

- c. He was exalted to heaven (Heb. 10:12,13) and in 1914 began to rule as King of God's heavenly government (1 Pet. 3:22; Eph. 1:20-22; and Phil. 2:9)

Note: Though Jesus is King of God's heavenly government, the Jehovah's Witnesses believe Jesus is still subject to God.

- d. He is an angel and is known as Michael, the archangel (Rev. 12:7,8)

B. Doctrine of God

The Jehovah's Witnesses believe there is only one God but they do not believe that God exists in three distinct persons (I Cor. 8:6 and Deut. 6:4)

C. Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

The Jehovah's Witnesses believe the holy spirit is the invisible active force of Almighty God which moves his servants to do his will, (Acts 1:8) but they do not believe the Holy Spirit is a person or that He is God.

D. Doctrine of the Return of Jesus Christ

The Jehovah's Witnesses believe the return of Jesus Christ took place October 1, 1914 when He moved from a seat at God's right hand where He had been since His ascension into heaven to the throne at God's right hand where He began to rule as King of God's heavenly government, but they do not believe in a visible, bodily return of Jesus Christ to the earth (Matt. 25:31,32; Rev. 11:15; and 12:10)

E. Doctrine of Salvation

The Jehovah's Witnesses believe that in order to live forever in paradise on earth, they must have faith in God (Heb. 11:6) and in Jesus Christ, (Acts 16:30,31) repent of their sins (James 2:20,26), dedicate themselves to do God's will and be baptized by immersion as a symbol of that dedication, (Matt. 3:13-17 cf. I Pet. 2:21 and 3:21) and carry out their dedication to do God's will as long as they live, (Matt. 24:13) but they do not believe in justification by faith alone.

F. Doctrine of the State of Man After Death

The Jehovah's witnesses believe that man ceases to exist at death (Eccl. 9:5,10 and Psa. 146:3,4) and, therefore, they do not believe in any conscious existence of the soul after death either in the presence of Jesus Christ in the case of the believer or in Hades in the case of the unbeliever.