

Christian Witnesses

Christian Witnesses is about sharing the Gospel in various venues.

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 (ESV)

July 2013

Columbo: Hello Sam. It has been more than a year since we last talked. What is new with the Watchtower?

Sam: The Watchtower has some great study articles in the July 15th 2013 study edition. On page 11, it says the follow regarding our early history. "During the decades leading up to 1914, C. T. Russell and his close associates did a work like that of John the Baptizer. That vital work involved restoring Bible truths." (1)

Columbo: I read a lot of that magazine.

Sam: Was it good?

Columbo: It has some interesting articles. I was wondering. Since Russell believed that Jesus died on a cross, is this one of the "restored Bible truths"?

Sam: There you go again, asking questions.

Columbo: I cannot help myself. Didn't the Watchtower go on to say that Pastor Russell "proclaimed the coming end of the Gentile Times?" (1)

Sam: Yes

Columbo: Let's take a look at what Russell and his close associates taught about 1914 in the following Watchtower publications.

"The date of the close of that 'battle' - is definitely marked in Scripture as October,

1914. It is already in progress, its beginning dating from October, 1874." (2)

"We see no reason for changing the figures - nor could we change them if we would. They are, we believe, God's dates, not ours. But bear in mind that the end of 1914 is not the end date for the beginning, but for the end of the time of trouble. We see no reason for changing from our opinion expressed in the View presented in the Watch Tower of Jan. 15, '92. We advise that it be read again." (3)

"and that the 'battle of the great day of God Almighty' (Rev. 16:14), which will end in A.D. 1914 with the complete overthrow of earth's present rulership, is already commenced." (4)

"This volume sets forth what its author has been preaching for over forty years, that the 'Times of the Gentiles' chronologically ended in the fall of 1914." (5)

Columbo: Sam, did the Times of the Gentiles end in the fall of 1914?

Sam: No.

Columbo: Russell and his associates, the Bible Students, predicted that Armageddon and the Time of the Gentiles would end in

October 1914. They said these were God's dates, not their dates. So, your church has a false prophets restoring vital Biblical truths.

Sam: I need to look into this topic some more.

Columbo: You can start with Deuteronomy chapter 18. Sam, I am in your area from time to time. I can meet with you at your place.

Sam: Sure. Here is my address and phone number.

1. Watchtower, July 15th, 2013, page 11
2. "Zion's Watch Tower," January 15, 1892, page 22
3. "Zion's Watch Tower," July 15, 1894, page 226
4. "Studies in the Scriptures," volume 2, The Time is at Hand, 1910, page 101
5. "Studies in the Scriptures," volume 2, The Time is at Hand, 1910, page ii

Events

Our annual tract outreach at the La Habra Corn Festival is coming up. This is our 11th year to be at the Corn Festival. The dates are August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

If you would like to volunteer at an event, please visit the calendar section of the website and let us know.

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In Christ, *Jeff*