

Last Rays of Light

For the perfecting of the saints... Eph 4:12

“Therefore be ye also ready:
for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.” (Mt 24:44).

“Get ready, get ready, get ready.
Ye must have a greater preparation than ye now have, for the day of the Lord cometh...” (EW 66).

“If we do what we can on our part to be ready for the conflict that is just before us,
God will do His part, and His all-powerful arm will protect us.” (EW 262).



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“Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established;
believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.” (2 Chr 20:20)

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This *Get Ready! Guide*

provides a thorough, that is, dynamic, specific, and systematic training for last day disciples, as modeled by our Lord Jesus Christ (Mathew 10; Luke 10:1-20; John 14-16), and recommended by the Spirit of Prophecy (*Testimonies*, vol. 8, p. 251; *Christian Service*, p. 42; *Maranatha*, p. 159).

Intended as a workbook for interactive seminars and small group study, but it will also serve as a personal study guide for individual disciples who seek to be more effective.

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In a Nutshell

SUMMARY: This ministry points and responds to God's **final** call that His remnant people **prepare** for the latter rain by **acting** on the former rain.

It is the mission and burden of Last Rays of Light,
and therefore the purpose of this Guide,
to urge God's people to receive
the baptism of the Holy Spirit,
that is, the *former* rain,
and to help them act on it
by gaining spiritual victory
and exercising gifted ministry.
Thus they become ready,
and help others be ready,
to give the loud cry
in the power of the *latter* rain,
which will result in their sealing,
their protection during the time of trouble,
and the soon coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Impress upon all the necessity of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the sanctification of the members of the church, so that they will be living, growing, fruit-bearing trees of the Lord's planting." (6T 85).

"We need not worry about the latter rain. All we have to do is to keep the vessel clean and right side up and prepared for the reception of the heavenly rain, and keep praying, 'Let the latter rain come into my vessel. Let the light of the glorious angel which unites with the third angel shine upon me; give me a part in the work; let me sound the proclamation; let me be a co-laborer with Jesus Christ.' Thus seeking God, let me tell you, He is fitting you up all the time, giving you His grace." (UL 283; LDE 194).

"The great outpouring of the Spirit of God, which lightens the whole earth with His glory, will not come until we have an enlightened people that know by experience what it means to be laborers together with God. When we have entire, wholehearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God." (ChS 253; LDE 193).

Endorsement

"On the very borders of the Kingdom, even some of the 'elect' are tempted to become careless in their Christian experience. In this hour of crisis, God has impressed Elder Ted Wilson, our General Conference President, since 2010 to call urgently for revival and reformation both as individuals and the church. To assist in responding to this greatest need of the Remnant, Josef Ludwig, an Adventist Hospital chaplain, and his wife Kathie, a dedicated couple, have prepared a deeply spiritual, yet equally practical and exclusively Bible and Spirit of Prophecy based training seminar with an unusually well organized 'Get Ready! Guide.' If their training comes to your area, you would be blessed by attending."

The late James L. Hayward, Sr., Retired Conference President, Author of "The Time of the End."

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Dedication

SUMMARY: Dear disciple, Kathie and I have **dedicated** this Guide to you, and we **urge** you to expect God's **blessing** as you study and follow it.

This work is dedicated
to all last day disciples
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
who have purposed in their hearts
to claim the victory of Jesus
over sin and error (Jn 16:33)
and to continue the ministry of Jesus
to all humanity (Mt 28:18-20),
namely to reveal and vindicate
God's true character, law,
and glorious plan of salvation,
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Jesus did so in His life on earth (Lk 4:18),
and is doing so since and NOW
through His spiritual body (Ac 1:8),
His beloved church and bride,
in preparation for,
and in the course of,
the great crisis and final battle
prior to the ultimate exodus,
our global deliverance (Da 12:1),
on the day of redemption (Eph 4:30).

Kathie and I dedicate ourselves,
by the grace of God
and in the faith and love of Jesus,
to the fulfilling of our calling
by taking the message of this Guide
to those who want to benefit from it.
As they discern and follow
the promptings of the Holy Spirit,
they fulfill THEIR role
in helping all who are willing to accept
the last rays of God's merciful light,
prepare for what is otherwise soon coming
upon the people of God
with blinding force (2SM 142),
and upon the rest of humanity
as an overwhelming surprise (8T 28).

We urgently solicit
your prayers and cooperation.
"The watchman is to know
the time of night." (6T 407).
Will you help us watch and prepare disciples
by your prayers, invitations and support?
May God be glorified in all this
and people be saved at last.

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The three events represent the three steps of intercession recommended to seek and see the power of Revival and Reformation.

The eight themes, with three topics each, represent the spiritual advancement within the process of Revival and Reformation.

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Introduction – 101. About the Author

SUMMARY: Dear Friend, as you study this Guide, allow yourself to **appreciate** how the Lord has **led** Josef in the past and to the writing of this book.



For more than 40 years, God by His grace led Josef Ludwig to an ever deeper relationship with Jesus Christ as the Lord of his life and the Savior of the world. Josef's love grew for God's end-time people who gather for worship and training, then scatter for witness and service. He is ever more impressed that now is the time for the final revival and reformation of God's remnant people, the time to prepare for the last battle of the great controversy between the Lord Jesus and Satan.

The Lord Jesus entered Josef's life in June 1974 during his training for the Roman-Catholic priesthood. While teaching religion in Swiss and German high schools, Josef studied the Bible intensely, prayed much, and daily compared the doctrines with God's Word. Finally in 1982 he understood Revelation 18:4, "Come out of her my people..." as a divine call to search for the true church. In 1983 he met Canadian Christians, which resulted in his call to train as a pastor in Canada.

Between 1986 and 1993, Josef served a three-church district in rural Saskatchewan, and assisted other congregations as an instructor on revival and exercising spiritual gifts. Through Mennonite ministers Josef became convicted of believer baptism, the seriousness of the Ten Commandments, and the need for a Biblical lifestyle. He decided to join the Mennonite church, which led him to Richland, Pennsylvania, where He received a M.Div. degree in 1996. He remembers how after picking up the US visa in Calgary, Alberta in 1993, he asked God to assure him of His guidance in the USA. Just then he spotted a roof with big letters saying, "Jesus is Lord." Great peace flooded his heart.

Little did Josef realize that the Lord was already directing his journey to the Remnant Movement. During his last six months in Saskatchewan, a couple who came to town weekly with their truck of produce gave Josef a book by Amazing Facts. Most of its teachings were new to Josef though he understood the main arguments; but he objected to the notion that the Roman church had changed the Sabbath to Sunday. In fact, he gave a written defense of Sunday worship to the couple a few days later, unaware that this was their last market day for the season. Later in Pennsylvania a Seventh-day Adventist literature evangelist gave him a Great Controversy, but Josef read only one page.

Upon completing his M.Div. degree, Josef received a green card and worked as a German editor and translator for the international Mennonite publishing house Rod and Staff. He moved to North Carolina to join a rural church, but his growing interest in prophecy led him to ask many questions about Revelation and world events. In 1997 Josef received a flier from the local Seventh-day Adventist church announcing evangelistic meetings. He was amazed that the topics listed on it were his exact questions, almost to the wording! Josef saw God's leading and found complete answers; he was baptized on Sabbath, October 11, 1997, which was also the annual JEWISH Day of Atonement.

Right after Josef's baptism the Lord strongly impressed him that during this time of the GLOBAL Day of Atonement, believers need to prepare for the latter rain. At a men's retreat in 2002 Josef renewed his commitment to Jesus. Two weeks later the Lord called him to compile material and to hold seminars on revival and reformation in churches in the area, to help church members prepare for victory and ministry in the final days of earth's probation. In 2005 he married Kathie, who strongly supports him in this ministry, especially with her sense of urgency and gift of intercessory prayer. They are convinced that the final revival and reformation can be expected only in answer to prayer.

In 2006 Josef was impressed to develop a website to make this ministry useful to the wider church, and after camp meeting in 2008, the Lord urged him to introduce the material at the General Conference Session in Atlanta in June 2010 in the form of this *Get Ready!* Guide. God continues to lead in spreading its message to help God's people prepare for the testing of our faith, that time when only those who watch, pray, and work will receive the latter rain and remain faithful, while others will be surprised and overwhelmed; that time when ultimate decisions of eternal consequence shall be made by every inhabitant of the world in response to God's last rays of merciful light and His final warning.

Josef and Kathie Ludwig serve their local congregation, while working as a full-time gardener and a nurse respectively. They are always willing to share this material with members, churches, and groups who are ready to begin their own final revival and reformation, resulting in solid, faithful, Biblical last day discipleship. "Satan is constantly alluring away from faithfulness and thoroughness in the essential works of preparedness of the great event that will try every man's soul. The work in the heavenly sanctuary is going forward. Jesus is cleansing the sanctuary. The work on earth corresponds with the work in heaven....This is the burden of the message for this time...." (UL 344).

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Introduction – 102. Glory to God

SUMMARY: Also, please recognize that the **concept** and **content** of this Guide is **all** the Lord's design, and encouraged by brothers and sisters.

