

DOCTRINE OF

JEHOVAHS WITNESSES

GOD

- ▶ “God. We worship the one true and Almighty God, the Creator, whose name is Jehovah. (Psalm 83:18; Revelation 4:11) He is the God of Abraham, Moses, and Jesus.— Exodus 3:6; 32:11; John 20:17.” -(<https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/faq/jehovah-witness-beliefs/>)
- ▶ “People worship many things. But the Bible tells us that there is only one TRUE God. He created everything in heaven and on earth.... God has many titles but has only one name. That name is JEHOVAH.” - (KoC pg. 69)

GOD

- ▶ “Many Christian denominations teach that God is a Trinity. However, note what the *Encyclopædia Britannica* states: “Neither the word Trinity nor the explicit doctrine appears in the New Testament . . . The doctrine developed gradually over several centuries and through many controversies.”
- ▶ In fact, the God of the Bible is never described as being part of a Trinity. Note these Bible passages:
 - ▶ “Jehovah our God is one Jehovah.”—Deuteronomy 6:4.
 - ▶ “You, whose name is Jehovah, you alone are the Most High over all the earth.”—Psalm 83:18.
 - ▶ “This means everlasting life, their taking in knowledge of you, the only true God, and of the one whom you sent forth, Jesus Christ.”—John 17:3.
 - ▶ “God is only one.”—Galatians 3:20.
- ▶ All quotes on this slide taken from: ([https://www.jw.org/en/bible-teachings/questions/trinity/#?insight\[search_id\]=3e255e14-662c-4149-a5e6-06c0131a15cc&insight\[search_result_index\]=0](https://www.jw.org/en/bible-teachings/questions/trinity/#?insight[search_id]=3e255e14-662c-4149-a5e6-06c0131a15cc&insight[search_result_index]=0))

GOD

- ▶ “Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at God’s right hand. ‘Look! I can see heaven thrown open,’ he said, ‘and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God.’” –Acts 7:55, 56, *The New Jerusalem Bible*.”
- ▶ “What did this vision reveal? Filled with God’s active force, Stephen saw Jesus “standing at God’s right hand.” Clearly, then, Jesus did not become God again after his resurrection to heaven but, rather, a distinct spiritual being. There is no mention of a third person next to God in this account. Despite attempts to find passages of Scripture to support the Trinity dogma, Dominican priest Marie-Émile Boismard wrote in his book *À l’aube du christianisme–La naissance des dogmes* (At the Dawn of Christianity–The Birth of Dogmas): “The statement that there are three persons in the one God . . . cannot be read anywhere in the New Testament.”
- ▶ “The dogma that Constantine championed was intended to put an end to dissensions within the fourth-century Church. However, it actually raised another issue: Was Mary, the woman who bore Jesus, “the Mother of God”?”
- ▶ **“The Trinitarian dogma is a late fourth-century invention”**
- ▶ The above quotes are from: (<https://www.jw.org/en/publications/magazines/wp20091101/myth-god-is-a-trinity/>)

GOD

- ▶ “The doctrine, in brief, is that there are three gods in one: ‘God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost,’ all three equal in power, substance, and eternity” (*Let God be True*, Brooklyn: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 1946 ed., 100).
- ▶ “The obvious conclusion is, therefore, that Satan is the originator of the Trinity doctrine” (LGBT, 101)
- ▶ “Sincere persons who want to know the true God and serve Him find it a bit difficult to love and worship a complicated, freakish looking, three-headed God.” (LGBT, 102)
- ▶ All points on this slide taken from: KoC pg. 72

JESUS

- ▶ “Jesus. We follow the teachings and example of Jesus Christ and honor him as our Savior and as the Son of God. (Matthew 20:28; Acts 5:31) Thus, we are Christians. (Acts 11:26) However, we have learned from the Bible that Jesus is not Almighty God and that there is no Scriptural basis for the Trinity doctrine.—John 14:28.”- (<https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/faq/jehovah-witness-beliefs/>)
- ▶ “Yes. We believe in Jesus, who said: “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6) We have faith that Jesus came to earth from heaven and gave his perfect human life as a ransom sacrifice. (Matthew 20:28) His death and resurrection make it possible for those exercising faith in him to gain everlasting life. (John 3:16) We also believe that Jesus is now ruling as King of God’s heavenly Kingdom, which will soon bring peace to the entire earth. (Revelation 11:15) However, we take Jesus at his word when he said: “The Father is greater than I am.” (John 14:28) So we do not worship Jesus, as we do not believe that he is Almighty God.”- (<https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/faq/believe-in-jesus/>)

