## **Two Salvations or Just One?**

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	1914 AD or 2016 + ? (Jesus Arrives - Parousia lit. "Arrival" but could mean Presence)			
Pre Covenant Believers	OT Believers	† NT Believers	Tribulation Believers	Sheep & Goats Judgment Millennium Believers
Able, Abraham, Noah	Moses to	Pentecost to the	Rapture to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming	Immediately after Armageddon – Jesus is sitting
and Sons etc.	Jesus	Arrival/Rapture	144K Israelites Appear	on throne in Jerusalem. The Millennium Reign begins.
		(Church Age or	"Great Multitude"	Paradise Earth begins.
		Age of Grace)	or "Great Crowd"	
		"Bride of Christ"	Citizenship - Earth	
		Citizenship is		
		in Heaven		

Jehovah's Witnesses are victims of time distortion. They have been duped into believing that Jesus Christ has already arrived in 1914. His arrival, or "Parousia" in Greek, is interpreted as a "presence"... and an invisible one at that. Watchtower leaders exploit the differences between the Church Age Believers and the Tribulation Saints/believers to try and paint a picture where the salvation choice is somehow different than it was/is in the Church Age because the citizenship is different, i.e. heaven vs. earth.

Just because some believers in different time periods may have a different position, authority, destination, reward, function etc.; the scriptures are clear that they are all legally declared righteous by faith and not by works. The "Great Crowd" takes part of the New Covenant as is evident from a plain reading of Rev. 7: 14 – "And he said to me, These are they who come out of the great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and have made them white in the blood [covenant] of the Lamb."

Even though the bible says that, 1.) "the great crowd" achieves a righteous standing by the blood of the lamb, and 2.) that blood is <u>only</u> accessed by faith in Jesus' New Covenant, and 3.) the New Covenant is for "forgiveness of sins" (Mt. 26: 27&28); <u>modern Jehovah's Witnesses DO NOT profess to be a part of the New Covenant and do not partake of the bread and the wine emblems at their observance of the Lord's Supper. They are taught that door was shut in 1914 and for sure by the expiration of the "generation" thereafter. They believe their salvation is achieved by association with and obedience to the "faithful & discreet slave class" aka – Bride of Christ, aka – 144K "spiritual Israelites"; which is now the leaders of the Watchtower – the last remnant of true church age</u>

Believers. Watchtower leaders thus position themselves as co-mediators with Christ. Official church doctrine is that Christ is only a Mediator for Church Age Believers (of which leaders are the last true remnant) and *Jesus in not the Mediator for the "Great Crowd"*. – WT 4/1/79 p.31

Obscure biblical terms such as "little flock", "other sheep", 144k ["spiritual"] Israelites, are repeatedly used in everyday speech among Jehovah's Witnesses to emphasize a proposed two-class salvation system where one has a heavenly destination (little flock) and the other has an earthly destination (great crowd). However, destination or citizenship (heaven vs. earth) does not require the personal rejection of the New Covenant as the Watchtower teaches. There are not two salvations, but only one.

The great weakness in Watchtower theology is that most JW's are not aware that Jesus is not their Mediator, according to official WT doctrine. Most have not stopped to consider that the Great Crowd is made "white" by the "blood of the lamb" – the New Covenant. JW's are also completely unaware of a personal judgment after death(Hebrews 9: 28), and hence a personal savior seems unnecessary, if not ought right silly. When a personal judgment is pointed out to them, they are unable to provide an explanation of how they will personally escape judgment, while positioned outside of the New Covenant.... especially after Mt. 26: 27& 28 is read to them where it plainly states in their own bible that the New Covenant is specifically for "the forgiveness of sins".

This is the contract with God that Jehovah's Witnesses are duped into rejecting each Lords Supper when they do not accept the emblems of that agreement, the bread and the wine.

## The (UN) Importance of 1914

The "Generation of 1914" was bedrock Watchtower doctrine for nearly 100 years and explains much of Watchtower error. The doctrine stated unequivocally that the generation that saw 1914 would not pass away until Jesus returned all the way to the earth to wipe out his enemies at the battle of Armageddon. As time marched on further and further away from 1914, with no earthly return; the Watchtower changed its definition of "generation" many times in an attempt to explain the failure. At first, the term was applied to those old enough to understand the events of 1914 (WW 1). Then it was applied to those *born* in 1914 or before. Then it was changed from "70 or 80 years" to a maximum length of 100 years. Since it has now been over 100 years, the Watchtower has once again changed the definition of "a generation" to mean, "over-lapping generations" indicative of an undetermined period of time. Most Jehovah's Witnesses admit this is nonsense, even if they do not publically acknowledge it. Yet, this is still the basis for their personal rejection on the New Covenant.

In light of the embarrassing manipulation of the term "generation" to fit a failed prediction; doesn't it make more sense that: it is the 1914 date of "Christs' Arrival/Presence" that is wrong? Consequently, common sense dictates that that we are all still living in the Church Age/Age of Grace/Gentile Times.

So, from multiple points of view, Jehovah's Witnesses should rethink their options regarding acceptance of the New Covenant "for the forgiveness of sins". (Mt. 26: 27&28) We are still in the "Church Age". The "Great Crowd" has not yet been gathered. And even when it does gather, it won't change the basis of Salvation one iota, because the New Covenant is for "the forgiveness of sins" and not for a destination.