

Seventh-day Adventists Believe In . . .

The Godhead: God consists of three co-equal and co-eternal Persons – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (**Gen 1:26, Matt 28:19, Eph 4:4-6, 1 John 5:7, Rev 1:4-6**).

The Bible as the Inspired Word of God: the entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, is the Word of the living God, completely inspired by the Holy Spirit, and is the ultimate standard of faith and duty for the faithful, obedient Christian (**2 Tim 3:14-17, John 5:39, 17:17, Acts 17:10-11, Ps 119:11, 105**).

The Experience of Salvation: God's gift of eternal salvation comes only through the life, death, resurrection, and intercession of Jesus Christ, and is experienced by grace in a spiritual new-birth through the Holy Spirit. This involves sincere repentance of all sin and complete surrender to Christ, thus making man a new creature in Christ. This transformation produces loving obedience, the fruit of the Holy Spirit in good works (**John 3:3-5, Eph 2:8-10, Titus 3:3-7, 2 Cor 5:17, Gal 5:22-23, Heb 7:25, Jam 2:17-26**).

Baptism by Immersion: following His example, our Savior commands us to be baptized through the proper method of complete immersion in water. Illustrating the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, this act is symbolic of the death of the old life of sin, the washing away of sin, and the resurrection of a new life in Christ (**Matt 3:13-17, Mark 16:16, Rom 6:1-6, Col 2:12**).

Foot-Washing and the Communion Service: our Lord commanded us to observe the sacred communion service, consisting of unleavened bread (a symbol of His body) and unfermented grape juice (a symbol of His blood). Jesus washed His disciples' feet as an act of humility before communion, and instructed us to follow His example (**1 Cor 11:23-28, John 13:1-17, Matt 26:20-30**).

The Unconscious State of the Dead and the Total Destruction of the Unsaved: death actually consists of a dreamless, unconscious sleep; there are no thoughts, feelings, words, or emotions in the grave. The dead will be raised to life again when Jesus returns. The unsaved will not burn eternally, but will be turned to ashes by the fires of hell, which will burn out once this total destruction is complete (**Ecc 9:5-6, Dan 12:1-2, John 11:11-14, John 6:39-40, 1 Cor 15:51-54, 1 Thess 4:15-18, Rev. 20:9, 2 Peter 3:10-12, 2:6, Mal 4:1-3, Jude 7**).

The Second Coming of Christ: with the great sound of a trumpet, our Lord will return in power and glory again in a visible and audible manner (**John 14:1-3, Rev 1:7, 19:11-21, 1 Thess 4:16-17, Matt 24:27-31, Ps 50:3-6**).

The Ten Commandments: this great standard of righteousness is to be written in the heart of every Christian who seeks to follow Christ. It defines God's character, is the foundation of His throne, and is changeless and eternal (**Heb 10:16, Rev 11:19, 12:17, 14:12, John 14:15, 1 Cor 7:19, 1 John 2:3-4**).

The Seventh-day Sabbath: lasting from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset, this memorial of creation honors Christ as Creator. We should not engage in any activity on this day that would violate its sanctity (**Gen 2:1-3, Luke 23:50-24:3, John 1:1-3, Ex 20:8-11, Heb 4:4, 9-11, Rev 14:7, Neh 13:15-21**).

Sanctified Christian Living: the human body is the temple of the Holy Spirit; therefore, we should guard what we put into and onto the body. All unclean foods, alcohol, tobacco, caffeine and all other harmful substances should be permanently discarded from the life. Modest dress and refraining from the wearing of jewelry should also be observed (**1 Cor 6:19-20, 10:31, Lev 11:1-23, Rom 12:1-2, Gen 35:2-4, Ex 33:4-6, 1 Tim 2:9, 1 Pet 3:1-4**).

Faithful Christian Stewardship: God requires the systematic, benevolent return of a faithful tithe (10%) and freewill love offerings from His followers; these are to be given to support the work of the Gospel ministry and supply the needs of the both the local church and the worldwide church (**Mal 3:8-12, Lev 27:30-32, Exo 36:3-7, 1 Chron 29:13-17, 1 Cor 4:2, 9:13-14**).

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Sunset Today: 6:18pm **Sunset Next Sabbath:** 6:24pm

“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” **Rev. 14:12**



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