JESUS

- ▶ “At the time of his beginning of life he was created by the everlasting God, Jehovah, without the aid or instrumentality of any mother. In other words, he was the first and direct creation of Jehovah God....He was not an incarnation in flesh but was flesh, a human Son of God, a perfect man, no longer a spirit, although having a spiritual or heavenly past or background” (*The Kingdom Is at Hand*, 46-47, 49).
- ▶ “Being the only begotten Son of God.... the Word would be a prince among all other creatures. In this office he [Christ] bore another name in heaven, which name is ‘Michael’.... Other names were given to the Son in course of time” (*The Truth*, 49).
- ▶ All points on this slide taken from KoC pg. 79

JESUS

- ▶ “The rendering of the Greek word *stau·ros*’, meaning an upright stake or pole, such as the one on which Jesus was executed. There is no evidence that the Greek word meant a cross, such as the pagans used as a religious symbol for many centuries before Christ. “Torture stake” conveys the full intent of the original word, since Jesus also used the word *stau·ros*’ to indicate the torture, suffering, and shame that his followers would face. (Mt 16:24; Heb 12:2)” - [https://www.jw.org/en/publications/books/bible-glossary/torture-stake/#?insight\[search_id\]=8fbef846-cb0e-4d5e-b374-5bc89fe0f13b&insight\[search_result_index\]=0](https://www.jw.org/en/publications/books/bible-glossary/torture-stake/#?insight[search_id]=8fbef846-cb0e-4d5e-b374-5bc89fe0f13b&insight[search_result_index]=0)
- ▶ “The Bible generally uses the Greek word *stau·ros*’ when referring to the instrument of Jesus’ execution. (Matthew 27:40; John 19:17) Although translations often render this word “cross,” many scholars agree that its basic meaning is actually “upright stake.” According to A Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament, *stau·ros*’ “never means two pieces of wood joining each other at any angle.” - <https://www.jw.org/en/bible-teachings/questions/did-jesus-die-on-cross/>

TORTURE STAKE



From the book *The Cross in Tradition, History, and Art* (1897)

JESUS

- ▶ “In his resurrection he was no more human. He was raised as a spirit creature” -(*The Kingdom Is at Hand*, 49)
- ▶ “Having given up his flesh for the life of the world, Christ could never take it again and become a man once more. For that basic reason his return could never be in the human body that he sacrifice once for all time” -(*You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth*, 143).
- ▶ “This firstborn from the dead was raised from the grave not a human creature, but a spirit” -(*Let God Be True*, 276).
- ▶ All points on this slide taken from KoC pg. 79-80

JESUS

- ▶ “Christ Jesus returns, not as a human, but as a glorious spirit person” -(*Let God Be True, 196*).-KoC pg. 80
- ▶ “Since no earthly men have ever seen or can see the Father, they will not be able to see the glorified Son” -(*Let God Be True, 197*).-KoC pg. 80
- ▶ “It is a settled scriptural truth, therefore, that human eyes will not see him at his second coming, neither will he come in a fleshly body” -(*The Truth, 295*).-KoC pg. 80
- ▶ *The first three points deal with the final return of judgment, the last with Jesus “spiritual return.”*

HOLY SPIRIT

- ▶ “The invisible energizing force that God puts into action to accomplish his will. It is holy because it comes from Jehovah, who is clean and righteous to the highest degree, and because it is God’s means to accomplish what is holy.—Lu 1:35; Ac 1:8.”—[https://www.jw.org/en/publications/books/bible-glossary/holy-spirit/#?insight\[search_id\]=22d9d152-1677-4ade-b20e-628e2ffafd43&insight\[search_result_index\]=2](https://www.jw.org/en/publications/books/bible-glossary/holy-spirit/#?insight[search_id]=22d9d152-1677-4ade-b20e-628e2ffafd43&insight[search_result_index]=2)
- ▶ By referring to God’s spirit as his “hands,” “fingers,” or “breath,” the Bible shows that the holy spirit is not a person. (Exodus 15:8, 10) A craftsman’s hands cannot function independent of his mind and body; likewise, God’s holy spirit operates only as he directs it. (Luke 11:13) The Bible also compares God’s spirit to water and associates it with such things as faith and knowledge. These comparisons all point to the impersonal nature of the holy spirit.—Isaiah 44:3; Acts 6:5; 2 Corinthians 6:6.—[https://www.jw.org/en/bible-teachings/questions/what-is-the-holy-spirit/#?insight\[search_id\]=22d9d152-1677-4ade-b20e-628e2ffafd43&insight\[search_result_index\]=0](https://www.jw.org/en/bible-teachings/questions/what-is-the-holy-spirit/#?insight[search_id]=22d9d152-1677-4ade-b20e-628e2ffafd43&insight[search_result_index]=0)