Kathie and I are glad that you obtained a copy of the *Get Ready!* Guide. While putting the book together we received a deeper understanding of our wonderful God, and a greater appreciation for His gracious plan to save the human race and this lost planet. We made a much firmer commitment to follow Jesus wherever He leads us in this life, and we can hardly wait for Him to return and take us home with Him. We trust you will have the same experience as you follow this Guide. We pray and believe you too will receive a great blessing and get more invigorated in your journey of faith as you make the best use of the information-packed pages and numerous ways to evaluate your personal spiritual situation.

But before you get started with the Guide, we want to give our loving God all the honor and glory for its concept and content. In March 2002, after Josef made a renewed commitment to the Lord at a Conference men's retreat to be faithful to Him, the Lord impresses him to put together a manual for revival and reformation. More recently, in the summer of 2008, after many pages had already been written, the Lord laid it on his heart to publish this Guide before the GC Session 2010 in Atlanta. Then, a year later at our conference camp meeting, the Lord finally showed him how this Guide is to provide a comprehensive experience of and thorough training in all aspects of effective Biblical end-time discipleship.

As a result, the concept and the content of this Guide come directly from the Word of God, with support from the Spirit of Prophecy. The Lord did not lead us to consult many other sources or to look for any new light on the topics, but rather to give a systematic picture of the way He designed to prepare His people for victory and ministry during the time of the end. So once more, we give all the glory to God alone for any wisdom this Guide contains and any benefit you may receive from it. We have prayed daily for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the design of this book and in the writing of its pages. Only that same Spirit can make it profitable. In other words, any good result is God's gracious gift to you.

Our prayer for you is therefore that in your journey you may know the presence, guidance, and assurance of our Lord Jesus Christ as you gain an experience in each of the six marks that characterize His faithful end-time disciples. While the days of probation and the opportunities for people to be saved are rapidly coming to an end, may you, with all of God's remnant people, remain obedient to His calling for your life so He can finish His work through you and cut it short in righteousness. But let us remember that He has not called those who are qualified; rather, He qualifies those whom He has called. So ours is the sacred duty to bring praise, honor, and glory to His holy name as He alone is worth of it all.

Acknowledgments

I am also very grateful for the faithful assistance of my wife. Kathie has given herself to her full-time professional career and to the work at home so we had the means and I had the freedom to dedicate much of my time to the compiling of this *Get Ready!* Guide. In addition, Kathie has used her editing skills to review many of its pages and has made numerous valuable suggestions for improvements of wording.

Joyce Bush, a trusted member of our local church, an English major and former editorial assistant with Loma Linda University, has spent much time proofreading the manuscript. We are grateful for her professional expertise in helping with expression and punctuation.

Helen Kidwell, another member of our local church and a retired teacher, has volunteered hours to check a number of pages for typing errors and word choices. We are grateful for her personal support and encouragement in our journey of faith and church ministry.

James L. Hayward, Sr., retired conference president, provided me with a copy of his chart "Chronology of Last Day Events," also found in his book, *The Time of the End*, published by American Christian Ministries, for our use on page 216, "Events of the Time of the End."

Jim Baer, president of Foundation of our Faith, sent me copies of the original images used in their publication, *The Sanctuary Cross*, by the late Merrill L. "Corky" Evans, and allowed us to use them in our illustration on page 253, "The Three Stages of Restoration."

Tom Hughes, my longtime pastor, has supported and encouraged me during the past years as I presented several concepts contained in this Guide to him personally, and also to members of our local church in a series of weekly evening presentations and discussions.

Jim Wolter, a retired pastor and member of the Hendersonville church, and his wife Doris had been hosting a small group Bible study in their home, which allowed me to share some of the key concepts presented in this Guide and to receive numerous helpful comments.

Virgil Luke, a dear brother in the Lord, helped me overcome a period of serious discouragement, as I was preparing the third edition of this Guide. He presented me with some precious divine promises that confirmed to me the Lord's faithful guidance and protection.

Feedback

This compiler shares the openness of our end-time prophetic messenger Ellen G. White and asks, using her own words, "A special request is made that if any find incorrect statements in this book they will immediately inform me." (2SG 295). Thank you ever so much.

If you have other observations about this Guide, or would like to share your personal experience with it, we would be very happy to hear from you. May our Lord Jesus bless you richly for kindly supporting this work. Please email: josef@ready4him.org.

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Introduction – 103. Preface

SUMMARY: *Even this preface is not my own idea. I **included** it in this Guide because God impressed me that it has a divine **purpose** here.*

The Lord woke me up one early morning long before dawn and gave me the words below all at once. I got up and wrote them down immediately. I did not have in mind to write a preface after the previous page, but here it is. As with all the other pages of this Guide, I do not take any credit for the content of this one either, but I do pray it inspires you to determine to listen to God.

Dear Friend,

I am speaking to you as to a serious student of the holy word of the God of Heaven Himself and of the inspired writings of His end-time messenger, Ellen G. White; as to a discerning brother or sister in the most precious faith of the Present Truth; and as to an enduring fellow pilgrim looking for the City whose builder and maker is God, for the eternal rest awaiting His faithful people.

As you open yourself to the themes of this Guide, we ask you to walk and work through them with reverence and awe, for in them you will find yourself in the very presence of the Creator of the universe and the Redeemer and Restorer of humanity and planet earth. If you have an ear to listen with your heart you will hear the voice of the King of kings and Lord of lords, of the head and Chief Shepherd of the church, addressing you personally. He will be calling you to a sacred task and the highest privilege – to cooperate with Him in the finishing of His final work among the peoples and nations of this world, as the time of their gracious probation and history is fast running out.

Not, that any of us could finish a work that our Savior Jesus Christ began when He walked this earth in His own physical body; but rather, that He is asking you to become a functional part of His spiritual body, His church, through which He Himself will complete His work. He will show you your specific contribution to this highest calling, and He will inspire, prepare, and equip you for it through His own divine abiding presence and power, His Holy Spirit. He is ready and longing to bless you with your personal burning bush experience, and to make you worthy of becoming His co-worker in preparing willing fellow human beings to participate in the final and ultimate exodus.

The Lord of heaven and earth has nothing less glorious in mind than to transform us, to recreate us by translating us from the slavery of the errors, sins, and heartaches of the kingdom of darkness into the royal privileges of the truth, joy, and freedom of His marvelous light. The question is not whether He will accomplish this goal, which He has pursued throughout the centuries, for no Word that comes out of His creative mouth has ever returned or will ever return unto Him void. Rather, the question is whether you will take part in this glorious process and have a share in its eternal victory, or whether you will be among those who are shaken out and end in death.

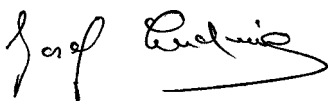
Dear Friend,

The Lord your God is pleading with you through this Guide to choose life, His life, to partake of His divine nature and everlasting glory, and become a co-heir with Christ. Will you help reflect His true character, thereby vindicating His holy name while probation lasts for yet a little while? Are you willing to experience and share with many others what it means to participate in the final revival and reformation? God's Spirit is already igniting the hearts and minds of many who are truly seeking the will and ways of God Almighty! What other more worthy, more fulfilling meaning and goal can be found in this life than to become a consecrated member of God's end-time remnant people?

Come, hear the Lord your God, and recognize the particular, unique calling that only you can fulfill. Receive the Spirit of Christ to walk in Him and go and do your part in preparing yourself and many others for the ultimate exodus. As we see the last day events of earth's history coming to pass, may we all lift up our heads and know that our redemption, the final deliverance, is drawing near. Jesus Christ, the Son of God Himself, has given His life for our eternal salvation, and the whole creation is groaning to see it fulfilled; it is nothing less than the restoration of the life for which we were designed from eternity past. O, what a glorious hope to become reality very shortly!

It is the humble and bold prayer of this compiler that the love and blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ may be yours, to His honor and glory, and toward the salvation of all who will respond to God's grace through your testimony.

Yours in His service,



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Introduction – 104. Key to Abbreviations

SUMMARY: The only **sources** used in this Guide (with few exceptions) are the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. They are **referenced** as follows:

The abbreviations for the Scriptures follow *The Study Bible – King James Version*, Academy Enterprises, 1997, and are set in regular type face. The abbreviations for the EGW titles are the standard abbreviations, as used in the *Comprehensive Index* and elsewhere, and are given in *italics*.

