Dear Jehovah's Witness friend,

**As you go door to door in this neighborhood and share your literature, please take a moment to consider a few important matters...**

As a Jehovah's Witness you claim that the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, which began

with the teachings of Charles Taze Russell, is the only organization that teaches the correct

interpretation of the Bible. Given the fact that the Bible repeatedly warns about false teachers, is

it not reasonable to question whether or not Charles Taze Russell was a false teacher? In Acts

20:30-31 the apostle Paul warned, "from among yourselves men will rise up [*Russell started with a simple Bible Study*], speaking perverse things [*then he started teaching that core truths of*

*Christianity, such as the deity of Christ, were false*], to draw away the disciples after themselves

[*he eventually claimed that the Bible could only be understood according to his interpretations*].

Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and

day with tears." The apostle Paul didn't even put himself above his warnings about false

teachers – "but even if we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel than what we have

preached..." (Galatians 1:8) In the preceding verses Paul writes, "I marvel that you are turning

away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not

another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ."

(Galatians 1:6-7)

What is the gospel? Do we have to earn our salvation by our good works or is salvation a free

gift? Russell taught that we have to earn our salvation by our good works, and only 144,000 will

be good enough to merit a place in heaven while everyone else who is saved will spend eternity

on a new earth. Is this "a different gospel" that the apostle Paul warned about? The Bible clearly teaches that the law was not given so that we could follow it in order to perfect ourselves and become good enough to be worthy of eternal life; but rather "the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith." (Galatians 3:24) Quite the contrary of serving to make us worthy before God, the law was given "that every mouth may be stopped and all the world may become guilty before God." (Romans 3:19) The only way for us to be worthy to go to heaven is for the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be "credited" to our account! (Romans 4:3-8;4:23-24)

Romans 3:20-24: "Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by

the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is

revealed...through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through

the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

The word gospel literally means "good news." Right now as you're reading this there is good

news for you! When you trust in Christ's payment on the cross for your sins you are "justified

freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus!" (Romans 3:20) Salvation is a

free gift! (Romans 5:16) The result of this free gift is that we are freed up to serve God out of

love and gratitude for what He has done for us rather than serving out of fear that we might not

be good enough to merit salvation. (1 John 4:19)

Not only does the Bible warn about "a different gospel", it also warns about "another Jesus" (2

Corinthians 11:4). Was Russell correct about Jesus being Michael the Archangel rather than

God or was his version of Jesus simply "another Jesus"? By teaching that Jesus Christ is not

God, Russell undermined the free gift of salvation because only God could bear the sins of the

world and make it possible for His righteousness to be "credited" (Romans 4:3-8;4:23-24) to our

account. Fortunately the Bible contains ample evidence that Jesus truly is God.

**The following is a partial list of Scriptural evidence for the deity of Jesus Christ**:

1. The triune nature of God is first hinted at in Genesis where God uses a plural pronoun to refer to

Himself: "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness... So God created man in His

own image..." (Genesis 1:26-27)

2. God the Father refers to Jesus Christ His Son as "God". (Hebrews 1:8)

3. Jesus Christ is the "Immanuel" which means "God with us". (Matthew 1:20-23)

4. Colossians 2:9 states that in Christ "dwells all the fullness of the godhead bodily." Jesus said, "He

who has seen Me has seen the Father" (John 14:9); and Hebrews 1:3 states that Jesus is the

"express image of His person".

5. The Jews accused Jesus Christ of blasphemy because He claimed to be God. Under Mosaic Law

blasphemy was punishable by death (Leviticus 24:16), and therefore the Jews sought to kill Him

(Mark 14:61-64; Matthew 9:3-6).

6. *I AM* is the self-disclosed name of God (Exodus 3:14), which means that He is the self-existent

One, unlike all of creation that is sustained by Him (Colossians 1:17). Jesus inferred that He is

the *I AM*, when He said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." (John 8:58)

7. The Holy Spirit is the "Spirit of God" and the "Spirit of Christ". (Romans 8:9-10;

Ephesians 3:16-17; Philippians 4:13; Galatians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 6:19)

8. Only God is holy. Jesus Christ is holy, therefore proving His deity. (Revelation 15:3-4; 3:7; 1 Peter 1:18-20)

9. The angels in heaven only worship God. The angels in heaven worship Jesus Christ, therefore

proving His deity. (Revelation 19:10; 22:8-9; 4:8; Hebrews 1:5-6; Matthew 4:9-10)

10. The disciples worshiped Jesus, thus proving His deity. (Matthew 14:33; Luke 24:52)

The Watchtower Bible And Tract Society tries to obscure a lot of these passages by changing

the wording of the Bible in their *New World Translation*, which is unsupported by the 5,664

Greek manuscripts of the New Testament we have today. This is an example of yet another

warning in the Bible about false teachers "twisting" Scripture "to their own destruction" (2 Peter

3:16) which follows the example of Satan who tried to tempt Jesus by twisting Scripture out of

context (Matthew 4:1-11).

This letter was not written out of a desire to attack but out of love for you and a desire to help

you find the truth. Please pray about this and don't be afraid to think on your own and take a

stand for the truth, regardless of the peer pressure you may face. The only acceptance you

need is from God and what matters to God is the truth! This letter only scratches the surface of the red flags in the teachings of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society.

In His loving service,

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