HOLY SPIRIT

- ▶ “The Bible gives the names of Jehovah God and of his Son, Jesus Christ; yet, nowhere does it name the holy spirit. (Isaiah 42:8; Luke 1:31) When the Christian martyr Stephen was given a miraculous heavenly vision, he saw only two persons, not three. The Bible says: “He, being full of holy spirit, gazed into heaven and caught sight of God’s glory and of Jesus standing at God’s right hand.” (Acts 7:55) The holy spirit was God’s power in action, enabling Stephen to see the vision.”
- ▶ “The Scriptures do at times personify the holy spirit, but this does not prove that the holy spirit is a person. The Bible also personifies wisdom, death, and sin. (Proverbs 1:20; Romans 5:17, 21) For example, wisdom is said to have “works” and “children,” and sin is depicted as seducing, killing, and working out covetousness.—Matthew 11:19; Luke 7:35; Romans 7:8, 11.”
- ▶ All points on this slide are taken from: [https://www.jw.org/en/bible-teachings/questions/what-is-the-holy-spirit/#?insight\[search_id\]=22d9d152-1677-4ade-b20e-628e2ffafd43&insight\[search_result_index\]=0](https://www.jw.org/en/bible-teachings/questions/what-is-the-holy-spirit/#?insight[search_id]=22d9d152-1677-4ade-b20e-628e2ffafd43&insight[search_result_index]=0)

HOLY SPIRIT

- ▶ “Similarly, when the apostle John quoted Jesus, he personified the holy spirit as a “helper” (paraclete) that would give evidence, guide, speak, hear, declare, glorify, and receive. He used masculine personal pronouns such as “he” or “him” when referring to that “helper.” (John 16:7-15) However, he did so because the Greek word for “helper” (*pa·ra'kle·tos*) is a masculine noun and requires a masculine pronoun according to the rules of Greek grammar. When John referred to the holy spirit using the neuter noun *pneu'ma*, he used the genderless pronoun “it.”—John 14:16, 17.”—[https://www.jw.org/en/bible-teachings/questions/what-is-the-holy-spirit/#?insight\[search_id\]=22d9d152-1677-4ade-b20e-628e2ffafd43&insight\[search_result_index\]=0](https://www.jw.org/en/bible-teachings/questions/what-is-the-holy-spirit/#?insight[search_id]=22d9d152-1677-4ade-b20e-628e2ffafd43&insight[search_result_index]=0)

1914



1914

- ▶ “How and when, though, did God’s rulership begin to be “trampled on by the nations”? This happened in 607 B.C.E. when Jerusalem was conquered by the Babylonians. “Jehovah’s throne” became vacant, and the line of kings who descended from David was interrupted. (2 Kings 25:1-26) Would this ‘trampling’ go on forever? No, for the prophecy of Ezekiel said regarding Jerusalem’s last king, Zedekiah: “Remove the turban, and take off the crown. . . . It will not belong to anyone until the one who has the legal right comes, and I will give it to him.” (Ezekiel 21:26, 27) “The one who has the legal right” to the Davidic crown is Christ Jesus. (Luke 1:32, 33) So the ‘trampling’ would end when Jesus became King.”
- ▶ Point taken from: [https://www.jw.org/en/publications/books/bible-teach/1914-significant-year-bible-prophecy/#?insight\[search_id\]=f6fb34ef-ccd4-4ef3-856b-73995b624b2e&insight\[search_result_index\]=1](https://www.jw.org/en/publications/books/bible-teach/1914-significant-year-bible-prophecy/#?insight[search_id]=f6fb34ef-ccd4-4ef3-856b-73995b624b2e&insight[search_result_index]=1)

