

# Concern

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Topics and News from First & Last Ministries

## JW'S IGNORE COMMANDS FOR CHRIST'S MEMORIAL

"Drink from it



all of you."

THE observance of the Lord's supper or communion is a vital part of the Christian life.

But any born again Christian reading the March 15, 1994 edition of the Watchtower would have found the JW version of Christ's memorial very depressing.

On page three it says: "If Jesus instituted only one celebration, it is very important. Christians should observe it exactly as Jesus commanded."

And continues on page seven by saying: "They (JWs) will then do exactly what Jesus said should be done at this most

by  
Philip Mawson

meaningful time."

The whole article talks about the time and how often the observance should take place, with no reference to the actual content of the observance.

But anyone who has attended a Watchtower memorial service will know that JWs do not do as Jesus commanded i.e. "Drink from it all of you." Matthew 26:27.

Why have the JWs changed this most important observance by not partaking of the emblems?

The Witnesses would explain that only those with a 'heavenly hope' are allowed to partake of the bread and wine.

But perhaps the real answer lies in the Watchtower's own statement in the same article: "Changes were made by strong-minded men striving for power. People followed their own ideas instead of obeying Jesus Christ."

This cap fits, perfectly, on the head of the Watch Tower Society's second president J.F. Rutherford.

Our prayer is that all JWs will follow Christ instead of men.

# WELCOME

Dear Reader,

WRITING to the Thessalonian christians, the apostle Paul said: "From you the word of the Lord has sounded forth." (1 Thes. 1:8).

They heard the gospel of their salvation from Paul (verses 5,6), and so they began to spread the good news to others.

Many readers of CONCERN are former Jehovah's Witnesses who have turned to the real Jesus as they became aware of the authentic gospel of grace.

If this describes you, we would love to hear how your conversion came about. Was it something in the Watch Tower literature that caused you to want to investigate further?

Was it a tract or book put in your hands by a christian? Did you see the truth for yourself as you read your Bible? Was it the spoken word from a christian you encountered "on the doors"?

Whatever the circumstances, if you now have a testimony that you are trusting in the finished work of Christ's sacrifice on the cross, and you would like others to hear how God brought you to faith in his son, why not let us know.

Christian testimonies can tell of many different circumstances as we trace the hand of God in our lives. Some events are tragic, some are alarming, humorous, sad, funny etc.

But they all have christianity's "common denominator" - saving faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ. We know a testimony is unique and powerful. Look what the woman at the well started (John 4:28-30, 39, 41, 42).

Les Kerr  
First & Last Ministries.

## FIRST & LAST MINISTRIES **READERS' NEEDS**

MANY thanks to our readers who responded to our appeal, in the last edition of CONCERN, for a Kingdom Interlinear.

If you are looking for a specific Watch Tower book or, indeed, if you have books you no longer need then why not let us know by sending us a list of them. Or, if you have a book that has been requested and still need to keep hold of it, maybe you could offer to photo-copy a particular section of the book.

In this way we can respond immediately to any request from our readers by putting them in contact with the appropriate person.

Send your lists to CONCERN at 248 Chester Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 2LR.

\* STEPHEN Anderson, from Belfast is looking for the JW's Reasoning book. Contact us at the above address if you can help.

## **ADDRESSES NEEDED**

READER Robert Skynner is compiling a data-base of names and addresses of JW's/ LDS/ Oneness/ Christadelphians etc on his computer, to start a letter writing ministry, and is after more.

If you can help him to increase his list write to him at: G25 Fyfe House, Hillhead Halls, Don Street, Aberdeen AB9 2WV.

He says that his computer accepts ASCII compatible files so if you have names and addresses on disk, in a similar file, he will be able to access the information on them.

TO THE EDITOR

MAY the Lord bless your ministry as you endeavour to preach Christ to those who are bound.

My wife and I left the Watchtower Society in 1968. It was a very lonely life for ex-JWs in those days.

It has pleased the Lord to allow us to lead many out of the Watchtower confusion.

Looking forward to further issues of Concern.

