible for producing the English version of the Bible known as the "New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures" in 1950. The present president, Frederick W. Franz succeeded Knorr in 1977.

A Comparison of the New World Translation with the King James Version of the Bible Showing Conflict with the Jehovah's Witnesses' Teachings and the Baptists

2 John 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

(NWT) Everyone that pushes ahead and does not remain in the teaching of the Christ does not have God. He that does remain in this teaching is the one that has both the Father and the Son.

The Jehovah's Witnesses teach that Jesus is a created being less than God, the Father. The Baptists teach that Jesus is the creator and equal with God, the Father. Verses that teach the Deity of Christ or Jesus is God the Son.

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

(NWT) In the beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

(NWT) This one was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

(NWT) All things came into existence through him, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence

(Both verses 3 of KJV and 3 of NWT teach that Jesus was the Creator of all things. So this verse alone tells us that Jesus was not created, otherwise He created himself.)

John 1:14 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.

(NWT) So the Word became flesh and resided among us, and we had a view of his glory, a glory such as belongs to an only-begotten son from a father; and he was full of deserved kindness and truth.

Hebrews 1:8 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.

(NWT) But with reference to the Son: God is your throne forever and ever, and [the] scepter of your kingdom is the scepter of uprightness.

1 Timothy 3:16 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.

(NWT) Indeed, the sacred secret of this godly devotion is admittedly great: He was made manifest in flesh, was declared righteous in spirit, appeared to angels, was preached about among nations, was believed upon in [the] world, was received up in glory.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

(NWT) For there has been a child born to us, there has been a son given to us; and the princely rule will come to be upon his shoulder. And his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

Philippians 2:5-11 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

(NWT) Keep this mental attitude in YOU that was also in Christ Jesus,)

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
(NWT) who, although he was existing in God's form, gave no consideration to a seizure, namely, that he should be equal to God.

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
(NWT) NO, but he emptied himself and took a slave's form and came to be in the likeness of men.

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
(NWT) More than that, when he found himself in fashion a man, he humbled himself and became obedient as far as death, yes, death on a torture stake.

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:
(NWT) For this very reason also God exalted him to a superior position and kindly gave him the name that is above every [other] name,

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;
(NWT) so that in the name of Jesus every knee should bend of those in heaven and those on earth and those under the ground,

11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
(NWT) and every tongue should openly acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

Micah 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *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.

(NWT) And you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, the one too little to get to be among the thousands of Judah, from you there will come out to me the one who is to become ruler in Israel, whose origin is from early times, from the days of time indefinite.

Both the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Baptists teach that Jesus is the Christ.

Verses that teach that Jesus is the Christ.

1 John 5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

(NWT) Everyone believing that Jesus is the Christ has been born from God, and everyone who loves the one that caused to be born loves him who has been born from that one."

1 John 2:22-23

22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

23 *Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father:* (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

(NWT) Who is the liar if it is not the one that denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one that denies the Son does not have the Father either. He that confesses the Son has the Father also.

Verses that teach that Jesus came in the flesh.

1 John 4:1-3 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

(NWT) Beloved ones, do not believe every inspired expression. but test the inspired expression to see whether they originate with God, because many false prophets have gone forth into the world.

2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

(NWT) You gain the knowledge of the inspired expression from God by this: Every inspired expression that confesses Jesus Christ as having come in the flesh originates with God

3 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.

(NWT) but every inspired expression that does not confess Jesus does not originate with God. Furthermore, this is the antichrist's [inspired expression] which you have heard was coming, and now it is already in the world.

The Jehovah's Witnesses do not teach the Trinity. They teach that the Holy Spirit is a power and not the Person of God. You will notice that in their N.W.T. every time the Holy Spirit is mentioned, it is in the lower case letters. They teach that Jesus is a created being less than God, the Father. The Baptists teach the Trinity. They teach that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are all equal.

Verses that teach the Trinity, God is three in one.

1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

(NWT) For there are three witness bearers,

1 Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

(NWT) according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, with sanctification by the spirit, for the purpose of their being obedient and sprinkled with the blood of Jesus Christ:

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

(NWT) Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the holy spirit,

1 Peter 3:18 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:

(NWT) Why, even Christ died once for all time concerning sins, a righteous [person] for unrighteous ones, that he might lead YOU to God, he being put to death in the flesh, but being made alive in the spirit.