1914

- ▶ “When would that grand event occur? Jesus showed that the Gentiles would rule for a fixed period of time. The account in Daniel chapter 4 holds the key to knowing how long that period would last. It relates a prophetic dream experienced by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. He saw a tree of enormous height that was chopped down. Its stump could not grow because it was banded with iron and copper. An angel declared: “Let *seven times* pass over it.”—Daniel 4:10-16.”
- ▶ “In the Bible, trees are sometimes used to represent rulership. (Ezekiel 17:22-24; 31:2-5) So the chopping down of the symbolic tree represents how God’s rulership, as expressed through the kings at Jerusalem, would be interrupted. However, the vision served notice that this ‘trampling of Jerusalem’ would be temporary—a period of “seven times.” How long a period is that?”
- ▶ All points on this slide are taken from: [https://www.jw.org/en/publications/books/bible-teach/1914-significant-year-bible-prophecy/#?insight\[search_id\]=f6fb34ef-ccd4-4ef3-856b-73995b624b2e&insight\[search_result_index\]=1](https://www.jw.org/en/publications/books/bible-teach/1914-significant-year-bible-prophecy/#?insight[search_id]=f6fb34ef-ccd4-4ef3-856b-73995b624b2e&insight[search_result_index]=1)

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- ▶ “Revelation 12:6, 14 indicates that three and a half times equal “1,260 days.” “Seven times” would therefore last twice as long, or 2,520 days. But the Gentile nations did not stop ‘trampling’ on God’s rulership a mere 2,520 days after Jerusalem’s fall. Evidently, then, this prophecy covers a much longer period of time. On the basis of Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:6, which speak of “a day for a year,” the “seven times” would cover 2,520 years.
- ▶ The 2,520 years began in October 607 B.C.E., when Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians and the Davidic king was taken off his throne. The period ended in October 1914. At that time, “the appointed times of the nations” ended, and Jesus Christ was installed as God’s heavenly King.—Psalm 2:1-6; Daniel 7:13, 14.
- ▶ All points on this slide are taken from: [https://www.jw.org/en/publications/books/bible-teach/1914-significant-year-bible-prophecy/#?insight\[search_id\]=f6fb34ef-ccd4-4ef3-856b-73995b624b2e&insight\[search_result_index\]=1](https://www.jw.org/en/publications/books/bible-teach/1914-significant-year-bible-prophecy/#?insight[search_id]=f6fb34ef-ccd4-4ef3-856b-73995b624b2e&insight[search_result_index]=1)

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- ▶ “Just as Jesus predicted, his “presence” as heavenly King has been marked by dramatic world developments—war, famine, earthquakes, pestilences. (Matthew 24:3-8; Luke 21:11) Such developments bear powerful testimony to the fact that 1914 indeed marked the birth of God’s heavenly Kingdom and the beginning of “the last days” of this present wicked system of things.—2 Timothy 3:1-5.” -[https://www.jw.org/en/publications/books/bible-teach/1914-significant-year-bible-prophecy/#?insight\[search_id\]=f6fb34ef-ccd4-4ef3-856b-73995b624b2e&insight\[search_result_index\]=1](https://www.jw.org/en/publications/books/bible-teach/1914-significant-year-bible-prophecy/#?insight[search_id]=f6fb34ef-ccd4-4ef3-856b-73995b624b2e&insight[search_result_index]=1)
- ▶ “The world in fact is waiting for the Messiah, the Christ, and his kingdom of righteousness. When the world comes to a knowledge of the fact that the Lord, the great deliverer and benefactor of man, has returned, every honest soul will be filled with joy and every grateful heart will respond in songs of gladness.” - *“The Harp of God”* J. F. Rutherford (gutenberg.org)

1914

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S TREE DREAM HOW IT RELATES TO GOD'S KINGDOM

THE PROPHETIC PATTERN

An enormous tree
(Daniel 4:10, 11)



"Chop down the tree"
(Daniel 4:14)



"Let **seven times**
pass" (Daniel 4:16)



"Your kingdom
will be yours again"
(Daniel 4:26)



Rulership

Rulership interrupted

Interval

Rulership restored

INITIAL FULFILLMENT

Nebuchadnezzar,
King of Babylon



Sometime after 606 B.C.E.,
Nebuchadnezzar loses his
sanity and is unable to rule



7
literal
years

Nebuchadnezzar regains his
sanity and begins ruling again



LARGER FULFILLMENT

Israelite kings who
represent God's rulership



Jerusalem is destroyed,
interrupting that line of
Israelite kings



2,520 years

B.C.E.	C.E.
October 606 1/4 years	1,913 3/4 years

"Jerusalem will be
trampled on . . .
until *the appointed*
times of the nations
are fulfilled"
(Luke 21:24)

Jesus begins ruling in
heaven as King of God's
Kingdom



October
607 B.C.E.

