

The Spirit of Truth and The Spirit of Error

"What God has said on Seven Fundamentals", and "What men are now saying!"

The Truths of Christianity Compared to:

Christian Science, Spiritualism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Armstrongism, Mormonism, Eastern Mysticism, The Way International, Unity, Unification Church

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Compare The "Truths" of The Word of God to the "Errors" of Jehovah's Witnesses

The following provide a side by side, topical comparison of the Truths of Christianity, "What God Has Said on Seven Fundamentals", and the Errors of Jehovah's Witnesses, "**What Men Are Now Saying**".

- God
- Christ
- Holy Spirit
- Sin
- Redemption
- Salvation
- Retribution

The Word of God

Personality Of The Godhead

- In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Genesis 1:1).
- He is God; there is none else beside him (Deuteronomy 4:35).
- God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).
- For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man, Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5)
- Go. . . and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).
- Jesus was baptized; the Spirit descended; the Father spoke (Matthew 3:16-17).
- Come, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech (Genesis 11:7).
- From the time that it was, there am I; and now the Lord
- God, and his Spirit, hath sent me (Isaiah 48:16).

Jehovah's Witnesses

God

- God's personal name is Jehovah (*The Truth Shall Make You Free*, p. 17).
- Only Jehovah is from everlasting to everlasting (*Make Sure of All Things*, 119651, p. 486).
- Jesus Christ is not One God with the Father (MS. p. 485).
- Holy Spirit is God's Active Force, not a person (MS. p. 487).
- There was a time when Jehovah was alone in universal space. All life and energy and thought were contained in him alone (*Let God Be True* 119521, p. 25).
- The obvious conclusion is that Satan is the originator of the trinity doctrine (*LG*, p. 101).
- Elohim is the plural of majesty. It does not mean that he is mysteriously a trinity (*New Heavens and New Earth*, p. 36).

Jesus Christ

- In the beginning was the Word, . . . and the Word was God (John 1:1).
- When, as His mother, Mary, was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:18).
- Behold, the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14).
- God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the nations, believed on in the world, received up into glory (1 Timothy 3:16).
- 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 (John 1:14).
- No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him (John 1:18).
- And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead (Romans 1:4).
- And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain (1 Corinthians 15:17).
- Wherefore, he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them (Hebrews 7:25).
- This same Jesus . . . shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into Heaven (Acts 1:11; cf. John 14:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

Jesus Christ

- Not Jehovah God. He was the first son that Jehovah God brought forth (*LG*, p. 32).
- The First Creation by God (*MS*, p. 282).
- Jesus Christ had a pre-human existence (*LG*, p. 34).
- Michael the archangel is no other than the only-begotten Son of God, now Jesus Christ (*NH*, p. 30).
- Jesus was born about Oct. 1, B.C. 2, of the virgin Mary (*LG*, p. 36).
- At baptism Jesus was anointed to become the Messiah, or Jesus the Christ (Anointed) (*LG*, p. 38).
- He showed his subjection to God by humbling himself to a most disgraceful death on a torture stake (*LG*, p. 35).
- God raised him as a mighty immortal spirit Son (*LG*, p. 40).
- Christ was not raised in flesh, but with a spiritual body (*MS*, p. 426).

Holy Spirit

- When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, . . . he shall testify of me (John 15:26).
- When he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:8).
- When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth (John 16:13).
- The Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit, . . . he shall teach you all things (John 14:26).
- His spirit that dwelleth in you (Romans 8:11).
- Be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18; see also 1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 3:16).
- But ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his (Romans 8:9; see also vv. 14, 16).

Sin

- There is none righteous, no, not one (Romans 3:10).
- For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Roman, 3:23).
- If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us (I John 1:10).
- If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us (I John 1:8)
- Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law (I John 3:4).
- All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not unto death (I John 5:17).
- Whatever is not of faith is sin (Romans 14:23).
- Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin (James 4:17).

Holy Spirit

- The holy spirit is the invisible active force of Almighty God which moves his servants to do his will (LG, p. 108).