Old & New Testament							
Ge	Genesis	Ecc	Ecclesiastes	Mt	Matthew	1 Pe	1 Peter
Ex	Exodus	SS	Song of Solomon	Mk	Mark	2 Pe	2 Peter
Lev	Leviticus	Isa	Isaiah	Lk	Luke	1 Jn	1 John
Nu	Numbers	Jer	Jeremiah	Jn	John	2 Jn	2 John
Dt	Deuteronomy	La	Lamentations	Ac	Acts	3 Jn	3 John
Jos	Joshua	Eze	Ezekiel	Rom	Romans	Jude	Jude
Jdg	Judges	Da	Daniel	1 Co	1 Corinthians	Rev	Revelation
Ru	Ruth	Hos	Hosea	2 Co	2 Corinthians		
1 Sa	1 Samuel	Joel	Joel	Gal	Galatians		
2 Sa	2 Samuel	Am	Amos	Eph	Ephesians		
1 Ki	1 Kings	Ob	Obadiah	Php	Philippians		
2 Ki	2 Kings	Jnh	Jonah	Col	Colossians		
1 Ch	1 Chronicles	Mic	Micah	1 Th	1 Thessalonians		
2 Ch	2 Chronicles	Na	Nahum	2 Th	2 Thessalonians		
Ezr	Ezra	Hab	Habakkuk	1 Ti	1 Timothy		
Ne	Nehemiah	Zep	Zephaniah	2 Ti	2 Timothy		
Est	Esther	Hag	Haggai	Tit	Titus		
Job	Job	Zec	Zechariah	Phm	Philemon		
Ps	Psalms	Mal	Malachi	Heb	Hebrews		
Pr	Proverbs			Jas	James		
Ellen G. White & Commentary							
AA	The Acts of the Apostles	ML	My Life Today (Devotional Book)				
AG	God's Amazing Grace (Devotional Book)	1-26MR	Manuscript Releases, Volumes 1-26				
AH	The Adventist Home	MS 1-	Manuscript #1, etc.				
AUCR	Australasian Union Conference Record	MYP	Messages to Young People				
CC	Conflict and Courage (Devotional Book)	OHC	Our High Calling (Devotional Book)				
CET	Christian Experience and Teachings	PK	Prophets and Kings				
CH	Counsels on Health	PP	Patriarchs and Prophets				
ChS	Christian Service	Pr	Prayer				
CL	Country Living	RH	Articles in Review and Herald				
CME	Call to Medical Evangelism and Health Education	1-2SAT	Sermons and Talks, Volumes 1&2				
COL	Christ's Object Lessons	SC	Steps to Christ				
DA	The Desire of Ages	SD	Sons and Daughters of God (Devotional Book)				
Ed	Education	1-4SG	Spiritual Gifts, Volumes 1-4				
Ev	Evangelism	1-3SM	Selected Messages, Volumes 1-3				
EW	Early Writings	1-4SP	The Spirit of Prophecy, Volumes 1-4				
GC	The Great Controversy	SR	The Story of Redemption				
GCB	General Conference Bulletin	ST	Articles in Signs of the Times				
GW	Gospel Workers	1-9T	Testimonies for the Church, Volumes 1-9				
HP	In Heavenly Places (Devotional Book)	TA	The Truth About Angels				
LDE	Last Day Events	TDG	This Day With God (Devotional Book)				
LHU	Lift Him Up (Devotional Book)	TM	Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers				
LS	Life Sketches	TMK	That I May Know Him (Devotional Book)				
Mar	Maranatha (Devotional Book)	UL	The Upward Look (Devotional Book)				
MB	Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing	1-12BC	SDA Bible Commentary, Volumes 1-12				
1-2MCP	Mind, Character, and Personality, Volumes 1&2						

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Introduction – 105. A Challenge

SUMMARY: Now, as you **evaluate** this inspired challenge, permit it to awaken or deepen your **resolve** to **join** the final revival and reformation.

“Not One in Twenty Prepared

“It is a solemn statement that I make to the church, that not one in twenty whose names are registered upon the church books are prepared to close their earthly history, and would be as verily without God and without hope in the world as the common sinner. They are professedly serving God, but they are more earnestly serving mammon. This half-and-half work is a constant denying of Christ, rather than a confessing of Christ. So many have brought into the church their own unsubdued spirit, unrefined; their spiritual taste is perverted by their own immoral, debasing corruptions, symbolizing the world in spirit, in heart, in purpose, confirming themselves in lustful practices, and are full of deception through and through in their professed Christian life. Living as sinners, claiming to be Christians! Those who claim to be Christians and will confess Christ should come out from among them and touch not the unclean thing, and be separate...”

“I lay down my pen and lift up my soul in prayer, that the Lord would breathe upon His backslidden people, who are as dry bones, that they may live. The end is near, stealing upon us so stealthily, so imperceptibly, so noiselessly, like the muffled tread of the thief in the night, to surprise the sleepers off guard and unready. May the Lord grant to bring His Holy Spirit upon hearts that are now at ease, that they may no longer sleep as do others, but watch and be sober.--General Conference Bulletin, 1893, pp. 132, 133.” (ChS 41).

“Revival and Reformation Needed

“Christians should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise, and this preparation they should make by diligently studying the word of God, and striving to conform their lives to its precepts. . . . God calls for a revival and a reformation.--Prophets and Kings, p. 626.

“A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work.--Review and Herald, March 22, 1887.

“The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place. When this reformation begins, the spirit of prayer will actuate every believer, and will banish from the church the spirit of discord and strife.--Testimonies, vol. 8, p. 251.

“A revival and a reformation must take place under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from the spiritual death. Reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices. Reformation will not bring forth the good fruit of righteousness unless it is connected with the revival of the Spirit. Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend.-- Review and Herald, Feb. 25, 1902.

“Do not the Scriptures call for a more pure and holy work than we have yet seen? . . . God calls upon those who are willing to be controlled by the Holy Spirit to lead out in a work of thorough reformation. I see a crisis before us, and the Lord calls for His laborers to come into line. Every soul should now stand in a position of deeper, truer consecration to God than during the years that have passed. . . . I have been deeply impressed by scenes that have recently passed before me in the night season. There seemed to be a great movement--a work of revival--going forward in many places. Our people were moving into line, responding to God's call.--General Conference Bulletin, May 29, 1913, p. 34.

“In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. . . . Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God.--Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 126.

“There is great necessity for a reformation among the people of God. The present state of the church leads to the inquiry, Is this a correct representation of Him who gave His life for us?--Testimonies, vol. 3, p. 474.

“When the reproach of indolence and slothfulness shall have been wiped away from the church, the Spirit of the Lord will be graciously manifested. Divine power will be revealed. The church will see the providential working of the Lord of hosts. The light of truth will shine forth in clear, strong rays, and as in the time of the apostles, many souls will turn from error to truth. The earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord.-- Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 46.” (ChS 41-43).

“Delay Is Fatal

“I was shown God's people waiting for some change to take place,--a compelling power to take hold of them. But they will be disappointed, for they are wrong. They must act; they must take hold of the work themselves, and earnestly cry to God for a true knowledge of themselves. The scenes which are passing before us are of sufficient magnitude to cause us to arouse, and urge the truth home to the hearts of all who will listen. The harvest of the earth is nearly ripe.--Testimonies, vol. 1, p. 261.

Nevertheless, “there are some who, instead of wisely improving present opportunities, are idly waiting for some special season of spiritual refreshing by which their ability to enlighten others will be greatly increased. They neglect present duties and privileges, and allow their light to burn dim, while they look forward to a time when, without any effort on their part, they will be made the recipients of special blessing, by which they will be transformed and fitted for service.--The Acts of the Apostles, p. 54.” (ChS 43).

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Introduction – 106. Initial Call

SUMMARY: *Then, please hear and **act** on Jesus' **call** to become a disciple and to make disciples, by receiving the **training** provided by this Guide.*

The root of Christian discipleship is a committed and joyous love for Jesus.
The fruit of Christian discipleship is an intimate and glorious life with Jesus.

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Mt 11:28-30).

"All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Mt 28:18-20).

"Those who have spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work....That which is needed now for the upbuilding of our churches is the nice work of laborers to discern and develop talent in the church – talent that can be educated for the Master's use. There should be a well-organized plan for the employment of workers to go into all our churches, large and small, to instruct the members how to labor for the upbuilding of the church and also for unbelievers. It is training, education, that is needed..." (9T 116-117, 119-120).

"All this work of training should be accompanied with earnest seeking of the Lord for His Holy Spirit. Let this be urged home upon those who are willing to give themselves to the Master's service...There should be no delay in this well-planned effort to educate the church members...." (CS 58-59, 61).

My Initial Notes

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Introduction – 107. The Six Marks of Discipleship

SUMMARY: The six themes, C to H, cover the six **marks** of Biblical discipleship in three **phases**, in the order of their spiritual **progression**.

This spiritual progression is illustrated in the three sections of the earthly sanctuary, and also in Jesus' three-phase call: 1. "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden....", 2. "Learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart....", and 3. "Go for Me and make disciples...." (Mt 11:28-30; 28:18-20; Mk 3:13-15). Each of the three phases covers two of the six marks of discipleship.

Being a disciple means more than gaining head knowledge (Jn 5:39-40). It means having a close relationship with the Teacher and sharing His experiences (Jn 15:27). It means knowing Jesus personally and walking with Him (1 Jn 2:6), following the Lamb wherever He goes (Rev 14:4). Discipleship is therefore not a program or an event. It is rather a life of radical identification with the character, calling, and concerns of Jesus, in Whose fellowship all His disciples find complete freedom, joy, and purpose (Jn 8:32; 16:24; 21:22).

