

# Christadelphians

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## Info At a Glance

**Name:** The Christadelphians.

**Purpose:** To disseminate the true interpretation of the Bible.

**Founder:** John Thomas (1805-1871).

**Source of authority:** The Bible.

**Revealed teachings:** No.

**Claim:** To comprise the only true church; only those who accept Christadelphian doctrine and its interpretation of the Bible will be saved.

**Example of key literature:** John Thomas, *Elpis Israel*; Robert Roberts, *Christendom Astray*; *A Declaration of the Truth Revealed in the Bible*.

**Attitude toward Christianity:** Rejecting.

## Doctrinal Summary

**God:** One Person only (Unitarian)

**Jesus:** A created being in need of redemption.

**Holy Spirit:** The impersonal power of God.

**Trinity:** A pagan teaching.

**Salvation:** By faith in Christ and works of righteousness.

**Man:** A physical being without an immortal soul.

**Sin:** Transgression of God's law.

**Satan:** Synonym for sin; any adversary.

**Second coming:** Jesus will return to reign on earth.

**Fall:** Sexual in nature.

**Bible:** The Word of God, the final authority for faith and practice.

**Death:** Unconsciousness or annihilation.

**Hell and Heaven:** Myths.