

Clear and Set

My Commitment to the Teachings of God's Word for the Last Days

1. _____ I believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God, and I want to live by its teachings making it the **one** and **only** authority of my life for faith and practice (2 Tim 3:15–17; Matt 4:4).
2. _____ I believe that there is one God manifested in three coeternal, coequal persons: the Father; his Son, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Spirit (Matt 3:16–17; 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14).
3. _____ I believe in the following: (1) God is the Creator of all that exists and that he created the earth in six literal, consecutive days and rested on the seventh day of the creation week from all his creative work (Gen 1; 2:1–3); (2) in the days of Noah, the earth was destroyed by a literal worldwide flood that lasted for forty days and forty nights (Gen 6–8).
4. _____ I believe that, because of his great love for humanity, Jesus Christ died on the cross as a vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice of atonement to pay the penalty of my sin and breaking God's holy law (John 3:16; 1 John 3:4; Rom 3:21–25; 1 Cor 15:3).
5. _____ I repent of my sin and accept Jesus Christ as my personal Savior (Acts 20:21; Rev 3:20). I believe that, because Jesus shed his blood for me, he freely forgives and pardons my sins; regenerates me in a "new birth" by the power of the Holy Spirit; and grants me the gift of eternal life (Matt 26:28; Rom 6:23; 1 John 5:11–13). He takes my sin, and I receive his righteousness.
6. _____ I desire Jesus to be the ruler and personal Lord of my life. Therefore, I surrender my life completely to be ruled by him and his truth-filled teachings as taught in his written word. I also desire to grow in my understanding of his will and to maintain a relationship with him through daily personal Bible study, prayer, and other spiritual disciplines (Rom 6:16–18; John 14:15; 1 John 3:22).
7. _____ I believe that a Christian who loves Jesus will choose by the Holy Spirit's enabling to keep all of his commandments that are found in Scripture, especially those in the Ten Commandments (Exod 20:3–17; John 14:15). It is my purpose, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to obey this law of God (Rom 7:7, 12; 8:4; Rev 14:12; 22:14).
8. _____ I believe "the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord" (Exod 20:8–11). As a follower of Jesus Christ, I want to keep the Sabbath holy "according to the commandment" (Luke 23:56) from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday (Lev 23:32; Neh 13:19; Isa 58:13–14; Mark 1:32).
9. _____ I look forward to the literal, visible, audible, and personal second advent of Jesus Christ in the clouds of heaven when "every eye will see him" (Rev 1:7; Acts 1:9–11). Knowing

not “the day nor the hour” of his return, it is my purpose to make needful and necessary preparations to live always ready to meet him at his appearing (Matt 24:44).

10. _____ I believe in the following: (1) that there is a literal sanctuary in heaven of which the wilderness tabernacle was an earthly model, where Jesus Christ was inaugurally enthroned on the day of Pentecost as the covenantal head of humanity, the king of the earth, and our high priest who is now ministering in this heavenly temple on behalf of humanity (Heb 8:1–2; Rev 4–5; 11:19); (2) that in 1844, Christ entered the Most Holy Place of this heavenly temple, beginning the pre-Advent Investigative Judgment, and is now, since that time, judging the dead and the living to prepare for his return, therefore, fulfilling the prophecy, the “hour of his judgment is come” (Dan 7:9–10; 8:14; 9:20–27; Rev 14:7).

11. _____ I believe that humanity is mortal (i.e., we do not possess an “immortal soul”) and that, at death, we do not immediately go to heaven or hell but sleep unconsciously in the grave, awaiting the resurrection at Christ’s return (Ps 13:3; Eccl 9:5–6; John 5:28–29; Acts 2:29, 34).