PHASE, Theme, Mark	Description by Jesus	Explanation of Mark
PHASE 1	Courtyard = "Come to Me" (Mt 11:28) = "Forsake all, bear the cross"	
C. Come to Life 1st Mark: Absolute loyal love	Jesus came "to seek and <u>save</u> ...[the] lost." (Lk 19:10). "If any man come after me, and hate not his father..., yea, and his own life, he cannot be my disciple...Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." (Lk 14:26, 33; Mt 10:37). "If you love me, keep my commandments." (Jn 14:15).	A disciple of Jesus converts to Him, the <u>Savior</u> . He or she has such a deep love for Him that He becomes his or her first priority. Nobody and nothing, whether family or friends, security, comfort, or possessions, can hinder him or her to faithfully and joyfully obey all His directions, from His Word and through individual guidance of His Spirit in daily life.
Convert to Jesus, the Savior		
D. Join the Movement 2nd Mark: Complete self-denial	"Why call ye me, <u>Lord</u> , Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Lk 6:46). "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself...Whosoever does not bear his cross after me, cannot be my disciple." (Lk 9:23; 14:27; Mt 10:38). "We ought to obey God rather than men." (Ac 5:29). "Who then is that faithful and wise steward...?" (Lk 12:42).	A disciple of Jesus submits to Him, the <u>Lord</u> . He or she has so entirely surrendered all self-interest to Jesus as to cherish His call to fellowship in His suffering as supreme privilege, bear reproach and persecution with humility and patience, stand up for the truths that Jesus has revealed to His people, and order his or her life according to His will.
Submit to Jesus, the Lord		
PHASE 2	Holy Place = "Learn of Me" (Mt 11:29) = "Abide in Me, love one another"	
E. Grow in Grace 3rd Mark: Perpetual abiding	"I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another <u>Comforter</u> , that He may abide with you forever...I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." (Jn 14:16, 18). "If you continue in my word, ye are my disciples indeed.... If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." (Jn 8:31; 15:7).	A disciple of Jesus lives with Him, the <u>Comforter</u> . He or she has an intimate fellowship with Him, knows His presence through His Holy Spirit, continues to grow into His likeness and in his or her understanding of His teachings and will by beholding Him in His Word and studying it prayerfully and offers prayers in Jesus' name which God will answer.
Live with Jesus, the Comforter		
F. Share the Love 4th Mark: Mutual agape love	"He is the <u>head</u> of the body, the church..." (Col 1:18). "Greater love hath no man than this, [to] lay down his life..." (Jn 15:13). "The son of man came...to minister..." (Mt 20:18). "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another: as I have loved you...By this all <i>men</i> know that ye are my disciples...." (Jn 13:14-15, 34-35; 15:12; 1 Jn 4:11).	A disciple of Jesus loves like Him, the <u>Head</u> . He or she will exercise the self-sacrificing love and servant leadership Jesus modeled, in the congregation, the wider church, and beyond. He or she is willing and eager to invest all that he or she is and has, for the benefit of the body of Christ and as evidence to others that His call to follow Him is real.
Love like Jesus, the Head		
PHASE 3	Most Holy Place = "Go for Me" (Mt 28:19-20) = "Bear fruit, overcome"	
G. Bear much Fruit 5th Mark: Fruit-bearing ministry	"I am the <u>vine</u> , ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." (Jn 15:4, 8). I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit shall remain." (v. 16; 4:36).	A disciple of Jesus draws from Him, the <u>Vine</u> . He or she knows the need to stay intimately connected with Jesus in order to be fruitful and faithful in character and service, exercising his or her gifts while manifesting the fruit of the Spirit. He or she realizes that only Jesus' own ministry through him or her brings glory to God and lasting results for humanity.
Draw from Jesus, the Vine		
H. Tell the World 6th Mark: Overcoming witness	"The disciple...[is] as his <u>master</u> ." (Mt 10:24-25; Jn 15:20). "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (Jn 16:33). "This...overcometh the world, <i>even</i> our faith." (1 Jn 5:4). "He that overcometh..." (Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21; 21:7). "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not..." (Rev 12:11).	A disciple of Jesus identifies with Him, the <u>Master</u> . He or she shares in His trials and exercises His faith by which He gained the victory over sin and suffering. The promises of Jesus to the overcomer are precious to him or her. He or she is ready to overcome evil powers through cleansing by Jesus' blood, testifying to His truth, and not fearing death.
Identify with Jesus, the Master		

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Introduction – 108. Structure of the Course

SUMMARY: The eight **themes** and six **marks** are grouped under our great **needs** of REVIVAL and REFORMATION, empowered by PRAYER.

"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work.... A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer." (1SM 212; LDE 189). "There is great necessity for a reformation among the people of God." (3T 474).

First Work: PRAYER is vital because "a revival and a reformation must take place, under the ministration of the Holy Spirit." (LDE 189)

Participants seek and see the life-changing power in the process of revival and reformation, as they keep praying for and in the Holy Spirit.

Most Urgent Need: REVIVAL refers to the process of refreshing the faith and committing to the godliness of the original apostolic church.

Great Necessity: REFORMATION is the process of implementing the lifestyle and exercising the ministry of the end-time remnant church. Revival and Reformation progress along eight themes on through the two levels of *Calling the Church* and *Growing the Church*:

The 1st Level: *Calling the Church* challenges participants to exercise the six marks of discipleship in response to the needs of our time. It proceeds by making them aware of these needs, calling for a decision, and preparing them precisely to implement the second level.

The 2nd Level: *Growing the Church* enables participants to experience the 18 steps of disciple-making, or spiritual and numerical growth. It proceeds by walking in three phases through the three sections of the sanctuary and applying the meaning of its six pieces of furniture. It advances from heart conversion (courtyard), via character development (holy place), to empowered ministry (most holy place).

FW: PRAYER	PHASE / Section	Most Urgent Need: REVIVAL – Apostolic Faith and Godliness				
<p>Throughout the process of revival and reformation, participants seek and see its divine power as they engage in intercession for each other.</p> <p>Intercession is most crucial to this process because true revival and reformation occur only in answer to earnest prayer (LDE 189).</p> <p>Intercession could happen spontaneously whenever the need is felt or as the Spirit prompts, and/or it may be planned and scheduled as an organized congregational Prayer Service.</p> <p>Intercession is vital to the spiritual growth of the members since it is the breath of the soul (OHC 127).</p>		1st Level: Calling the Church – Why God Calls Disciples = Requires the Marks				
		This	Theme	Need	Response	
	Awareness and Decision		A. Sound the Trumpet	1st – 3rd Mark of Discipleship		
			1. Awake to Our Present Time 2. Stand on the Side of Truth 3. Qualify for the Seal of God	1. win the final battle 2. guard against deception 3. be secure in Jesus	1. absolute loyal love 2. complete self-denial 3. perpetual abiding	
		Preparedness and Precision		B. Hear the Call	4th – 6th Mark of Discipleship	
			1. Join the Revival and Reformation 2. Fulfill the Divine Commission 3. Be Ready to Stand at Last	4. work with members 5. use talents effectively 6. be fully equipped	4. mutual agape love 5. fruit-bearing ministry 6. overcoming witness	
			2nd Level: Growing the Church – How We Make Disciples = Acquire the Marks			
		This	Theme	Step	Result	
	PHASE 1: Courtyard “Come to Me” = Pardon (Look back to His life & sacrifice) Message → Member (Gather / Gaining) (Reach up)		C. Come to Life	1st Mark of Discipleship: absolute loyal love		
			1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus 2. Receive Justification by Faith 3. Obey Jesus from Love	(1) believe Gospel (2) receive justification (3) love commandments	(1) grateful surrender (2) truthful conversion (3) joyful obedience	
			D. Join the Movement	2nd Mark of Discipleship: complete self-denial		
			1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity 2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs 3. Order Your Life as a Steward	(4) accept identity (5) grasp teaching (6) (re)order life	(4) purposeful membership (5) meaningful conviction (6) faithful stewardship	
			Great Necessity: REFORMATION – End-Time Lifestyle and Ministry			
	PHASE 2: Holy Place “Learn of Me” = Purity (Look up for His presence & Spirit) Member → Maturity (Grow / Training) (Reach Across)		E. Grow in Grace	3rd Mark of Discipleship: perpetual abiding		
			1. Let Jesus Form Within 2. Study the Word of God 3. Pray According to God’s Will	(7) filled with Spirit (8) study Word (9) pray in the Spirit	(7) spiritual presence (8) doctrinal purity (9) personal worship	
			F. Share the Love	4th Mark of Discipleship: mutual agape love		
			1. Exercise Christlike Love 2. Contribute to Church Meetings 3. Help with Practical Support	(10) practice love (11) value groups (12) serve needs	(10) effectual unity (11) communal worship (12) practical support	
	PHASE 3: Most Holy Place “Go for Me” = Power (Look forward to His work & return) Maturity → Ministry (Go / Retaining) (Reach out)		G. Bear much Fruit	5th Mark of Discipleship: fruit-bearing ministry		
			1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents 2. Organize and Combine All Talents 3. Utilize and Commend All Talents	(13) recognize talents (14) organize talents (15) utilize talents	(13) doubtless certainty (14) classless teamwork (15) selfless service	
			H. Tell the World	6th Mark of Discipleship: overcoming witness		
			1. Enable Latter Rain Power 2. Reflect the Character of Jesus 3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus	(16) enable power (17) reflect Jesus (18) spread Gospel	(16) boundless light (17) spotless life (18) fearless fight	

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Introduction – 109. Dynamic Circles of Love

SUMMARY: Consider and appreciate also, how the three **phases** of disciple-making each form a circle of love with a **receiving** and a **giving** side.