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

*(NWT) and I will request the Father and he will give YOU another helper to be with YOU forever,
(Notice the lower case in “helper”.)*

John 14:26 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.

(NWT) But the helper, the holy spirit, which the Father will send in my name, that one will teach YOU all things and bring back to YOUR minds all the things I told YOU.

Note: The following list of verses show and teach that the Holy Spirit speaks which tells us that the Holy Spirit is a Person not a power of God. [Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22 and Acts 21:11; Heb. 3:7] It is also true that in the KJV, the Spirit starts with an upper case letter and in the NWT, the word Spirit starts with a lower case letter.

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

(NWT) However, the inspired utterance says definitely that in later periods of time some

will fall away from the faith, paying attention to misleading inspired utterances and teachings of demons,

The Jehovah's Witnesses teaches that Jesus died and arose a spirit being. The Baptists teach that Jesus died and arose bodily.

These verses teach the bodily resurrection of Christ.

Luke 24:39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

(NWT) See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; feel me and see, because a spirit does not have flesh and bones just as you behold that I have."

The Jehovah's Witnesses teach that good works and deeds must be maintained to keep their salvation. The Baptists teach that works or deeds have no part in salvation but are, at best, a result of salvation.

These verses teach that works or deeds cannot save your soul.

Galatians 2:16 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.

(NWT) knowing as we do that a man is declared righteous, not due to works of law but only through faith toward Christ Jesus, even we have put our faith in Christ Jesus, that we may be declared righteous due to faith toward Christ, and not due to words of law, because due to works of law no flesh will be declared righteous.

Romans 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

(NWT) For we reckon that a man is declared righteous by faith apart from works of law.

Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

(NWT) Therefore by works of law no flesh will be declared righteous before him, for by law is the accurate knowledge of sin.

Romans 5:18-19 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.

(NWT) So, then, as through one trespass the result to men of all sorts was condemnation, likewise also through one act of justification the result to men of all sorts is a declaring of them righteous for life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

(NWT) For just as through the disobedience of the one man many were constituted sinners, likewise also through the obedience of the one [person] many will be constituted righteous.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

(NWT) By the undeserved kindness, indeed, YOU have been saved through faith, and this not owing to YOU, it is God's gift.

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

(NWT) No, it is not owing to works, in order that no man should have ground for boasting.

Titus 3:5 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;

(NWT) owing to no works in righteousness that we had performed, but according to his mercy, he saved us through the bath that brought us to life and through the making of us new by holy spirit.

Matthew 7:21-23 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.

(NWT) "Not everyone saying to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but the one doing the will of my Father who is in the heavens will.

22 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?

(NWT) Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and expel demons in your name, and perform many powerful works in your name?'

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

(NWT) And yet then I will confess to them: I never knew YOU! Get away from me, YOU workers of lawlessness.

These verses teach the blood atonement of Christ.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

(NWT) Pay attention to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the holy spirit has appointed you overseers, to shepherd the congregation of God, which he purchased with the blood of his own [Son].

Romans 3:25 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;

(NWT) God set him forth as an offering for propitiation through faith in his blood. This was in order to exhibit his own righteousness, because he was forgiving the sins that occurred in the past while God was exercising forbearance;

Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

(NWT) Much more, therefore, since we have been declared righteous now by his blood, shall we be saved through him from wrath.

Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

(NWT) By means of him we have the release by ransom through the blood of that one, yes, the forgiveness of [our] trespasses, according to the riches of his undeserved kindness.

Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

(NWT) But now in union with Christ Jesus you who were once far off have come to be near by the blood of the Christ.

Colossians 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

(NWT) by means of whom we have our release by ransom, the forgiveness of our sins.

Hebrews 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

(NWT) Yes, nearly all things are cleansed with blood according to the Law, and unless blood is poured out no forgiveness takes place.

These verse teach that Jesus is the only way to heaven.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

(NWT) Jesus said to him: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

(NWT) Furthermore, there is no salvation in anyone else, for there is not another name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

The Jehovah's Witnesses teach that the body and soul of man are one and the same. The Baptists teach that the body and soul of man are two different and separate things.

The following are verses that teach on the soul leaving the body at death.

