

Jehovah's Witnesses

Official Name: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society

Founder: Charles Taze Russell, in 1884

Headquarters: Brooklyn, New York

Members: 6,000,000+ worldwide

BASIC BELIEFS:

The Watchtower Society is God's Prophet: The Bible cannot be understood without Watchtower literature.

Denial of the Trinity: God is one solitary being whose name is Jehovah.

Jesus Christ is a Created Being: Jesus, also called Michael the archangel, was God's first creation. Jesus, a perfect man, became the Messiah at His baptism. He is the son of God, but not God the Son.

Denial of the Resurrection: His resurrection was spiritual, not physical.

The Holy Spirit: God's "force." Deny personality of the Holy Spirit.

No conscious existence after death: God takes back life at death. He creates a new body and restores its life in the resurrection.

Salvation only through Watchtower Society: Grace through faith is rejected. Salvation must be obtained through baptism into the organization and strict adherence to Watchtower teachings. Work oriented.

Two classes of saved people: The 144,000 faithful elect will rule with Christ in heaven. The great crowd will live forever on a new paradise earth.

Eternal hell rejected: Hell is the grave, not a place of eternal torment. All who are not resurrected are annihilated.

All Non-Jehovah's Witnesses will be destroyed at Armageddon.

What to do when they come to your door:

- Have a clear understanding of your faith and the Bible.
- Be prepared to cite and explain specific Bible verses supporting basic Christian doctrines. The following are some suggestions: 1 John 1:8-9; Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32; Luke 12:8; Acts 3:19; John 1:12
- Give your testimony. No one can deny this is true, because it is YOUR testimony.
- Focus on Jesus. Keep the initiative during the encounter.
- Don't let the other person control the conversation.
- Stress the need for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Pray for them when they leave. The Lord already knows who will come to Him and who won't, but we don't. Pray that the Holy Spirit will open their eyes to the Truth.

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