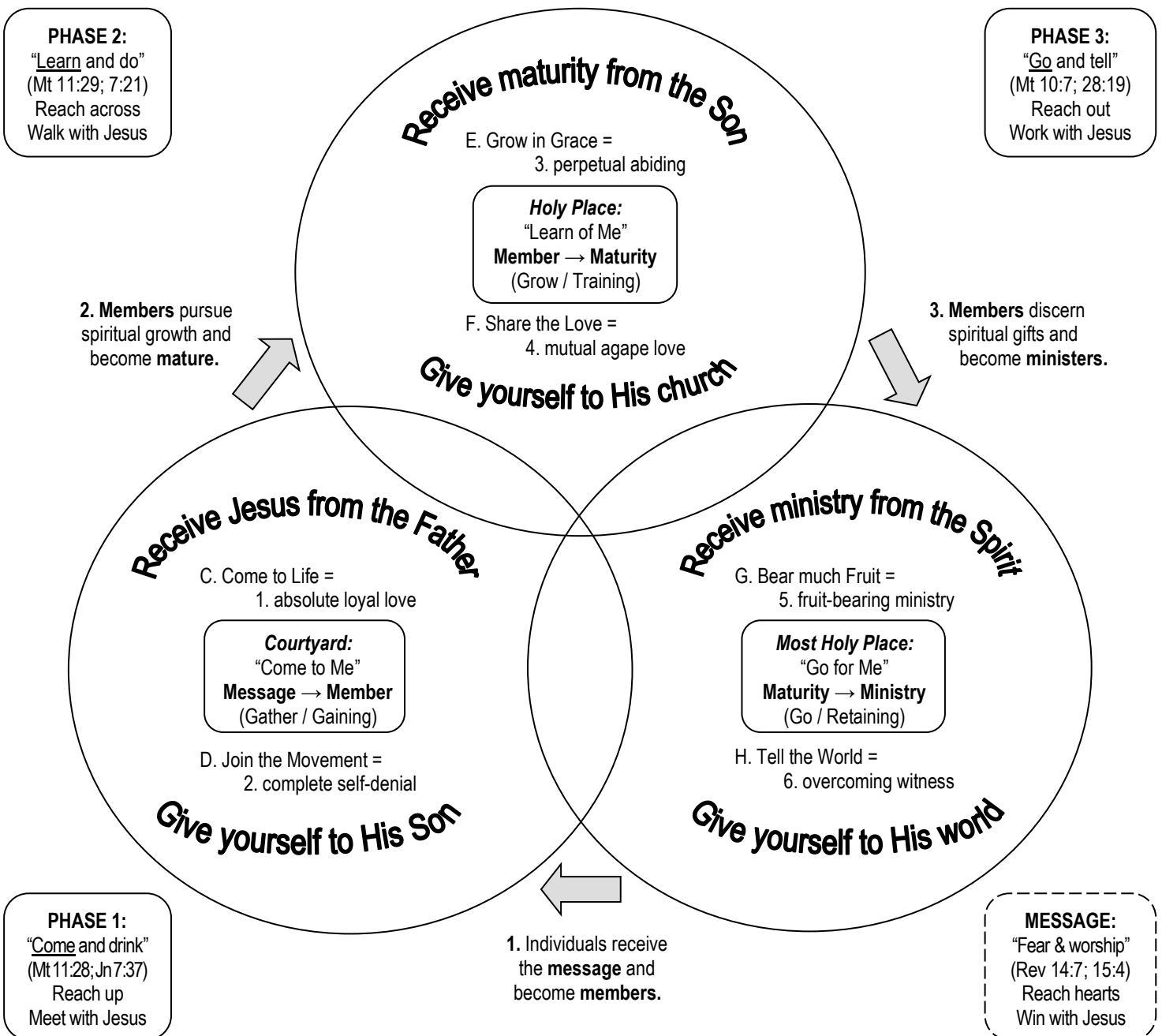
The first theme and mark of discipleship in each phase cover the receiving side of the relationship, the second theme and mark the giving side. Jesus said, "Come to Me, Learn of Me." (Mt 11:28-30); then, "Go for Me into all the world." (Mk 16:15; Mt 28:20). So the three circles of love together form the process by which Jesus builds His church (Mt 16:18): **1.** He calls her to Himself (Mt 16:24), **2.** grows her into His full stature (Eph 4:13; 5:27), and **3.** sends her to complete her number (Rom 11:25-26). Then He will return to take His beloved bride home into God's eternal glory (Jn 14:1-3).

God so [in this way] Loves the World that...

...the Father gave Jesus (Jn 3:16)

...Jesus gives His life to His church (Jn 14:19)

...They give the Holy Spirit (Jn 15:26)



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Introduction – 110. Initial Spiritual Survey

SUMMARY: As you begin training, make an initial honest **self-assessment** of your personal **spiritual** life and that of your congregation or group.

“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.” (2 Co 13:5). This survey is anonymous and will be used confidentially to obtain a profile of your church or group, how members are growing spiritually and exercise their calling, and where there is room for improvement. It will also help identify what aspects of the course need emphasizing in order to maximize its benefits to the participants. So please be frank and specific.

	Statement / Question	not → very	Comment / Explanation
1	I am sure I once accepted Jesus as my Savior and Lord.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
2	I am sure I daily accept Him. If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	I am sure I accept the SDA faith, mission, and lifestyle.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	I am sure I do daily practice it. If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	I am sure I once received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	I am sure I daily ask for it. If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	How satisfied am I with my Bible reading/study (time of day, length, reading plan, learning, etc.)? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	How satisfied am I with my devotional/prayer life (time of day, length, answered prayer, etc.)? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	How satisfied am I with my relationships within the church, (mentor, friends, home visits, etc.)? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	How much do I think my church furthers my spiritual life, growth, and/or ministry? If so, how? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15	How much do I think my church hinders my spiritual life, growth, and/or ministry? If so, how and why?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17	How much do I participate in Sabbath School?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
18	How much do I appreciate it? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
19	How much do I participate in corporate worship?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20	How much do I appreciate it? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
21	How much do I participate in prayer meeting?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
22	How much do I appreciate it? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
23	How much do I participate in small groups?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24	How much do I appreciate it? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
25	How much do I participate in church outreach?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
26	How much do I appreciate it? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
27	Do I believe I have spiritual gifts and/or talents?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
28	If so, what do I think they are? If not, why not?		
29	Am I using them in my personal and/or professional life?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
30	If so, how satisfied am I? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
31	Am I using them within the church and/or for outreach?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
32	If so, how satisfied am I? If not, why not?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
33	How well do I function in my current ministry/position?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
34	If not, why not (workload, no appreciation, etc.)?		
35	Would I rather serve in a different ministry/position?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
36	Which one? Does it exist or would it need to be created?		
37	How well do I work with the local church leadership?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
38	If not, why not (personalities, style, effectiveness, etc.)?		
39	What other, new or revived, aspects of church life would I like to see (spiritual, practical, training, ministry, etc.)?		
40	How do I envision helping in their development?		
42	Any other comments, concerns, recommendations, suggestions, ideas, plans, requests, etc., that have not been addressed above.		

Get Ready! Guide

Steps to Victory and Ministry for Last Day Disciples

*Discover and do YOUR part
in spreading the Last Rays of Light*

I. Our “First Work:”

INTERCESSION

The Power of Revival and Reformation

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Intercessory Prayer – 001. Overview

SUMMARY: This section covers the three recommended **steps** in prayer by which you seek and see the divine **power** in revival and reformation.

Services

101. Prayer School

- Teaching on Prayer
- Training in Prayer

102. Prayer Service

- Principles of Service
- Outline of Service

103. Prayer Ministry

- Planning the Ministry
- Starting the Ministry

Purpose

To help participants

understand and experience the three steps in prayer as the reason for the power of revival and reformation:

1. **Appreciate** the role and science of intercession in God's plan, and get trained in prayer ministry.
2. **Identify** the principles behind the outline of and progress within the prayer service.
3. **Plan** and establish a permanent local intercessory prayer ministry to sustain revival and reformation.

Revival and reformation are initiated and accomplished by the Holy Spirit, but God can only "give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him." (Lk 11:13). The question then is, "Since this is the means by which we are to receive power, why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit? Why do we not talk of it, pray for it, and preach concerning it?" (AA 50).

The prayer school will help answer this question, and make it desirable for the participants to experience prayer services in the church and to establish a permanent prayer ministry. This will allow revival and reformation to become the way of life for the church, and the means by which both the spiritual and numerical growth of membership is sustained.

Specifically, as members ask for and receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the former and the latter rain, they discover and begin to exercise their spiritual gifts and other talents as an effective team. By this process, the church body fulfills its mission to spread the gospel of Jesus and vindicate God's true character by reflecting Him in words and actions.

Ongoing prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the church, and intercession for the sanctification and empowerment of her members are therefore the indispensable prerequisite for fruitful ministry. An effective way to achieve this goal is to make use of periodic prayer services of group intercession led by a trained permanent prayer ministry team.

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Intercessory Prayer – 1. Prayer School – 101. Seminar and Training

SUMMARY: The prayer school is the **first** step by which you **seek** and through which you see the divine **power** in true revival and reformation.

“And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.” (Lk 18:1). This means, “We must be much more with God in earnest prayer. We must make God our only trust. The Lord is our God, the strength of our soul. We must take hold upon the Lord. The Lord is pleased when we importune Him for His grace and His favor, not only for ourselves but for those who are in need of help. Oh let us put implicit confidence in our Lord Jesus. Now pray, and believe, and pray, and the Lord will certainly hear us.” (6MR 379).