1 Kings 17:21-22 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.

22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

(NWT) And he proceeded to stretch himself upon the child three times and call to Jehovah and say: "O Jehovah my God, please, cause the soul of this child to come back within him." Finally Jehovah listened to Elijah's voice, so that the soul of the child came back within him and he came to life

Genesis 35:18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin.

(NWT) And the result was that as her soul was going out (because she died) she called his name Benoni; but his father called him Benjamin.

Luke 23:43 And Jesus said unto him, **Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.**

(And he said to him: "Truly I tell you today, You will be with me in Paradise."

Luke 8:54-55 And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, **Maid, arise.**

55 And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat.

(NWT) But he took her by the hand and called, saying: "Girl, get up!" And her spirit

returned, and she rose instantly, and he ordered something to be given her to eat.

Luke 16:19-31 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

(NWT) But a certain man was rich, and he used to deck himself with purple and linen, enjoying himself from day to day with magnificence.

20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

(NWT) But a certain beggar named Lazarus used to be put at his gate, full of ulcers

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

(NWT) and desiring to be filled with the things dropping from the table of the rich man. Yes, too, the dogs would come and lick his ulcers.

22 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;

(NWT) Now in course of time the beggar died and he was carried off by the angels to the bosom [position] of Abraham. Also, the rich man died and was buried.

23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

(NWT) And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, he existing in torments, and he saw Abraham afar off and Lazarus in the bosom [position] with him.

24 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.

(NWT) So he called and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in anguish in this blazing fire.

25 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.

(NWT) But Abraham said, Child, remember that you received in full your good things in your lifetime, but Lazarus correspondingly the injurious things. Now, however, he is having comfort here but you in anguish.

26 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.

(NWT) And besides all these things, a great chasm has been fixed between us and you people, so that those wanting to go over from here to you people cannot, neither may people cross over from there to us.

27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

(NWT) Then he said, In that event I ask you, father, to send him to the house of my father,

28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

(NWT) for I have five brothers, in order that he may give them a thorough witness, that they also should not get into this place of torment.

29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

(NWT) But Abraham said, They have Moses and the Prophets, let them listen to these.

30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will

repent.

(NWT) Then he said, No, indeed, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

(NWT) But he said to him, If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead

Luke 9:30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:

(NWT) Also, look! Two men were conversing with him, who were Moses and Elijah.

Matthew 22:32 I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

(NWT) I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob? He is the God, not of the dead, but of the living.

Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

(NWT) And do not become fearful of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; but rather be in fear of him that can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

(NWT) But we are of good courage and are well pleased rather to become absent from the body and to make our home with the Lord.

1 Corinthians 5:5 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.

(NWT) YOU hand such a man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, in order that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

The following are verses that teach that you receive eternal life immediately upon trusting Christ as your personal Savior.

John 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

(NWT) that everyone believing in him may have everlasting life.

John 3:16 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.

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

John 3:36 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.

(NWT) He that exercises faith in the Son has everlasting life; he that disobeys the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains upon him.

John 5:24 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.

(NWT) Most truly I say to you, He that hears my word and believes him that sent me has everlasting life, and he does not come into judgment but has passed over from death to life.

John 6:40 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.

(NWT) For this is the will of my Father, that everyone that beholds the Son and exercises faith in him should have everlasting life, and I will resurrect him at the last day.

John 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

(NWT) Most truly I say to you, He that believes has everlasting life.

1 John 5:13 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.

(NWT) I write you these things that you may know that you have life everlasting, you who put your faith in the name of the Son of God.

The Jehovah's Witnesses teach that it is possible to loose your salvation. The Baptist teach that it is impossible to loose your salvation.

Other Verses That Tell us That We Are Eternally Secure

Jude 24 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,

(NWT) Now to the one who is able to guard YOU from stumbling and to set You unblemished in the sight of his glory with great joy,

Psalm 37:28 For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

(NWT) For Jehovah is a lover of justice, And he will not leave his loyal ones. To time indefinite they will certainly be guarded; But as for the offspring of the wicked ones, they will indeed be cut off.

Psalm 37:23-24 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.

(NWT) By Jehovah the very steps of an able-bodied man have been made ready, And in his way He takes delight. Although he may fall, he will not be hurled down, For Jehovah is supporting his hand.

