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## Booster Banquet To Honor Sixth Street Church of Christ, Lakeland, Florida Its Elders, Maurice Davis, and Robert Williams

Without faithful supporters our work would be impossible. Gratitude is a component of true religion (Rom. 1:21; I Tim. 2:1). Once each year there is a banquet to honor those that have supported our work over the past year. It is a means of our expressing gratitude to you and to enable you to know others who uphold our hands at the Florida School of Preaching.

Each year a supporter is singled out for special recognition. We are honoring the Sixth Street Church of Christ, Lakeland, Florida, at this year's banquet. In addition to the elders, two of the men who faithfully serve this congregation will also be honored.

The Sixth Street Church of Christ in Lakeland has just completed building renovation and expansion to accommodate their growth. These brethren are faithful supporters of the school. The Florida School of Preaching is grateful to them for their continued interest in training men to preach and to serve our God and our great brotherhood.

The elders of this congregation are to be commended for their leadership and we are happy to see them expanding their facilities enabling them to be even a greater light to the lost in our community. We are happy to have these brethren behind our work.

The Sixth Street Congregation can not be thought of without thinking of the many years of devoted service from brother Maurice Davis.

Brother Davis is the minister there and he also teaches in the school. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Florida School of Preaching. Brother Davis is a graduate of the Florida School of Preaching. At this banquet we want to pay special recognition to brother Davis for what he means to the school.

Brother Davis and the Sixth Street Congregation have the able assistance of Robert Williams. Brother Williams, like brother Davis, is a graduate of the school and has attended many classes beyond what was required for graduation. These brethren and this congregation are a wonderful team in serving the Lord.

The Board of Directors of the school expresses appreciation to all the congregation and staff of the Sixth Street Congregation for their untiring support of the Florida School of Preaching. We trust that all our supporters will want to join us on this occasion.

**BOOSTER BANQUET**  
*October 28, 1993*

*Time*  
7:00 p.m.

*Stacey's Buffet*  
4320 US Hwy 98 North  
Lakeland, Florida

# Rebutting The Witnesses

By

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Most are familiar with the religious cult that calls itself "Jehovah's Witnesses." It is run by the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society. They are zealous to promote their false views by the printed page and by personal contact.

The Watchtower Society is very thorough in preparing its workers. They can dominate most conversations if permitted. One thing they can not do is to make the Bible teach what it does not teach. Sadly, however, there are many that do not know some of the fundamental false doctrines of the group and many do not know their Bible. Do you know what the Bible teaches that you may show the teaching of the Witnesses to be false?

## Bible Truths Denied

The Witnesses teach that Jesus was a created being. That He was created a god by the Father. Their words are as follows:

"He was the first of Jehovah God's creations. . . . Thus he is ranked with God's creation, being first among them and also most beloved and most favored among them. He is not the author of the creation of God; but, after God had created him as the first-born Son, then God used him as his working Partner in the creating of all the rest of creation" (Let God Be True,

pp. 32-33).

## Format for Study

When studying with them it is important to establish a procedure to follow. I have found it helpful to offer to study with them but not on their terms but on the basis of truth. When they visit my community and knock on my door wishing to study I welcome them. However, I do not permit them to control the teaching. I would not feel comfortable letting my home be used for the purpose of propagating religious errors (II John 9-11).

In welcoming them into my home I propose to them that we will study until they deny the Bible and that if they are determined to deny the Bible then the study is over. It is not difficult to show that they deny the Bible. I choose a clear and fundamental point in order to demonstrate this fact.

## Biblical Refutation

### John 1:3

Honest people will have no problem understanding the following:

*"All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made"* (John 1:3).

I have them to acknowledge that they teach that Jesus was a created being. I next have them to define the word all for me.

The him in the text has reference to the Christ as the context clearly reveals. How could He that created all things have Himself been created? Either the Bible is wrong or the Witnesses are wrong. The Bible is right, the Witnesses are wrong. If they are determined to hold to their Bible denying teachings obtained and promoted by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society then the study is over.

SPECIAL NOTE: Where in the Bible is their authorization for the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society? If the Bible does not authorize this organization then it has no Biblical right to do or teach anything.

