

*What is the Bible Students movement--that offshoot of Jehovah witnesses?*

Though the *Bible Students Movement* is no longer affiliated with Jehovah's Witnesses,<sup>1</sup> their heretical teaching remains (2 Pe 2:1).

Regarding this group, Robert C. Hill wrote:

The Bible Students are composed of independent splinter groups directly in line with the theological legacy (some might prefer heresy) of Charles Taze Russell and hold no affinity to today's Watchtower Societies' Jehovah's Witnesses...

...The Trinity is denied....Flowing from this tenet is the denial of the deity of Jesus and the deity and personage of the Holy Spirit. There is also a complete denial of any kind of eternal punishment and an adherence to the belief of a second chance for salvation to those who did not have an opportunity to hear the gospel in their lifetime. There is also the belief that Jesus' [S]econd [A]dvent has already happened....[I]f someone does not believe our Lord's [S]econd [A]dvent has occurred, then that person does not have the eyes of faith.<sup>2</sup>

God is triune.<sup>3</sup> Jesus is God, the second person of the trinity.<sup>4</sup> The Holy Spirit is God, the third person of the trinity.<sup>5</sup> The doctrine of Hell is taught in the scriptures.<sup>6</sup>

Cults and 'isms do not save. Jesus saves (Isa 63:9; Eph 5:23).

The apostle Paul said, "For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you." 1 Co 11:19. By examining the scriptures (Ac 17:11), believers are able to test all things and hold on to what is good (1 Thess 5:21).

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<sup>1</sup> False claim of Jehovah's Witnesses: Jesus is the archangel Michael.

<sup>2</sup> Hill, Robert C. Why I Am Not a Bible Student 10 Aug 18: <https://www.nowthink.com/bible%20students.htm>

<sup>3</sup> The Trinity. Revealed in the Old Testament: at creation (Gen. 1:1–3, 26), in the personality of the Spirit (Is. 40:13; Is. 48:16) by: divine angel (Judg. 13:8–23), personification of Wisdom (Prov. 8:22–31), threefold "Holy" (Is. 6:3), Aaronic benediction (Num. 6:24–27); Revealed in the New Testament: at Christ's baptism (Matt. 3:16, 17), in: Christ's teaching (John 14:26; John 15:26), baptismal formula (Matt. 28:19), Apostolic benediction (2 Cor. 13:14), apostolic teaching (Gal. 4:4–6). Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996). Nelson's quick reference topical Bible index (p. 625). Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

<sup>4</sup> Deity of Christ: prophecy (Is. 9:6), acknowledged by Christ (John 20:28, 29), acclaimed by witnesses (John 1:1, 14, 18), affirmed by apostles (Rom. 9:5; Heb. 1:8). Ibid, p. 134.

<sup>5</sup> Deity of the Holy Spirit: called God (Acts 5:3, 4), joined with the Father and Son (Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14), eternal (Heb. 9:14), omnipotent (Luke 1:35), omniscient (1 Cor. 2:10, 11), omnipresent (Ps. 139:7–13), creator (Gen. 1:2), sovereign (1 Cor. 12:6, 11), ...sin against, eternal (Matt. 12:31, 32). Ibid, p. 292.

<sup>6</sup> Hell—the place of eternal torment. Described as: everlasting fire (Matt. 25:41), everlasting punishment (Matt. 25:46), outer darkness (Matt. 8:12), everlasting destruction (2 Thess. 1:9), Lake of fire (Rev. 19:20). Prepared for: Devil and his angels (Matt. 25:41), wicked (Rev. 21:8), disobedient (Rom. 2:8, 9), fallen angels (2 Pet. 2:4), Beast and the false prophet (Rev. 19:20), worshipers of the Beast (Rev. 14:11), rejectors of the gospel (Matt. 10:15). Punishment of, described as: bodily (Matt. 5:29, 30), in the soul (Matt. 10:28), with degrees (Matt. 23:14). Ibid, p. 283.