John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

(NWT) Everything the Father gives me will come to me, and the one that comes to me I will by no means drive away;

These Verses Teach Once You Have Trusted Christ As Your Personal Savior Your Punishment For Sin Changes From the Lake of Fire to Chastisement in This Life

Psalm 89:31-34 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; 32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. 33 Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. 34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

(NWT) If they profane my own statutes And they do not keep my own commandments, I must also turn my attention to their transgression even with a rod And to their error even with strokes, But my living-kindness I shall not break off from him, Nor shall I prove false with regard to my faithfulness

1 Corinthians 11:32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

(NWT) However, when we are judged, we are disciplined by Jehovah, that we may not become condemned with the world.

The Following are Verses That Tell Us Why Jesus Died:

Matthew 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

(NWT) Just as the Son of man came, not to be ministered to, but to minister and to give his soul a ransom in exchange for many.

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

(NWT) For even the Son of man came, not to be ministered to, but to minister and to give his soul a ransom in exchange for many.

1 Timothy 2:6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

(NWT) who gave himself a corresponding ransom for all—{this is} what is to be witnessed to at its own particular times.

Hebrews 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

(NWT) he entered, no, not with the blood of goats and of young bulls, but with his own blood, once for all time into the holy place and obtained an everlasting deliverance [for us]

The Summary of Jehovah's Witnesses

- 1) The JW's believe the New World Translation is the word of God which is very different from the King James Bible and taken from a different Greek text than the King James Bible.

2) The JW's elevate one of God's names above the many other names of God. The name is Jehovah. The name "Jehovah" appears 4 times in the KJV. [Ex. 6:3; Psa. 83:18; Isai. 12:2 & Isai. 26:4] This Hebrew word is also translated 6510 times as "Lord". According to the Scripture, Jesus is the name that is elevated above every name.

Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and **given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus** every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; 11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- 3) The JW's teach that Christ is God's Son but inferior to God. The Bible teaches that Jesus is not only God's Son but also that Jesus is equal with God. See the following references. [As God Phil. 2:6-9; Heb. 1:8; I Tim. 3:16; Jn. 1:1; I Jn. 5:20; Titus 2:13; Jn. 20:28; Isa. 9:6][I Jn. 2:22; 5 and as God's Son]
- 4) The JW's teach that Jesus is a created being and the He was the first of God's creation. Revelation 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

Note: "beginning" #746 beginning 40, principality 8, corner 2, first 2, misc 6 (58 times)
The word beginning is defined as the origin. So when the Bible says Jesus is the beginning of the creation of God it is saying God created all things by and through Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Creator not a created being. See the following references. [John 1:1-3; "All things were made by him and for him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."
Note: If all things that were made were made by Jesus, this rules out the idea that Jesus was created. Col. 1:16 "For by him were all things created,"; Eph. 3:9 "God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:"

- 5) The JW's teach that Jesus died as a ransom for obedient humans. The Bible teaches us that "While we were yet sinners Christ died for us". See Rom. 5:6-8.
- 6) The JW's teach that Jesus arose an immortal spirit person. The Bible teaches us that Jesus arose from the dead bodily. After Jesus' resurrection in Luke 24:39 **Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.** Rom. 10:9 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.
- 7) The JW's teach that the human soul ceases to exist at death. The Bible teaches that once the individual is brought into existence the soul will exist forever. Example: Luke 9:30 Moses appeared with Jesus at the transfiguration. If he ceased to exist, what was he doing with Jesus many years later. See also Luke 16:19-31.
- 8) The JW's teach that Hell is simply the burying place in the ground and not a place of

flames and torments. The strong's #86 is Hades which appears 11 times in the New Testament. 10 times as Hell and 1 time as grave. There are other definitions of the term grave besides a burying place for a lifeless body. Grave also means honest. Grave also means to carve or cut letters. I Cor. 15:55 The word "grave" which is here the Greek word Hades does not mean burial place in the ground. It is referring to the abode of the dead. In the other 10 times with the Greek word Hades as Hell, twice in Mat. 11:23 & Luke 10:15 Hell is contrasted with Heaven. Luke 16:23 Hell is referred to with torments.

- 9) The JW's teach that works and deeds are a required part of salvation. The Bible teaches that works or good deeds have no part in salvation and can not save you. [See Eph. 2:8-9; Gal. 2:16; Titus 3:5; and Rom. 5:18-19]