

- f. He died as a ransom, opening the way to everlasting life for all who would believe in him (I Tim. 2:5,6)

(Note: The Jehovah's Witnesses believe Jesus was put to death on a simple upright stake without a crossbar. Thus the Greek word we translate "crucify," they translate "impaled," and the Greek word we translate "cross," they translate "torture stake."

### 3. Posthuman State

- a. He was raised from the dead as a glorious spirit person, but His body was not raised from the dead (I Pet. 3:18)

Note: (1) The reason the Jehovah's Witnesses believe the body of Christ was not raised from the dead is that they believe Christ had to sacrifice His body completely in order to atone for Adam's sin, and that if he took it back He would be taking back the ransom price for Adam's sin.

(2) The Jehovah's Witnesses believe God disposed of the body of Christ just as He disposed of the body of Moses, but no one knows how He did it. (Deut. 34:5,6)

(3) The Jehovah's Witnesses believe that during the forty day period after His resurrection, Jesus appeared visibly to His disciples a number of times, in fleshly bodies he had taken to Himself, to prove that He really had been raised from the dead (1 Cor. 15:3-8), and that each body in which He appeared was different. (John 20:14-16; 21:6,7, and Luke 24:30,31)

- b. He was given immortality at the time of His resurrection as a reward for His obedience to Jehovah on earth (Rom. 6:9)

Note: Jesus was the first creature to receive immortality.