## Isaiah 43:10

A second passage that I have found helpful in showing that these people are taught to reject the Bible by denying what it teaches about the Christ is from the Book of Isaiah. It is a very familiar passage to the Witnesses. They like the verse for they feel it gives support for their name.

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Read the passage as cited from the King James Version of the Bible.

*"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me" (Isa. 43:10).*

Keep in mind that they teach that Jesus is a created god. See above quotation from their publications. Remember that the terms of study are based upon mutual respect for the truth of the Bible. If we agreed on every other point (which we do not), the issue of the Divine nature of the Christ is of such paramount importance that agreeing on all else would profit nothing.

Notice carefully that the passage states two things about God and the origin of "so called gods." (1) There was no God formed before God, and (2) there is no God formed after God.

If I understand my mother tongue, "before" and "after" are pretty inclusive statements. If anything occurred it would have to be either before or after God would it not? The passage under consideration affirms that no god has been formed before or after God, therefore to hold that Jesus is a god created by the God is false doctrine and Bible denying. According to the commitment to truth we made at the beginning of the study we may be forced to terminate our study because the Witnesses

choose to deny the clear teaching of the Bible.

It is not likely that they will wish to end the study. They will want to go to another passage in order to find the "rut" they are "grooved" to follow. This I refuse to permit in my house.

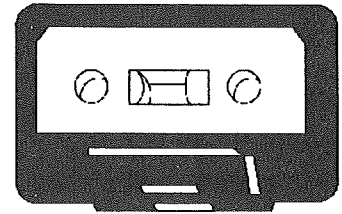
I know that many are confronted by these folk coming to their door. It is hoped that these two passages will enable all who read this to know that these people do not believe the Bible and that you can show it to be the case in a very few moments. You need not be ugly or bitter toward them. The truth will show the error of their way.

Let it be known that those who reject the teachings of Christ do not have the favor of God. *"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds" (II John 9-11).*

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Junior bit the meter man;  
Junior hit the cook!  
Junior's "anti-social" now (according to the book)

Junior smashed the clock and lamp;  
Junior hacked the tree!  
(Destructive trends are treated in Chapter 2 & 3)

Junior threw his milk at Mom;  
Junior screamed for more!  
(Notes on self-assertiveness are found in Chapter 4)

Junior tossed his shoes and socks out into the rain,  
("Negation," that is normal; disregard the strain)

Junior set Dad's shirt afire;  
Whittled Grandpa's pine;  
(That's to gain attention, see page 89)

Grandpa seized a slipper and yanked Junior cross his knee.  
(He's read nothing but the Bible since 1893)!

(Adapted from Bible Light (July-August, 1993, p 6.)

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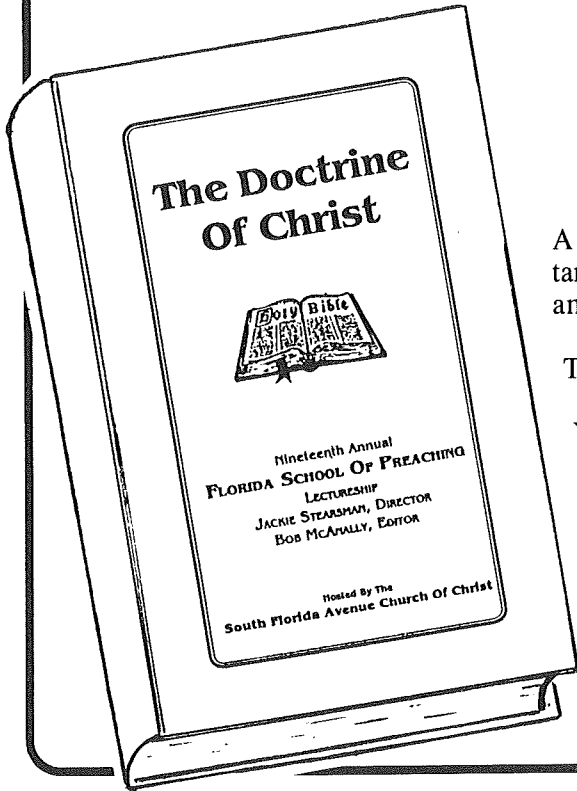
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