October
1914 C.E.

HELL

- ▶ “For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, . . . for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.”—Ecclesiastes 9:5, 10, *Revised Standard Version*.
- ▶ “The Hebrew word *Sheol*, which referred to the “abode of the dead,” is translated “hell” in some versions of the Bible. What does this passage reveal about the condition of the dead? Do they suffer in Sheol in order to atone for their errors? No, for they “know nothing.” That is why the patriarch Job, when suffering terribly because of a severe illness, begged God: “Protect me in hell [Hebrew, *Sheol*].” (Job 14:13; *Douay-Rheims Version*) What meaning would his request have had if Sheol was a place of eternal torment? Hell, in the Biblical sense, is simply the common grave of mankind, where all activity has ceased.”
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HELL

- ▶ “Is not this definition of hell more logical and in harmony with Scripture? What crime, however horrible, could cause a God of love to torture a person endlessly? (1 John 4:8) But if hellfire is a myth, what about heaven?”
- ▶ “God does not punish people in hell.”
- ▶ All points on this slide are from: [https://www.jw.org/en/publications/magazines/wp20091101/myth-the-wicked-suffer-in-hell/#?insight\[search_id\]=d22b0a4d-3939-4c78-83e0-d9caec071cfc&insight\[search_result_index\]=2](https://www.jw.org/en/publications/magazines/wp20091101/myth-the-wicked-suffer-in-hell/#?insight[search_id]=d22b0a4d-3939-4c78-83e0-d9caec071cfc&insight[search_result_index]=2)

HELL

- ▶ “The Bible hell is mankind’s ‘common grave’” (*Let God Be True, 92*)
- ▶ Hell could not be a place of torment because such an idea never came into the mind or heart of God. Additionally, to torment a person *eternally* because he did wrong on earth *for a few years* is contrary to justice. How good it is to know the truth about the dead! It can truly set one free from fear and superstition” (*You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth, 89*)
- ▶ All points on this slide taken from: KoC pg. 80-81

SALVATION

- ▶ “The Bible teaches that we can be cleansed from sin only through Jesus’ shed blood. (Romans 5:8, 9; 1 John 1:7) To benefit from Jesus’ sacrifice, however, a person must exercise faith in Jesus, change his course of life to live in harmony with Jesus’ teachings, and get baptized.—Acts 2:38; 3:19.” -[https://www.jw.org/en/bible-teachings/questions/what-is-baptism/#?insight\[search_id\]=22ded213-1a15-4f6f-9abb-a990f1d5b3b1&insight\[search_result_index\]=1](https://www.jw.org/en/bible-teachings/questions/what-is-baptism/#?insight[search_id]=22ded213-1a15-4f6f-9abb-a990f1d5b3b1&insight[search_result_index]=1)
- ▶ “To gain salvation, you must exercise faith in Jesus and demonstrate that faith by obeying his commands.—Acts 4:10, 12; Romans 10:9, 10; Hebrews 5:9.” -<https://www.jw.org/en/bible-teachings/questions/what-is-salvation/>
- ▶ “The Bible shows that you must have works, or acts of obedience, to prove that your faith is alive. (James 2:24, 26) However, this does not mean that you can earn salvation. It is “God’s gift” based on his “undeserved kindness,” or “grace.”—Ephesians 2:8, 9; *King James Version*.” -<https://www.jw.org/en/bible-teachings/questions/what-is-salvation/>

SALVATION

- ▶ “Make haste to identify the visible theocratic organization of God that represents his king, Jesus Christ. It is essential of life. Doing so, be complete in accepting its every aspect.” -(*The Watchtower*, October 1, 1967: 591)
- ▶ “To receive everlasting life in the earthly Paradise we must identify that organization and serve God as a part of it” (*The Watchtower*, February 15, 1983: 12)
- ▶ All points from this slide are taken from: KoC pg. 75

