

111. ERRORS OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISM

Many SDA's are trying to gain acceptance as part of the orthodox Bible based Christian community. However, the following points show them not to hold the "faith once delivered to the saints." Jude 3.

These false doctrines of Seventh Day Adventism warn people to leave SDA and not to join with SDAs.

1. THE SABBATH.

SDA's insist that we must keep the Sabbath as a day of worship. This is wrong because:

a) The New Testament never commands Christians to worship or meet on the Saturday Sabbath. Instead, Christians meet on the first day of the week, Sunday, in the following Bible passages:

1. 1 Corinthians 16:1,2, to put money in the collection on Sunday. (no gatherings when I come).
2. Acts 20:7 Paul preached to Christians at Troas whose habit was to meet to break bread on the first day of the week. Paul preached to Jews in synagogue on Saturday; Christians on Sunday.
3. John 20:19,26 Jesus, after His resurrection met with the disciples on the first day of the week.
4. Romans 14:5,6 Paul, when discussing which day to meet, did not command meeting on the Saturday Sabbath, (as SDAs do).He said "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind."
5. Colossians 2:16,17 "Let no man judge you in ... holy days or Sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come."

SDA's judge Christians as disobedient who keep Sunday as a holyday. Paul says that SDA's are wrong to judge Christians for not keeping Saturday as a holyday.

b) SDA's claim that the Roman Catholic church after Constantine in 320 AD changed the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday. This is false, as seen by ten quotes from church writers from 90-300 AD who all say that the practice of Christians everywhere was to meet on Sunday, not the Jewish Saturday Sabbath. SDA's have no early quotes to show early Christians meeting on Saturday.

2. SOUL SLEEP.

SDA's deny that believers at death go to heaven. They say that believers go to soul sleep in the grave until Christ's return. JW's, Christadelphians and other false groups believe this error. See Chapter 97 in this book on "The Error of Soul Sleep".

The main verses disproving the soul sleep error are:

1. Philippians 1:23 "I am in a straight betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ".
2. 2 Cor. 5:8 "To be absent from the body (death), and to be present with the Lord." (in heaven).
3. Hebrews 12:1 "We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses". (The departed believers discussed in Hebrews 11, who now watch us from heaven.)
4. Hebrews 12:23,24 "The heavenly Jerusalem ... the church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven and to the spirits of just men made perfect."

5. 1 Thessalonians 4:14 "Them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."
(Bring, not take)
At Christ's return to raise believers bodies, He brings our spirits & souls from heaven with Him
6. Revelation 6:9,10 "I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the Word of God."
7. Isaiah 14:9,10 "Hell from beneath..stirs up the dead for thee.All they shall speak and say to thee."
8. Ezekiel 32:21 "The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell..."
9. Ezekiel 32:30,31 "The Zidonians which are gone down with the slain ... Pharaoh shall see them and shall be comforted, even Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword."
10. Luke 16:19-31 The dead rich man and dead Abraham spoke to each other.

3. SDA'S REGARD ELLEN WHITE (1825-1915) AS A PROPHET or TEACHER.

"I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence." 1 Tim. 2:12.

Ellen White claimed to have received more than 2000 "inspired counsels from the Lord" (visions) from 1844 to 1868. ("he hath not seen." Col. 2:18). SDA's err in allowing a woman teacher to instruct them.

4. CHRIST.

Mrs White said: "Christ took upon His sinless nature our sinful nature. Christ took our nature and it's deteriorating condition." (Q.D. p.654-656).According to White and SDA's, Christ acquired a sinful nature. (False). Christ had a sinless human nature. Christ took our sin punishment, not our sin nature.

5. LOSS OF SALVATION.

"Now while our Great High Priest is making atonement for us, we should seek to become perfect in Christ." (ref: The Great Controversy, E.G.White, 1911, p.623).

SDA's teach that though saved by grace, we are kept saved by keeping the Law. This is partial atonement. Therefore, to stay saved according to SDA's, we must continue to keep the Sabbath, the 10 Commandments and pay the tithe. "by whom we have now received the atonement." (Romans 5:11).

6. INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT.

Investigative judgment means no assurance of salvation. According to SDA's, beginning on October 22, 1844, Christ entered upon the "judgment phase" of His ministry, whereby He blots out sin.

The SDA "Investigative Judgement" doctrine rests on Ellen White's claimed revelation that Christ entered the Holy of Holies not at His ascension, but in 1844 (The Great Controversy, p.362-373).

Hebrews 9:12 contradicts White's theory: "by His own blood he entered (past tense) in once (not in 1844) into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.' Hebrews 9:12,25. (v.26. 'now once in the end of the world hath he appeared (33AD) to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself'.

SDA's teach that Christ transferred the record of believers sins to the heavenly sanctuary, which will be finally cleansed at the conclusion of the Investigative Judgment, their day of atonement.

White says in "Patriarchs and Prophets", p.357 this heresy: "The blood of Christ, while it was to release the repentant sinner from the condemnation of the law, was not to cancel the sin. It would stand on record in the sanctuary until the final atonement." SDAs filter all Scripture through White's prophecies.

Hence SDA's sins are not cancelled or forgiven yet. What a worry. No wonder they have no assurance of salvation until the imaginary Investigative Judgment is finished.

Q: If Christ can create the universe in 6 days, why does He take from 1844 until now to investigate the books? Is Christ a slow reader?

These 6 verses show the SDA Investigative Judgment to be false:

"The Lord knoweth them that are His." 2 Timothy 2:19.

"I know my sheep." John 10:14

"cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

"he had by himself purged our sins." Hebrews 1:3

"yet now hath he reconciled..." Colossians 1:21.

"having forgiven you all trespasses." Colossians 2:13

Christ's judgments are after He returns, not before: "When the Son of Man shall come in his glory then shall he sit upon the throne of His glory: and before Him shall be gathered all nations." Matt. 25:31,32.

Hebrews 4:13 exposes the SDA limitation on Christ's omniscience: "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." Since Jesus knows all cases already, why must He investigate?

7. SATAN AS THE SCAPEGOAT FOR OUR SINS.

White says in TGC page 422: "When Christ, by virtue of His own blood, removes the sins of His people from the heavenly sanctuary at the close of His ministration, He will place them upon satan, who, in the execution of the judgment, must bear the final penalty."

Satan, according to SDA's, becomes the scapegoat of Leviticus 16. **This lack of clear distinction between the forgiveness of sins at salvation, and the blotting out of sins at some time in the future, makes it impossible for anyone to know, even at death, whether he is saved or not.** (Isaiah 44:22).

SDA's are not allowed to experience assurance of salvation, because there would be no pressure for them to keep the O.T. law and Sabbath as interpreted by Ellen White. Having the sins of all men laid on satan, assigns to satan an indispensable role in the blotting out of sins. This nullifies the all-sufficiency of the finished work of Christ.

8. ANOTHER GOSPEL.

The Investigative Judgment and Scapegoat theories are "another Gospel" that Paul warns us about in Galatians 1:8,9. Paul places a double curse on those preaching a false gospel such as SDA's.

9. THE MARK OF THE BEAST.

SDA's believe that Sunday keeping will be the mark of the Beast of Revelation 13:16-18.

White says: "In the last days, the Sabbath test will be made plain. When this time comes, anyone who does not keep the Sabbath will receive the mark of the Beast and will be kept from heaven." TGC p449.

This is not rightly dividing the word of truth. This shows SDAs careless,deceitful handling of Scripture.

10. SDA'S ARE VERY CONFUSED ON PROPHECY SUBJECTS.

SDA's think that God has finished with Israel. Romans 11:2,25; Hosea 3:4,5 refute this idea. To SDA's, much of Revelation had been fulfilled by 500 AD. They don't understand Daniel's 70 week prophecy, taking the 69 weeks as literally 173,880 days (correct), but taking the last half of the 70th week (3.5 years) as being 1260 years (wrong). (Daniel 9:24-27).

Conclusion: Leave the SDA movement today.