12. _____ I believe in the following: (1) the resurrection of the dead in Christ when Jesus returns (1 Thess 4:13–18); (2) the desolation of the earth and the binding of Satan on earth for 1,000 years (1 Thess 5:1–3; Jer 4:23–26; 25:30–33; Rev 20:1–3); (3) the righteous will be in heaven during the 1,000 years, reigning and judging with Christ (Rev 20:4); (4) the wicked will be resurrected and Satan will be loosed at the end of the 1,000 years (Rev 20:5, 7); (5) Satan, sin, evil, and the wicked will meet their final destruction in the lake of fire (i.e., hell) at the end of the 1,000 years (Rev 20:15; Mal 4:1–3); (6) the wicked will be entirely consumed, not burn forever in hell; and (7) God will create a new heaven and a new earth after this final destruction (Rev 21:1, 4–5).

13. _____ I believe that my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19, 20; 10:31) and therefore will abstain from all forms of sexual immorality (Lev 18:1–30; 1 Cor 6:9–11, 18–20); consuming unclean meats (Gen 7:2; Lev 11; 2 Cor 6:17–18), blood, and fat (Lev 7:24–27; 17:10–12); and the use of alcohol (Prov 20:1; 23:29–33), tobacco, nicotine, caffeine, illegal drugs (Exod 20:13), and other addictive, mind-altering substances (Acts 15:19–20). By God’s grace, I want to take advantage of the eight health principles in order to live a healthy life (3 John 2)—nutrition, exercise, water, sunshine, temperance, air, rest, and trust in God.

14. _____ Through the power of Jesus, I desire to overcome the sinful ways of the world (1 John 2:14–17) in these ways: (1) by God’s grace, I will avoid, reading, watching, and listening to sinful things that promote what the Bible condemns—my entertainment choices will follow the guidelines found in Phil 4:8 (Eph 5:19); (2) wanting to follow in the humble steps of Jesus, I will not pierce or tattoo my body (Lev 19:28; Deut 14:1; 1 Cor 6:19–20) or wear jewelry or immodest clothing (1 Pet 2:21; 3:3–4; 1 Tim 2:9, 10).

15. _____ I believe that marriage between one man and one woman was God’s original plan in Eden which was affirmed by Jesus and should be formally recognized by the laws of the state

(Gen 2:24; Heb 13:4). I will not be involved in a “common law” relationship (Matt 19:3–9; John 2:1–11).

16. _____ I believe that the Seventh-day Adventist® Church has been given the remnant message and mission of Bible prophecy, which is to prepare people for the second coming of Jesus Christ through the proclamation of the three angels’ messages (Rev 12:17; 14:6–16). I believe in church organization (1 Cor 12:28) and in the importance of church attendance and participation (Heb 10:25). I wish to follow the example of Jesus, who “as His custom was, went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day” (Luke 4:16). I desire to be an active participant in the worldwide mission of the church, utilizing my unique spiritual gifts to edify the body of Christ and advance God’s kingdom (Matt 28:18–20; 2 Cor 12:4–11).

17. _____ I believe that Jesus has given spiritual gifts to his church, one of which is “the spirit of prophecy,” and I understand that the Seventh-day Adventist® Church recognizes this gift in the ministry of Ellen G. White (Rom 12:4–8; 1 Cor 12:9–11, 27–28; Eph 4:8, 11–16; Joel 2:28–29; Rev 12:17; 19:10).

18. _____ I believe that Jesus established the ordinances of foot-washing and celebrating the Lord’s Supper, and it is my desire to participate in these special services in remembrance of him (John 13:1–17; 1 Cor 11:23–26).

19. _____ I believe in the biblical teaching of returning tithe and offerings and choose to faithfully return my tithe and offerings (Mal 3:8–10; Matt 23:23; 2 Cor 9:7–8). Desiring to be a good steward of all God has given me, it is my purpose to support the Lord’s work according to my ability. As a steward, I will also refrain from gambling.

20. _____ I believe in baptism by immersion (Matt 3:16–17), which symbolizes the death and burial of my old life of sin and the resurrection of my new life in Jesus (Rom 6:3–6). It is my desire to surrender self to Jesus and follow him by being baptized (re-baptized) and become a member of the Seventh-day Adventist® Church (Acts 2:41, 47; 19:1–5; 1 Cor 12:13).

My Purpose

Having surrendered myself fully to Jesus Christ and desiring to serve him here and to live with him forever, it is my declared purpose and desire to accept these principles of Bible truth and obey them by his grace and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

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