Rev. Bob Boulton-Lear,  
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

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TO THE EDITOR

AS a Baptist minister involved in open air ministries and with several JW contacts I would be pleased to receive details of the literature that you have available.

The Jehovah's Witnesses are very active in our area so it would be good if a local representative could visit our church to speak about the ministry and give some guidance to enable our church members to deal with those JWs who come to their doors.

May the Lord keep you and help you in your work for Him.

Colin Edmunds,  
Chingford, London.

# LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

THANKYOU for your letter and tracts.

I enclose a second-class stamp for the next issue of Concern which I find very helpful with the up-to-date news and testimonies.

Margaret Barker,  
Killamarsh, Sheffield.

• Read Margaret's own testimony in this issue of CONCERN.

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by Dorothy Banks.

# On call for JESUS

I AM a born again christian of 22 years. Before that I was a Jehovah's Witness for over 17 years. I have been in the Help Jesus Ministry working from my own home, seeking various ways to win JW's for Jesus.

In my own experience, I have found placing adverts in various newspapers and magazines, the best way of informing the public that there is somewhere they can obtain

confidential help and literature etc. which shows the errors of JW's and gives a listening ear to anyone needing advice.

Many thousands have taken

advantage of my offer of free literature (I have always sent the first lot free, and give much more than I sell) from all over the British Isles and also some from abroad.

I praise God he has used the literature to bring many people out of the Watchtower Society and into salvation in Jesus.

I also run an answering machine service, which is on 24 hours a day (on a separate line) with a two and a half minute message for JW's, which I also

advertise along with the literature.

I have had hundreds of calls on this with many leaving their names and addresses asking for literature and God has given positive results with



this too.

If anyone is considering trying this kind of ministry and would like some copies of my adverts or tape messages I will gladly send some if they send a first class stamp plus 10p per A4 sheet for the adverts and a 90 minute cassette tape, plus a first class stamp for the messages to:-



Dorothy Banks,  
Help Jesus Ministry,  
126 Oaks Lane,  
Kimberworth Park,  
Rotherham,  
South Yorkshire S61 3NE.



## NEWS...NEWS...NEWS...

**i** DISTRIBUTORS of First & Last Ministries tracts should note a change of address when sending orders.

The new address is: First & Last Ministries, 6 Chertsey Mount, Carlisle CA1 2PH. England.

Any orders currently outstanding will be processed as normal, so there is no need for you to re-order.

### ☆☆ NEW TRACT ☆☆

BEWARE Of False Prophets is the title of a new tract released by First & Last Ministries this month.

This small tract has been designed with door-to-door work in mind and we pray it will be effective in reaching those people who are in contact, or studying with Jehovah's Witnesses.

A sample tract should be enclosed with this issue of CONCERN, but if not a sample will be supplied on request.

The tracts are available from the address opposite at a cost of 3p each.

# HAVE YOU



# MOVED?

## IF so have you let us know?

Filling in and returning your magazine slip together with one second class stamp lets us know where to send the next issue of CONCERN and helps us plan the number of copies we need to print for the next issue.

Please help us to keep costs down by letting us know of any change of address. You may miss our next issue if you don't inform us.

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THE TESTIMONY  
OF  
MARGARET BARKER

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PART TWO

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AS a happily married woman, at the age of 30, Margaret Barker was a person who enjoyed life fully. After her husband unexpectedly became a Christian she was faced with a situation she was unable to cope with.

Following a surprise decision to visit her husband's church, Margaret Barker was unaware that her journey to God had already begun.

Her story continues...

On Wednesday, Trevor had to go to work early. I was awake in bed when I had a vision of Jesus. He was in the clouds, then He came down to be with me. He spoke saying: "TRUST ME".