PRACTICES OF

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

DISFELLOWSHIPPING

- ▶ “If one of Jehovah’s Witnesses who is baptized commits a serious sin and does not repent, he will be disfellowshipped.”
- ▶ “Why did Jehovah forgive David? Because Jehovah could see that David was truly repentant. (Psalm 32:1-5) Today, too, someone who sinned will be forgiven if he is truly repentant and stops doing what is bad. (Acts 3:19; 26:20) If the elders on a judicial committee do not discern that the person is truly repentant, then he must be disfellowshipped.”
- ▶ “If someone in your family or a close friend has been disfellowshipped, you may find it hard to accept that decision and may feel that it is too harsh. However, Jehovah’s Word clearly shows us that disfellowshipping is an act of love.”
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DISFELLOWSHIPING

- ▶ *“Disfellowshipping may help the sinner realize he is wrong. Jesus used an illustration of a young man who left his father’s home and spent all his inheritance living an immoral life. The young man eventually realized that life away from his father’s home had no meaning. So he repented and decided to go back to his family. The father was very happy when he saw that his son had changed his attitude, and he welcomed him home. (Luke 15:11-24) This illustration helps us understand how Jehovah feels when someone repents. He says: “I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that someone wicked changes his way and keeps living.”—Ezekiel 33:11.”*
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DISFELLOWSHIPPING

- ▶ “We do not automatically disfellowship someone who commits a serious sin. If, however, a baptized Witness makes a practice of breaking the Bible’s moral code and does not repent, he or she will be shunned or disfellowshipped. The Bible clearly states: “Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.”—1 Corinthians 5:13.”
- ▶ “What of a man who is disfellowshipped but whose wife and children are still Jehovah’s Witnesses? The religious ties he had with his family change, but blood ties remain. The marriage relationship and normal family affections and dealings continue.”
- ▶ “Disfellowshipped individuals may attend our religious services. If they wish, they may also receive spiritual counsel from congregation elders. The goal is to help each individual once more to qualify to be one of Jehovah’s Witnesses. Disfellowshipped people who reject improper conduct and demonstrate a sincere desire to live by the Bible’s standards are always welcome to become members of the congregation again.”
- ▶ All points on this slide are taken from: [https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/faq/shunning/#?insight\[search_id\]=95095bba-7022-4b22-bd3a-0a8ab811bd2c&insight\[search_result_index\]=1](https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/faq/shunning/#?insight[search_id]=95095bba-7022-4b22-bd3a-0a8ab811bd2c&insight[search_result_index]=1)

PIONEER

- ▶ “A pioneer is a full-time evangelizer. All of Jehovah’s Witnesses are publishers of the good news. However, some have organized their life to serve as *regular pioneers*, spending 70 hours each month in the preaching work. To do this, many limit their secular work to part-time. Others are selected to serve as *special pioneers* in areas where the need for Kingdom proclaimers is greater, devoting 130 hours or more to the ministry each month. The pioneers are content to live a modest lifestyle, confident that Jehovah will supply them with the necessities of life. (Matthew 6:31-33; 1 Timothy 6:6-8) Those who cannot pioneer full-time may serve as *auxiliary pioneers* as they are able, increasing their preaching activity to 30 or 50 hours a month.”
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THE LORD'S SUPPER

- ▶ “Jesus’ shed blood established “a new covenant” that replaced the covenant between Jehovah God and the ancient nation of Israel. (Hebrews 8:10-13) Those who are in that new covenant partake of the Memorial emblems. It includes, not all Christians, but only “those who have been called” in a special way by God. (Hebrews 9:15; Luke 22:20) These ones will rule in heaven with Christ, and the Bible says that just 144,000 people receive that privilege.—Luke 22:28-30; Revelation 5:9, 10; 14:1, 3.”
- ▶ “In contrast to the “little flock” of those called to rule with Christ, the vast majority of us hope to be part of “a great crowd” who will gain everlasting life on earth. (Luke 12:32; Revelation 7:9, 10) While those of us with an earthly hope do not partake of the Memorial emblems, we do join in expressing thanks for the sacrifice that Jesus made in our behalf.—1 John 2:2.”
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HOLIDAYS