This Prayer School is to serve believers who seek to deepen their individual and/or corporate prayer life, and/or start a local intercessory prayer ministry. The weekend event includes **1.** a seminar on Friday/Sabbath with presentations and study on the necessity and the science of intercession, and **2.** two training sessions on Sunday morning and afternoon. The Prayer School is a necessary preparation for, but may not always lead to the immediate establishment, of a local prayer ministry. This permanent ministry may be established at a later date.

Some of the seminar material is also available under theme E. Grow in Grace (see pages 310-312), but it is here studied in greater detail and together with additional resources. The training sessions are for those who desire to establish a prayer ministry.

Outline of Prayer School		
1	1. Seminar (for all interested members)	
2	Friday evening	Intercession in the Plan of Salvation
3		• Participation in Jesus' high priestly ministry
4		• Participation in the reformatory movement
5	Sabbath morning	Worship
6		• “Lord, Have Mercy!”
7		- Why God seeks intercessors -
8	Sabbath afternoon / evening	How Intercession Works
9		• Four basic Scriptures
10		• The science of prayer
11	2. Training (for members of the prayer team)	
12	Sunday morning	Intercessory Prayer Ministry 1
13		• Two kinds of requests
14		• Two touches of faith
15		• Attitudes required
16		• Spiritual gifts involved
17	Sunday afternoon / evening	Intercessory Prayer Ministry 2
18		• Experiencing group intercession
19		• Journaling prayers and answers
20		• Preparing for a prayer service
21		• Establishing a local prayer ministry

My Notes

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Intercessory Prayer – 1. Prayer School – 102. Basic Scriptures

SUMMARY: You consider the **four** texts covering the **basics** of prayer: our inability to pray right, our repentance, our commitment, our confidence.

- God's people do not pray as much and as fervently as He desires and needs them to pray, because many of them are not sufficiently aware,
1. that the priesthood of all believers implies that they participate in Jesus' priestly ministry of intercession (Isa 53:12; 61:6; Joel 2:17; Jn 17);
 2. that intercession plays a crucial role in the great controversy, that is, that God is waiting for the intercessions of His people, so He has just grounds to prefer the exercise of His mercy on sinners over His right to execute justice (Eze 22:30-31; Joel 2:17; Lk 23:34; Ac 7:60);
 3. how intense God's desire is to answer prayers so He can bestow His love and grace upon them (Joel 2:18-32; Mt 7:7-8; 21:22; Jn 16:23-24);
 4. how prayer actually works, that is, why we need help and where its effectual power is found (Rom 8:26-27; Ps 37:3-5; 1 Jn 5:14-15).

"Our heavenly Father waits to bestow upon us the fullness of His blessing. It is our privilege to drink largely at the fountain of boundless love. What a wonder it is that we pray so little! God is ready and willing to hear the sincere prayer of the humblest of His children, and yet there is much manifest reluctance on our part to make known our wants to God. What can the angels of heaven think of poor helpless human beings, who are subject to temptation, when God's heart of infinite love yearns toward them, ready to give them more than they can ask or think, and yet they pray so little and have so little faith?...Why should the sons and daughters of God be reluctant to pray, when prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence?" (SC 94-95). What hinders us to ask in faith? (Mt 21:22).

"When Jesus was upon the earth, He taught His disciples how to pray. He directed them to present their daily needs before God, and to cast all their care upon Him. And the assurance He gave them that their petitions should be heard, is assurance also to us. Jesus Himself, while He dwelt among men, was often in prayer. Our Saviour identified Himself with our needs and weakness, in that He became a suppliant, a petitioner, seeking from His Father fresh supplies of strength, that He might come forth braced for duty and trial. He is our example in all things." (SC 93).

The desired result from this study is an increase in effectual intercession among God's people. Are we availing ourselves of it?

Scriptures	Four Basic Scriptures		I experience it hardly → daily	
	What We Do	What God Does	I Do	God Does
1. Rom 8:26-27 Our weakness God's Enabling	- have a weakness (v. 26): we do not know <i>how</i> to pray or <i>what</i> to pray as we should ----- - want to pray - pray as the Spirit inspires - allow the Spirit to pray through us	- the Spirit helps our weakness: - intercedes for us (v. 26-27); so does Jesus (v. 34) - prompts us to pray - teaches us what to say - speaks through us	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Joel 2:12-32 Our repentance God's restoration all the way to the time of the end	- turn to the Lord with all our heart, with fasting, weeping and mourning, that is, repent genuinely (v. 12) - rend our heart (grieve deeply) (v. 13) - gather and sanctify the people (v. 16) - intercede for them as priests (v. 17) ----- - are glad and rejoice (v. 23) - are satisfied and praise the Lord (v. 26) - have visions and prophecy (v. 28) - call on His name as remnant (v. 32)	- is jealous and pities us (v. 18) - answers our priestly prayer (v. 19) - drives away the enemy (v. 20) - restores our land to abundance and nourishes us with plenty (vv. 19-26) - sends the former and latter rain (v. 23) - makes up for the lost years (v. 25) - pours the Holy Spirit on all (vv. 28-29) - shows wonders in the heavens and on the earth (vv. 30-31) - calls and delivers the remnant (v. 32)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Ps 37:3-5 Our commitment God's provisions	- trust in the Lord and do good (v. 3) - delight in the Lord (v. 4) - commit our way to Him (v. 5) ----- - receive desires - pray according to desires - receive what we desire in prayer	- lets us dwell and be fed in the land - gives us desires and what we desire - brings our petitions to pass About delight: Isa 58:13-14 Illustration on desire: Gen 2:18-23 Note: <u>God</u> initiates the process	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4. 1 Jn 5:14-15 Our confidence God's assurance	- ask according to His will (v. 14) - know that He hears us (v. 15) ----- - have confidence in Him (v. 14) - know that petitions are granted (v. 15)	- hears us - gives us what we desire	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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Intercessory Prayer – 1. Prayer School – 103. Our Participation

SUMMARY: You recognize that **disciples** are called to be a royal **priesthood** (Ex 19:6; 1 Pe 2:9), as they are **participating** in Jesus' priestly ministry.

God's gracious and glorious plan of salvation provides opportunities for His remnant people to participate in the priestly work of offering sacrifices and making intercession: **1.** Since apostolic days, as the body of Christ, we participate in Jesus' priestly ministry. **2.** During the last days, the members of the body of Christ who join the great reformatory movement partake of its spirit of intercession.

Aspects of Jesus' Calling										
1 2	1. Preaching, Teaching and Healing		2. Suffering and Glory		3. Prophet and Friend		4. Priest and High Priest		5. King of Heaven and Earth	
3	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples
4	Mt 4:23	Mt 10:1,7-8	Isa 53	Ac 5:41	Mt 13:57	Ac 11:27	Eph 5:2	Ex 19:6	Mt 2:2	Ex 19:6
5	Mt 9:35	Mt 28:20	Php 2:8-11	1 Pe 1:6-7	Lk 13:33	1 Co 12:28	7BC 733	1 Pe 2:9	Jn 12:12-15	1 Pe 2:9
6	Mk 1:33-39	Mk 3:13-15	Heb 2:9-11	4:12-13	Lk 24:19	1 Co 14:	1 Ti 6:15	Rev 1:6	Jn 18:37	Rev 1:6
7	Lk 4:18	Lk 9:1-2, 6	Isa 53:3-6	Rom 8:18	Ac 3:22	29-31	Rev 17:14	Rev 5:10	1 Ti 6:15	Rev 5:10
8		Ac 5:42	Mt 27:46	2 Co 4:17	Ac 7:37		Rev 19:16	Rev 20:6	Rev 15:3	Rev 20:6
9		Ac 28-31		Jas 1:2-4	Jn 14:1-3		Rev 15:3		Rev 17:14	
10		Rev 10:11		DA 624	Jn 15:15				Rev 19:6	

Details:

Aspects of Jesus' Priesthood				
11	1. Offer Sacrifices		2. Make Intercession	
12	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples
13	Lev 1:5-8;	Ps 107:22;	Isa 53:12; Jn 17;	Eph 6:18; Jas 5:14-18;
14	Heb 5:1; 7:27; 9:14, 26	Heb 13:15; 1 Pe 2:5; Rom 12:1	Lk 22:32; 23:34; Rom 8:34	Mt 5:44; Ac 7:60; 1 Ti 2:1-2
15	1. Offer Sacrifices			
16	As priest and high priest, He offered Himself on earth, and now He offers His blood in heaven (Lev 1:5-8; Heb 5:1; 7:27; 9:14, 26).			
17	We offer spiritual sacrifices: thanksgiving and praise (1 Pe 2:5; Ps 107:22; Heb 13:15), and ourselves as living sacrifices (Rom 12:1).			
18	2. Make Intercession			
19	He makes intercession for sinners (Isa 53:12; Jn 17; Lk 22:32; 23:34; Rom 8:34) and for all who obey Him (Jn 14:15-16; 17:9, 20).			
20	We intercede for one another (Eph 6:18), for the sick (Jas 5:14-16), for enemies (Mt 5:44; Ac 7:60), and for all men (1 Ti 2:1-2).			