Later that morning as I was ironing, I felt Jesus at the side of me, so close, I felt Him in me. At that moment I was filled with a joy that saturated my whole being, and could not stop laughing (Acts 1:8). I then saw a picture of the Earth. It was very bright but there was no sun. There was a narrow path that Jesus was walking on and I was following Him. Suddenly I stopped because I knew that if I followed Jesus I would be

# Fulfilment In CHRIST

leaving Wayne and Glyn. I had to make the hardest decision of my life, because I knew that Jesus was leading me to heaven. I did not know if I was going to die, it was so real. I then realized that if I followed Jesus He would take care of Wayne and Glyn, so I continued to follow Him. My fear of death left me.

## DESIRE

I had now received Jesus into my life, and by doing so I had become a son of God (John 1:12). No one else had drawn me to Him, but the Father himself. God knows before you do when you have a desire for Him in your life. The only way that you can come to the Father is to come to Jesus first (John 14:6).

I was so happy I wanted to tell the whole world. I told Trevor and he was overjoyed. Within the next week I began to change from the inside. My thoughts and desires changed. I had a hunger to read the Bible. Once, when I was about to gossip about someone,



I opened my mouth and nice things came out! It was then that I knew it was not me that was living, but Jesus living in me (Galations 2:20).

Being a christian is having a personal relationship with God the Father and Jesus Christ, (John 17:3). As soon as I received Jesus, my relationship began with the Father. The written word of the Bible became alive to me and I was able to understand, as the Holy Spirit revealed God's word to me.

## RESEARCH

You can conduct as much research as you like and read the Bible right through, but you will never have fulfilment in your life unless you come to Jesus first (John 5:39,40). Your eyes will be opened and the Holy Spirit will teach you all things (John 16:13). I would not listen to anyone, only one person could influence my decision, but Jesus Himself (Galations 1:11,12).

## BURDEN

Before becoming a christian I had no involvement, whatsoever, with Jehovah's Witnesses, but since then God has given me a burden and a love for them. Thankyou for reading my testimony. Please read the scriptures I have quoted carefully, because this is the testimony God has given me about His Son, (1 John 5:9-12). I hope that by sharing this I may be of some use to you.

M. Barker - a witness for Jesus.

## Could You Write For

# Concern

DO you feel you could write an article for a future issue of **CONCERN**?

We are currently seeking articles on various Watchtower subjects and also ideas on how to reach out to those caught up in the JW web.

Perhaps you run a post card or telephone ministry and have hints and advice for others who could possibly start a similar outreach service in their area.

If so we would like to hear from you.

No writing experience is necessary as we can advise and help you put an article together.

There is no limit to the length of article, but longer ones may have to be used in two or more editions.

Any article should be written or typed out and be double spaced between lines.

If you would like to submit an article please phone or write to the address on page three, just in case somebody else is preparing a similar article.

# Watchtower

## JWS - A MODERN DAY JEREMIAH?

**SPEAKING** of the bloodcurdling destruction awaiting the churches of Christendom, the Watchtower magazine of March 1, 1994, page 13 declares:

*"That judgement will not fail. Just as all of Jeremiah's inspired warning messages came true in the past, they will come true in their modern-day fulfillment. So may we be like Jeremiah. Let us fearlessly declare the prophetic burden of Jehovah to the peoples..."*

It is true that all of Jeremiah's inspired utterances came true. And Jehovah's Witnesses claim to be the modern Jeremiah class today. However, like Jeremiah's warnings, have Jehovah's Witnesses prophecies come true in the past? Here is just one of the past proclamations by the Watchtower "Jeremiah class" to Christendom:

*"Also in the year 1918 when God destroys the churches wholesale and church members by the millions, it shall be that any that escape shall come to the works of Pastor Russell to learn the meaning of the downfall of christianity." (The Finished Mystery, 1917 ed. p485)*

Is it any wonder why the W.T.S. has been mocked by the clergy? They asked for it. But according to the March 1, 1994 Watchtower magazine Jeremiah was inspired, modern JWs are like him and their message is the prophetic burden of Jehovah.

While we don't want to mock the JWs, let us lovingly point out this strong claim in the March 1 Watchtower and that their threats to christian churches have in the past been idle threats. Not like Jeremiah. In the words of Deuteronomy 18:22, regarding the threats of a false prophet, it says you must not be frightened of him.

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