- ▶ “It is not possible to discuss all the observances held throughout the world. However, holidays that exalt humans or human organizations are not acceptable to Jehovah. (Jeremiah 17:5-7; Acts 10:25, 26) Keep in mind, too, that the origin of religious celebrations has a bearing on whether they please God or not. (Isaiah 52:11; Revelation 18:4) The Bible principles mentioned in Chapter 16 of this book will help you to determine how God views participation in holidays of a secular nature.”
- ▶ Point taken from: [https://www.jw.org/en/publications/books/bible-teach/should-christians-celebrate-holidays/#?insight\[search_id\]=ba45e93c-11db-434c-ad16-4739eeeb3fae&insight\[search_result_index\]=0](https://www.jw.org/en/publications/books/bible-teach/should-christians-celebrate-holidays/#?insight[search_id]=ba45e93c-11db-434c-ad16-4739eeeb3fae&insight[search_result_index]=0)

HOLIDAYS

- ▶ “Many people know about the pagan origins of Christmas and its traditions, such as partying and gift-giving. For example, in England and parts of America, there was a time when celebrating Christmas was forbidden because of its pagan origins. Anyone who celebrated it was punished. But eventually people began to celebrate Christmas again. Why do true Christians not celebrate Christmas? Because they want to please God in everything they do.”
- ▶ “Another popular celebration for many people is their birthday. Should Christians celebrate birthdays? The only birthday celebrations mentioned in the Bible were held by those who did not worship Jehovah. (Genesis 40:20; Mark 6:21) Birthday celebrations were used to honor false gods. That is why the early Christians “considered the celebration of anyone’s birth to be a pagan custom.”—*The World Book Encyclopedia.*”
- ▶ All points on this slide are taken from: [https://www.jw.org/en/publications/books/bible-study/choose-to-worship-god/#?insight\[search_id\]=ba45e93c-11db-434c-ad16-4739eeeb3fae&insight\[search_result_index\]=3](https://www.jw.org/en/publications/books/bible-study/choose-to-worship-god/#?insight[search_id]=ba45e93c-11db-434c-ad16-4739eeeb3fae&insight[search_result_index]=3)

BLOOD TRANSFUSION

- ▶ “This is a religious issue rather than a medical one. Both the Old and New Testaments clearly command us to abstain from blood. (Genesis 9:4; Leviticus 17:10; Deuteronomy 12:23; Acts 15:28, 29) Also, God views blood as representing life. (Leviticus 17:14) So we avoid taking blood not only in obedience to God but also out of respect for him as the Giver of life.”
- ▶ Point taken from: [https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/faq/jehovahs-witnesses-why-no-blood-transfusions/#?insight\[search_id\]=211387bb-4f6d-4787-be54-1d0722371d62&insight\[search_result_index\]=2](https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/faq/jehovahs-witnesses-why-no-blood-transfusions/#?insight[search_id]=211387bb-4f6d-4787-be54-1d0722371d62&insight[search_result_index]=2)

POLITICS

- ▶ “Jehovah’s Witnesses remain politically neutral for religious reasons, based on what the Bible teaches. We do not lobby, vote for political parties or candidates, run for government office, or participate in any action to change governments. We believe that the Bible gives solid reasons for following this course.”
- ▶ Point taken from: [https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/faq/political-neutrality/#?insight\[search_id\]=2dbe0bb8-a4c9-4e95-9258-3de27711bcc8&insight\[search_result_index\]=0](https://www.jw.org/en/jehovahs-witnesses/faq/political-neutrality/#?insight[search_id]=2dbe0bb8-a4c9-4e95-9258-3de27711bcc8&insight[search_result_index]=0)

WAR

▶ “For the following reasons, Jehovah’s Witnesses don’t go to war:

