

Summing Up Major Differences Between Jehovah's Witnesses and Christians

Regarding Authority

- Jehovah's Witnesses are not allowed to do independent thinking.
- They must obey the Watchtower Society's teaching.
- Christians depend upon the Holy Spirit for guidance.
- The Bible is the ultimate authority for the Christian. (Acts 5:29; 17:11; 1 John 2:26-27).

Regarding the Trinity, Christ's deity, and the Resurrection

- Jehovah's Witnesses do not believe in the Trinity.
- They believe Jesus is a mighty God but not Jehovah.
- They believe Jesus was raised from the grave not in a human body but in spirit.
- Christians believe that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are three in one. (Matthew 3:13-17; 2 Corinthians 13:14).
- Christians believe Jesus rose from the grave in a bodily form; He was touched by the disciples; and ate with them.

Regarding Salvation

- Jehovah's Witnesses believe Christ's death provided a pathway to salvation through works.
- Christians believe Christ paid for all sin and believers are freely justified by God's grace. (Romans 3:24-25; 5:12-19; 1 Peter 2:24).

Regarding Christ's Return and Man's Immortality

- Jehovah's Witnesses believe only 144,000 of the original Witnesses will spend eternity in heaven. The remaining will work for a place in an earthly paradise.
- Christians believe that all those who put their faith in Christ will spend eternity with Him. (John 14:1-4).