Sin

- Sin is a falling short of God's mark of perfection, transgression of His righteous law (MS, p. 45~).
- Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying God's plainly stated law (MS, p. 457).
- At death, Adam was to return to the dust, a return to non-existence (NH, p. 88).
- No descendant of Adam is free from sin: all inherit it from first man (MS, p. 458).
- All are born in sin (imperfect, with wayward tendencies) (MS, p. 456).
- Adam brought death not only upon himself, but also upon all the race descended from him (NH, p. 89).
- Perfect human life was lost with its rights and earthly prospects (LG, p. 114).

Redemption

- We have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:7).
- Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things . . . but with the precious blood of Christ (1 Peter 1:18-19).
- Unto him that loveth us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us a kingdom of priests unto God and his Father (Revelation 1:5-6).
- Without shedding of blood is no remission (Hebrews 9:22).
- Made peace through the blood of his cross (Colossians 1:20).
- This man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God. . . . For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified (Hebrews 10:12, 14).

Salvation

- Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house (Acts 16:31).
- But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on his name (John 1:12).
- He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the . . . only begotten Son of God (John 3:18).
- He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life (John 3:36).
- 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 Spirit (Titus 3:5).
- 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 (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- Justified freely . . . through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus (Romans 3:24).
- Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth (Romans 10:4).

Redemption and Salvation

- Adam is not included in those ransomed. He had perfect life, and this he deliberately forfeited (*LG*, p. 119).
- Jesus Christ laid down in sacrifice a perfect HUMAN LIFE, equal to that which Adam forfeited (*You May Survive Armageddon*, p. 39).
- The ransom, or redemptive price with which redemption is made, is "the man Christ Jesus" (*LG*, p. 113).
- His perfect human life with all its rights and prospects, was laid down in death, but NOT FOR SIN AND IN PUNISHMENT (*LG*, p. 116). (Jesus was raised a divine spirit creature.)
- That which is redeemed or bought back is perfect human life with its rights and earthly prospects (*LG*, p. 114).
- The value of the perfect human life was now available for use on behalf of faithful men (*LG*, p. 116).
- Thus, makes possible general resurrection for mankind with opportunity for eternal life (*MS*, p. 411).
- The Bible plainly shows that 144,000 will share in heavenly glory, while the others will enjoy the blessings of life down here on earth (*LG*, p. 298).
- All who by reason of faith in Jehovah God and in Christ Jesus dedicate themselves to do God's will and then faithfully carry out their dedication will be rewarded with everlasting life (*LG*, p. 298).
- An unnumbered crowd of faithful persons do not expect to go to heaven. They have been promised everlasting life on earth if they prove their faithfulness (*LG*, p. 231), by faith in Jehovah's baptism, "provided ... they abide in him, keeping their good conscience through faith and loyal service" (*NH*, p.311).
- Armageddon survivors and the mass of humankind will find life here on earth amid paradise conditions (*LG*, p. 279).
- It is a gross twisting of the Scriptures to throw Jesus' words of John 3:3 to make them embrace all mankind (*The Watchtower*, Nov. 15, 1954, p. 681). This "great crowd" of people are not "born again," nor do they need to be "born again," because they gain everlasting life on the earth (*Ibid.*, p. 682).

Retribution

- **The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).**
- **Those who sleep in the dust . . . shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, and everlasting contempt (Daniel 12:2).**
- **And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment (Hebrews 9:27).**
- **And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God. . . . And the dead were judged out of those things written in the books, according to their works (Revelation 20:12).**
- **The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven . . . in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel. . . ; who shall be punished with everlasting destruction (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10).**
- **If thy foot offend thee, cut it off; it is better for thee to enter lame into life than, having two feet, to be east into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched (Mark 9:45).**

Retribution

- **The doctrine of a burning hell where the wicked are tortured eternally after death cannot be true (LG, p. 99).**
- **A dead person is unconscious, inactive. The soul (entire being) itself is DEAD) (MS, p. 143).**
- **The millennial judgment day (the 1,000 year judgment day) will take place after Armageddon (LG, p. 284-286).**
- **The final test will come by the loosing of Satan out of his restraint (at the end of the Millennium) (LG, p. 293).**
- **Those supporting Satan (at the end of Millennium) will, with the Devil himself, be cast into the "lake of fire and sulphur." They are drowned in everlasting destruction (annihilated) and for them there is no resurrection (LG, p. 270).**
- **All who reject the Kingdom message will be destroyed (LG, p. 190; YM, p. 341).**