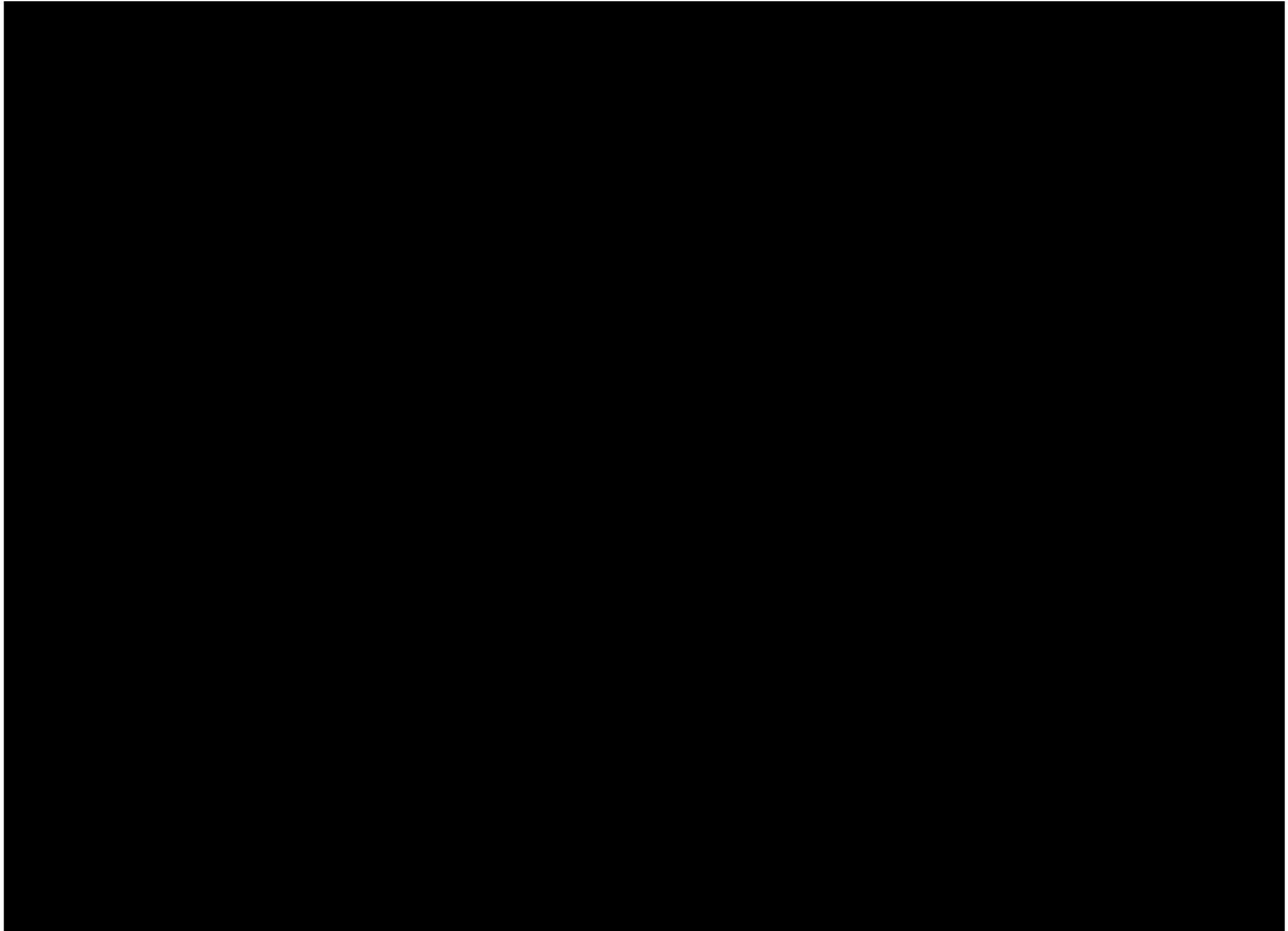
1. Obedience to God. The Bible says that God’s servants would “beat their swords into plowshares” and not “learn war anymore.”—Isaiah 2:4.
2. Obedience to Jesus. The apostle Peter was told by Jesus: “Return your sword to its place, for all those who take the sword will perish by the sword.” (Matthew 26:52) Jesus thus showed that his followers would not take up weapons of warfare.
Jesus’ disciples obey his command to be “no part of the world” by remaining strictly neutral in political matters. (John 17:16) They do not protest against military actions or interfere with those who choose to serve in the armed forces.
3. Love for others. Jesus commanded his disciples to “love one another.” (John 13:34, 35) They would thus form an international brotherhood in which no member would ever wage war against his brother or sister.—1 John 3:10-12.
4. The example of early Christians. The Encyclopedia of Religion and War states: “The earliest followers of Jesus rejected war and military service,” recognizing those practices as “incompatible with the love ethic of Jesus and the injunction to love one’s enemies.” Likewise, German theologian Peter Meinhold said of those early disciples of Jesus: “Being a Christian and a soldier was considered irreconcilable.”

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