sick (Matthew 25:36). Certainly giving blood to enable life to continue would be one way of visiting the sick. Where is the scripture that says it is wrong to save a life through a blood transfusion?

## The 144,000

"Jehovah's Witnessess" teach that heaven will be inherited by a "Little Flock" which they define as the 144,000, while "other sheep" will also be saved, but live in a paradise on earth. In their book "You Can Live Forever In Paradise On Earth on page they say, "Rather than all good people going to heaven, the Bible reveals that only 144,000 tried and faithful persons will be taken there to rule with Christ." On page 126 they state, "Jesus Christ is the main ruler in this government, and 144,000 persons will be taken from among humankind to rule in heaven with him." This is far different than what the Bible teaches. Paul siad the saved (not just a part of it would go to heaven) 2 Corinthians 5:1. Peter says the inheritance is in heaven, and says those to receive it as the faithful all, not part of 1 Peter 1:3-5. Jesus is preparing mansions for those who come by Him. John 14:1-6 also 10:34. The fact that there will be 144,000 will not exclude others.

### **Eternal Punishment**

"Jehovah's Witnesses" deny that there will be eternal punishment. Hell to them is the grave. "The word `Hell' is found in many Bible translations. In the same verses other translations read "the grave", "the world of the dead and so forth." (RFTS) page 168. "But they can, and will be done away with or destroyed." You Can Live Forever In Paradise On Earth page 87-88. There are many scriptures that teach that there will be an eternal punishment for the wicked. Matthew 25:41 (everlasting fire), verse 46 (everlasting punishment), Mark 3:29 (eternal damnation), Matthew 23:15,38 (hell, Gehenna, meaning eternal hell). See also these verses for further

study: Matthew 3:10; 5:22; 10:28; 13:42; 18:8-9; 2 Thes. 1:6-9; Jude 23; Revelation 20:15; 21:8; 14:10-11; Psalm 9:17. To deny Eternal punishment is to call God a liar.

#### Conclusion

Many other "Jehovah's Witnesses" doctrines could be looked at that are in error. These should suffice to show that this is an error ridden organization. We would to God this group had not been organized, for many that are going to be lost in this organization might otherwise be saved. There is still hope ."Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you," (2 Corinthians 6:17)

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD. . ."

(Isaiah 1:18)

7 Errors Of "Jehovah's Witness" Doctrine



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One of the most prominent religious groups today is a group calling itself "Jehovah's Witnesses". This group points to their door to door activity as being proof of their claim of being "God's true Witnesses". Is this a true claim? Are they accurately teaching the Bible? We want to examine their doctrine using their books and see what the Bible says. All of their quotes will come from "Reasoning From The Scriptures" copyright 1989 (RFTS), "Should you Believe in the Trinity" copyright 1989 (SYBITT) and "You Can Live Forever in Paridise on Earth" copyright 1989. All of these works were written by The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania their official publication company.

## Wrong Name

The name "Jehovah's Witnesses" was not adopted until October 9, 1931 at an annual convention held in Columbus, Ohio. Thier organization did not begin until 1878. They began because of a split with the 7th Day Adventist church. "Jehovah's Witnesses" will tell you that they are wearing the name Isaiah prophesied of in Isaiah 62:1-4. But take note of what is said in Acts 11:26 "The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch." The new name was Christian not "Jehovah's Witnesses". Notice also such passages as Romans 16:16; 1 Cor. 1:2; Matt. 3:2. Where is the authority for going by the name "Jehovah's Witensses"? Let us wear the name of the groom (Romans 7:3-4).

#### The Soul

The "Jehovah's Witnesses", like many others who sprang from the 7th Day Adventist teach "The soul is a person or an animal or the life that a person or an animal enjoys." (RFTS page 375. The Bible teaches in numerous places that man has an imperishable, immortal soul that will never die. Notice these passages that teach this: (Matt. 10:28; Luke 16:19-31; 2 Cor. 5:1-9; Psa. 22:26; James 2:26; 2 Peter 3:4; Ecc. 12:7). The soul is not the person or the life they enjoy.

## Jesus Not Deity

The "Jehovah's Witnesses" in their book Rea**soning From The Scriptures** on page 209 state: "Iesus Christ is the only-begotten Son of God, the only son produced by Jehovah alone. This Son is the firstborn of all creation. He is the second greatest personage in the universe. He is a god but no the true God." Another of their publications **Studies In** The Scriptures states on page 84 "Jesus is a god, But not Jehovah God." They recognize HIm as one not having an immortal soul, and state that he died. The Bible teaches that Jesus is the Eternal Son of God. He is Deity. Notice these passages: John 1:1-4;14; John 8:58; Matthew 16:16-18; John 17:5; Isaiah 9:6; Colossians 1:15-19; Genesis 1:1,26; Hebrews 1:8. Notice particularity John 1:1 the only translation that says "the Word was a god" is their own **New World Translation**. We see in Hebrews 1:6 where all the angels were to worship Him. It is interesting to note that the 1969 issue of their New World Translation renders the greek word used worship in the 1984 edition of it the word has been changed

to obeisance. Jesus is Diety and the Bible does show it. For further study notice what Paul says in Philippians 2:5-8.

## The Holy Spirit

"Jehovah's Witnesses" doctrine makes this statement about the Holy Spirit, "It is God's active force." (RFTS page 380. "To a certain extent, it can be likened to electricity, a force that can be adapted to perform a great variety of operations." (SYBITT) page 20. This is again contradictory to what the Bible teaches about the Holy Spirit. There Bible teaches that there are three persons in the Godhead. God-The Father, God-The Son. God-The Holy Spirit. There are numerous scriptures that show this: Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19-20; Philippians 2:5-7; John 14:16. Also notice in Acts 5:3-4. Peter asks Ananias "Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Spirit?" Then in verse 4 watch what Peter tells Ananias "Thou hast not *lied unto men, but unto God.*" Thus proving the Holy Spirit is God-Diety, a person, a part of the Godhead. Numerous other passages show the Holy Spirit is a person, He can be lied to, he can teach, he can be grieved, just to list of the few of the things that can be done to the Holy Spirit.

#### **Blood Transfusions**

"Jehovah's Witnesses" believe it is sin to have a blood transfusion. They give Lev. 17:10-16 and Acts 15:28-29 as their proof. They say that a blood transfusion is the same as eating blood. Eating blood and transfusions are not the same thing. The obtaining of blood under the Old Testament involved the necessity of taking a life. Transfusion does not take life, but give it. The scriptures speak of Animal blood, Not human blood. The law also forbade eating fat, Lev. 3:17 but this doesn't stop the "Witnesses" from eating it. WE have responsibility to the