The Ministry and Spirit of Intercession		I desire it hardly → greatly
21	1. Since Apostolic Days	
22	In the Old Testament, the priests were taken from the tribe of Levi (Nu 3:6; Dt 18:1; 21:5). The New Testament declares	
23	the priesthood of all believers in Jesus (1 Pe 2:9; Rev 1:6). Jesus wants us to participate in His priestly ministry as a royal	
24	priesthood. Sacrifices are no longer dead animals but spiritual and living sacrifices, and prayers are made in Jesus' name.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	2. In the Last Days	
26	"The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place. When this reformation begins, the spirit of prayer will	
27	actuate every believer and will banish from the church the spirit of discord and strife. Those who have not been living in	
28	Christian fellowship will draw close to one another. One member working in right lines will lead other members to unite with	
29	him in making intercession for the revelation of the Holy Spirit. There will be no confusion, because all will be in harmony	
30	with the mind of the Spirit. The barriers separating believer from believer will be broken down, and God's servants will	
31	speak the same things. The Lord will co-operate with His servants. All will pray understandingly the prayer that Christ taught	
32	His servants: 'Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.' Mt 6:10. (8T 251)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
33	"In visions of the night, representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people.	
34	Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even	
35	as was manifested before the great Day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening	
36	before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was	
37	manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the	
38	heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God. I heard voices of thanksgiving	
39	and praise, and there seemed to be a reformation such as we witnessed in 1844." (9T 126)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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Intercessory Prayer – 1. Prayer School – 104. On Romans 8:26-27

SUMMARY: You recognize that since we **cannot** pray as we should, the **help** of the Holy Spirit to **guide** our prayers is both essential and available.

This Scripture reveals one of the fundamental weaknesses of sinful humanity: we don't know how or what to pray. "Because of the dimness of our human vision, we do not know whether the blessing we request will be the best for us. Only God knows the end from the beginning." (6BC 573).

	Source	The Text and Comments on Rom 8:26-27 Comments by Ellen G. White	I understand hardly → clearly
1 2	1. KJV	"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3 4	2. NASB	"In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5 6 7 8 9	3. COL 147	"We must not only pray in Christ's name, but by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This explains what is meant when it is said that the Spirit "maketh intercession for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered." Rom. 8:26. Such prayer God delights to answer. When with earnestness and intensity we breathe a prayer in the name of Christ, there is in that very intensity a pledge from God that He is about to answer our prayer 'exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.' Eph. 3:20."	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10 11 12 13	4. MS 50	"Christ, our Mediator, and the Holy Spirit are constantly interceding in man's behalf, but the Spirit pleads not for us as does Christ who presents His blood, shed from the foundation of the world; the Spirit works upon our hearts, drawing out prayer and penitence, praise and thanksgiving. The gratitude which flows from our lips is the result of the Spirit striking the cords of the soul in holy memories, awakening the music of the heart."	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	5. MH 229- 230	"In prayer for the sick it should be remembered that 'we know not what we should pray for as we ought.' Romans 8:26. We do not know whether the blessing we desire will be best or not. Therefore our prayers should include this thought: 'Lord, thou knowest every secret of the soul. Thou art acquainted with these persons. Jesus, their Advocate, gave His life for them. His love for them is greater than ours can possibly be. If, therefore, it is for Thy glory and the good of the afflicted ones, we ask, in the name of Jesus, that they may be restored to health. If it be not Thy will that they may be restored, we ask that Thy grace may comfort and Thy presence sustain them in their sufferings.'"	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21 22 23 24 25 26 27	6. 2MR 36	"The Holy Spirit indites [composes, expresses, prompts] all genuine prayer. I have learned to know that in all my intercessions, the Spirit intercedes for me and for all saints whose intercessions are according to the will of God, never contrary to His will. "The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities" [Romans 8:26], and the Spirit being God, knoweth the mind of God [Romans 8:27]; therefore in every prayer of ours for the sick, or for other needs, the will of God is to be regarded. "For what man knoweth the things of man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God" [1 Corinthians 2:11]. If we are taught of God, we shall pray in conformity to His revealed will and in submission to His will which we know not."	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28 29	7. DA 189	"By the Spirit every sincere prayer is indited, and such prayer is acceptable to God. Wherever a soul reaches out to go, there the Spirit's working is manifest, and God will reveal Himself to that soul."	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30 31 32 33 34	8. 8MR 195	"The Spirit of God has much to do with acceptable prayer. He softens the heart; He enlightens the mind, enabling it to discern its own wants; He quickens our desires, causing us to hunger and thirst after righteousness; He intercedes in behalf of the sincere suppliant. 'The Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered....' (Romans 8:26.)"	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
35 36	9. 6BC 573	"It is the work of the Holy Spirit to move us to pray, to teach us what to say, and even to speak through us (see Matt 10:19, 20; Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6; COL 147)."	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
37 38 39 40 41 42 43	10. GCB 07-01- 1902	"His Spirit 'maketh intercession for us with groanings, which cannot be uttered.' Romans 8:26. As the 'whole creation groaneth and travaileth together in pain' (Romans 8:26, 22), the heart of the infinite Father is pained in sympathy. Our world is a vast lazaret-house, a scene of misery that no pen can picture, misery that we dare not allow even our thoughts to dwell upon. Did we realize it as it is, the burden would be too terrible. Yet God feels it all. In order to destroy sin and its results He gave His best Beloved, and He has put it in our power, by co-operation with Him, to bring this scene of misery to an end. 'This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.' Matthew 24:14."	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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Intercessory Prayer – 1. Prayer School – 105. On Psalm 37:4

SUMMARY: Here you find the **key** to understanding the **process** of effectual prayer, which is **illustrated** by Adam's experience in Genesis 1:18-23.

Psalm 37:4 says, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." This helps us understand how effectual or answered prayer works. If "we choose and love what God loves, we shall enjoy the desires (literally 'petitions') of our hearts." (3BC 722).

"All true obedience comes from the heart. It was heart work with Christ. And if we consent, He will so identify Himself with our thoughts and aims, so blend our hearts and minds into conformity to His will, that when obeying Him we shall be but carrying out our own impulses. The will, refined and sanctified, will find its highest delight in doing His service....[in] a life of continual obedience....[S]in will become hateful to us." (DA 668).

In other words, God will first share His will with us as desires; then, He will give us what we desire as we bring it to Him as a petition. In this way, God sees to it that our petitions match up with His actual plans for us, and so He is willing to answer these prayers; they are effectual.

The first Biblical illustration of this divine method is the process of Adam missing, desiring, and finally receiving a fitting partner, Ge 2:18-23. Through the influence of His Holy Spirit, God also uses this process to put His desires for other people into the hearts of intercessors, who, as a result, will then intercede for them according to His will, that is, in Jesus' name, and He will answer these prayers as well (Jn 14:13-14; 15:16; 16:23).

Will God's people become excited and diligent about praying in this way, the only way to be effectual in intercession?

“He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”				
1	1. Illustration: Ge 1:18-23		I see it	
2	The Text	The Process	hardly → clearly	
3	18 And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man	God <u>declares</u> His will to give Adam a fitting partner.	□ □ □ □ □	
4	should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him.	Of course, He had this <u>planned</u> from the beginning.		
5	19 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every	God then <u>puts</u> His will into Adam as a desire.	□ □ □ □ □	
6	beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and he	He <u>clarifies</u> and <u>intensifies</u> the desire in him by		
7	brought them unto Adam to see what he would call	a) letting the animals come before him in pairs;	□ □ □ □ □	
8	them: and whatsoever Adam called every living	b) letting Adam reflect, while he selects their names,		
9	creature, that was the name thereof.	on the fact that none of them could be his partner;	□ □ □ □ □	
10	20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of	c) letting Adam realize that he cannot satisfy his		
11	the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam	desire himself, but needs God to do it.	□ □ □ □ □	
12	there was not found an help meet for him.			
13	21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon	Adam’s desire is <u>now</u> clear to him and intense.	□ □ □ □ □	
14	Adam, and he slept: and he took one of the ribs, and	As always, he <u>prayed</u> to His Creator about it.		
15	closed up the flesh instead thereof;	He is ready to <u>receive</u> from God what he desires.	□ □ □ □ □	
16	22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man,	Now God <u>proceeds</u> to answer Adam’s prayer.		
17	made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.		□ □ □ □ □	
18	23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and	Adam <u>rejoices</u> that the woman satisfies his desire		
19	flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because	for a fitting partner	□ □ □ □ □	
20	she was taken out of Man.	– just as God had intended.		
21	2. Summary			
22	Telling God our heart’s desires is not the first step that calls for God’s response, as many think. Rather, God initiates the process by putting His will into our hearts as desires. He makes us want what He has, without violating our freedom to choose or refuse it. As we decide to bring our desires to God in prayer, we respond to His initiative and allow Him to give us what He longed for us to receive in the first place. In this way, God is able and justified to accomplish His will for us and in us, not by compulsion, but by His gracious answer to our request. In turn, we recognize our dependence on Him and His loving care, are thankful for both, and freely commit ourselves to His will and ways in love. We “delight in the Lord.”		□ □ □ □ □	
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27	2. Summary			
28	3. Conclusion			
29	“Have you a sense of want in your soul? Do you hunger and thirst after righteousness? Then this is an evidence that Christ has wrought upon your heart, and created this sense of need in your soul, in order that He may be sought unto to do for you, through the endowment of the Holy Spirit, those things which it is impossible for you to do for yourself.” (ST 11-07-1892).		□ □ □ □ □	
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31				
32	4. Application			
33	We also express God’s desires in our hearts for other people in intercession. Such prayer justifies Him to pursue His will for them in their lives as well. God cannot be said to be arbitrary in so doing, since we have asked for His will to be done on their behalf through the prompting of His Holy Spirit, and Jesus makes our prayers acceptable (Joel 2:17; Eze 22:30).		□ □ □ □ □	
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Intercessory Prayer – 1. Prayer School – 106. The Power of Prayer

