

Seventh-day Adventist Errors

The Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) religion may appear to be in line with fundamental Christianity, but it is not. It is more in line with the Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons in doctrine and theology. All false religions, even those that claim to be Christian (including SDAs), require "performance" or "works" or "abiding" or "sacraments" or the "investigative judgment" of an individual as one of the requirements for salvation. That is why all false Christian religions are void of absolute assurance of salvation and believe and teach the possibility of losing salvation. The exception is the Calvinists, who believe that you must have good works to the end, PERSEVERANCE, to PROVE that you are saved, or else you were never saved at all—a work-to-prove-you-are-saved gospel. True Christians rely solely on their faith in the suffering of Christ alone for their salvation, and KNOW that they are eternally secure at the very moment of salvation. Below we read the SDA doctrine of THE INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT (a judgment of their obedience) that makes it clear that they believe a person can never be sure of his salvation. You will also see their "soul-sleep" doctrine, that "JUDGMENT DOES NOT TAKE PLACE AT DEATH," (no immediate heaven or hell), which is also contrary to Scripture.

The work of the investigative judgment and the blotting out of sins is to be accomplished before the second advent of the Lord. Since the dead are to be judged out of the things written in the books, **IT IS IMPOSSIBLE THAT THE SINS OF MEN SHOULD BE BLOTTED OUT UNTIL AFTER THE JUDGMENT AT WHICH THEIR CASES ARE TO BE INVESTIGATED.** . . . When the investigative judgment closes, Christ will come, and His reward will be with Him to give to every man as his WORK shall be. . . . All are to be judged according to the things written in the books, and to be rewarded as their works have been. **THIS JUDGMENT DOES NOT TAKE PLACE AT DEATH.** . . . A few, yes, only a few, of the vast number who people the earth will be SAVED UNTO LIFE ETERNAL, WHILE THE MASSES WHO HAVE NOT PERFECTED THEIR SOULS IN OBEYING THE TRUTH WILL BE APPOINTED TO THE SECOND DEATH. . . . While the sins of penitent believers are being removed from the sanctuary, there is to be a special work of purification, of putting away of sin, among God's people upon earth. (The OFFICIAL Ellen G. White Website, From Maranatha - Page 252)

SDAs also teach that there is not a literal hell, Hades, or lake of fire, contrary to the clear teaching of the Bible (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:19-31; Revelation 14:10-11, 20:10-15). Ellen G. White (EGW), the so-called "prophetess" of the SDA religion, put it this way: *"The theory of eternal punishment is one of the false doctrines that constitutes the wine of the abomination of Babylon"* (Great Controversy, p. 470). Clearly EGW did not believe in the eternal punishment of the wicked. So, what does happen to the wicked in her view? *"Covered with infamy, they sink into hopeless, eternal oblivion"* (Great Controversy, p. 477). She believed in the annihilation of the wicked and stated: *"Sinners will not live forever. The plain doctrine of the Bible is that the devil and all his works will be destroyed, utterly destroyed"* (When a Man Dies, p. 58).

Another error of the SDA Church is in the area of Sabbath keeping as we read below.

"Sunday-keeping must be the mark of the beast."... "The reception of his mark must be something that involves the greatest offense that can be committed against God." (The Marvel of Nations, Elder U. Smith pages 170, 183)

"Sunday-keeping is an institution of the first beast, and ALL who submit to obey this institution emphatically worship the first beast and receive his mark, 'the mark of the beast.' Those who worship the beast and his image by observing the first day are certainly idolaters, as were the worshippers of the golden calf." (Advent Review Extra, pages 10 and 11, August, 1850)

"The mark of the beast is Sunday-keeping. A law will enforce this upon Seventh-day Adventists. They won't obey. Then they will be outlawed, persecuted, and condemned to death! Of all the wild Advent speculations in the prophecies, this deserves to stand among the wildest." (Seventh-day Adventism Renounced" by D.M. Canright, 1914)

True Christians are not depending on the results of a so-called "INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT" to find out whether or not they will be "rewarded" with eternal life. Jesus said in John 10:28 that true believers HAVE "eternal life, can never perish, and no one can pluck them out of His hand!" We have it NOW--John 5:24, and we KNOW it NOW--I John 5:13. It is an irrevocable GIFT, not a reward--Romans 6:23; 11:29. Those SDAs who do not believe that all their sins are BLOTTED OUT NOW, will, the moment they die, find themselves in the flames they do not believe in, with torment forever--no soul-sleep!