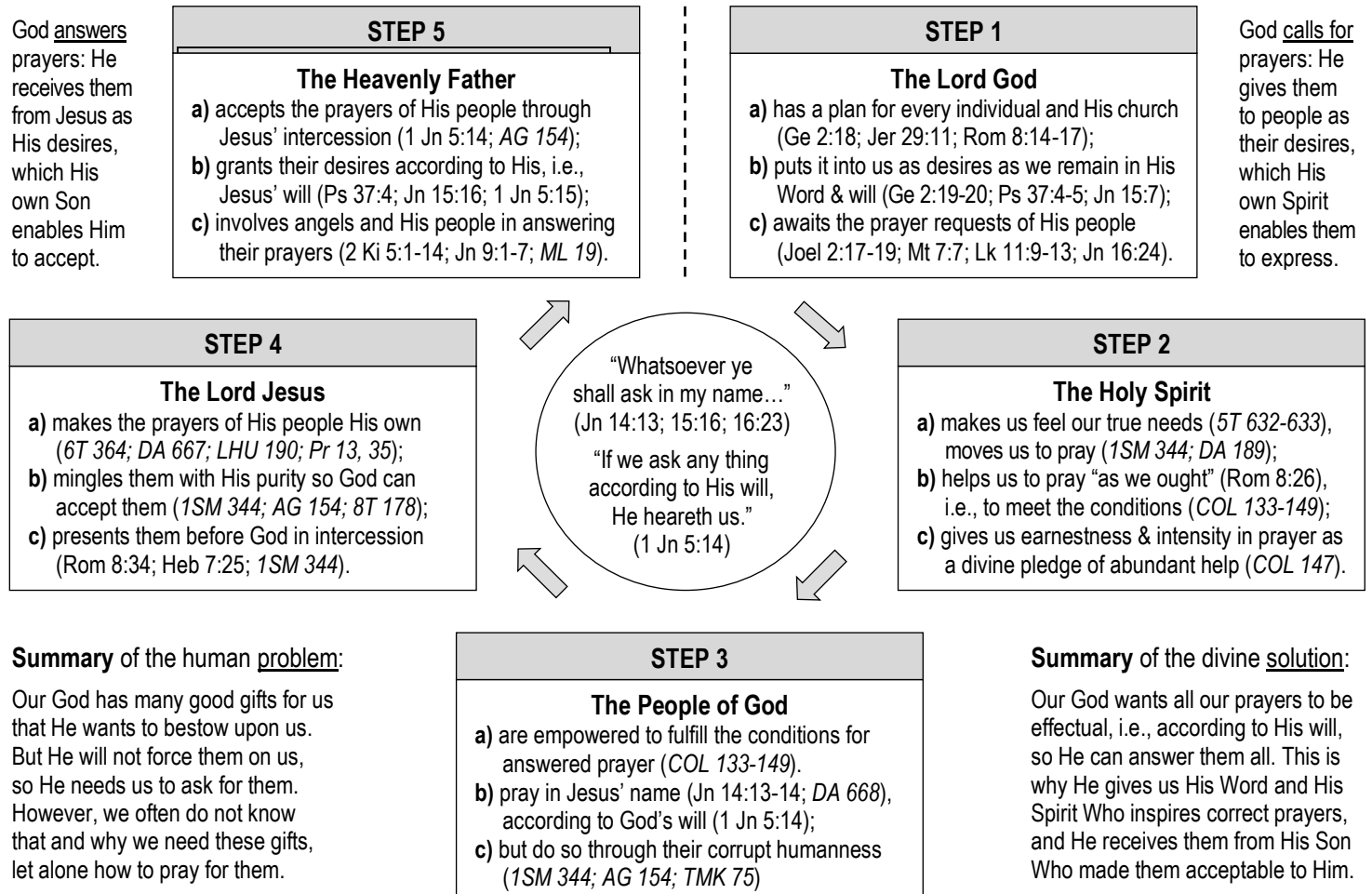
SUMMARY: You see that the **power** or success of prayer is secured only, when all **three** divine persons are involved in the **process** of prayer.

"The glory that rested upon Christ [after His baptism] is a pledge of the love of God for us. It tells us of the power of prayer, -- how the human voice may reach the ear of God, and our petitions find acceptance in the courts of heaven." (DA 113). "It is a wonderful thing that we can pray effectually, that unworthy, erring mortals possess the power of offering their requests to God. What higher power can man desire than this, -- to be linked with the infinite God? Feeble, sinful man has the privilege of speaking to his Maker. We may utter words that reach the throne of the Monarch of the universe. We may speak with Jesus as we walk by the way, and He says, I am at thy right hand." (MYP 250). Wow!!

The Lord has always been calling, encouraging, and even waiting for people to speak with Him (Ge 3:9; 4:9-10; 1 Ki 19:9; Eze 22:30; Joel 2:17-19; Mt 7:7; Jn 14:13; 15:7,16; 16:23-24; Heb 4:16; Jas 5:15; DA 667). However, we realize that even as believers we do not know how or what to pray according to His will, and that for our prayers to be effectual, we totally depend on the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:26; 1SM 344). As we remain in God's Word and will (Ge 2:19-20; Jn 15:7) and walk in His Spirit (Rom 8:1,14), He impresses us about our true needs (Jn 16:8-11; 5T 632-633) and how to pray (Rom 8:26), and enables us to fulfill the various conditions for effectual prayer (COL 133-149).

Therefore, the key to the power of prayer lies in the believers' full reliance on God's Spirit. He always inspires us according to God's will since He knows it (Rom 8:27; 1 Co 2:10). And because He is also the Spirit of Christ (Rom 8:9), the prayers He inspires us to offer are in Jesus' name (Jn 14:13; 15:16; 16:23). The secret of their power or success is, that Jesus will now make such prayers His own and purify them so they become acceptable to God (AG 154; DA 667-668; 8T 178). As Jesus' followers pray in His name, relying on the Holy Spirit, they may have confidence that "God will hear the earnest entreaties of His people. The prayer of faith will move the arm of God." (ST 09-04-1879; Jn 16:23).

Are God's remnant people ready and eager to engage in such powerful, effectual, Spirit-led intercession for each other and others (1 Ti 2:1)? Are they willing and committed to be involved, together with holy angels, in God's answer to their prayers in Jesus' name (ML 19; AG 154)? In short, do we long and are we receptive for the spirit of intercession within our great reformatory movement (8T 251; 9T 126)?



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Intercessory Prayer – 1. Prayer School – 107. Conditions to Answers

SUMMARY: You also realize that prayers can be **effective** only to the **degree**, to which you fulfill the divine **conditions** and claim the **promises**.

Just as our Heavenly Father always heard the prayers of His own Son (Jn 11:41-42; Heb 5:7), so is He wants to answer all our prayers (Mt 21:22; Jn 14:13; 15:16; 16:23; 1 Jn 5:14). He wants us to trust that He will do so (1 Jn 5:15), if we pray in such a way that He can. These conditions (DA 126) are not arbitrary burdens, but rather promises we claim by faith (Eze 36:26-27; COL 333; Ed 126; MB 76). They are not given to persuade God to act, but so we and others become receptive for what He already has in store (Isa 65:24; Mt 6:7-8; 7:7-11).

Once we pray according to God's will, we can expect surprises and miracles. He delights to do much more than we can ask or imagine (Eph 3:20). Our God promises and loves to answer each and all our petitions and intercessions, whenever we...

	Provisions and Promises The “Divine Science in Prayer” (COL 152)	Scriptures OT and NT	I do this hardly → daily	Personal Notes and Comments
1	Before We Pray			
2	...in contrition repent of and renounce all evil, and seek reconciliation (SC 95; COL 143-144, 148).	2 Ch 7:14; Ps 34:14-18; Joel 2:12-19; Mt 5:22-24	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3				
4	...forgive those who wronged us (SC 97), in order to pray without wrath and doubting [quarreling].	Mt 5:43-45; 6:12-15; Mk 11:25; 1 Ti 2:8	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5				
6	...walk in (Christ’s) righteousness without any iniquity in our hearts or actions (SC 95).	Ps 66:18; Pr 15:8; Isa 1:15; 59:2; 1 Pe 3:7	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7				
8	...fear the Lord and put our trust in Him, delight in Him and commit our ways to Him.	Ps 34:6-9; 37:3-5; 145:19; Mal 3:16-17	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9				
10	...keep or obey all of God’s commandments, please Him out of love for Jesus (COL 143-145).	Ps 34:15; 145:18; Jn 9:31; 1 Jn 3:22	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11				
12	...abide in Christ and His word in us (COL 144), so we bring fruit [character & works] that remains.	Jn 15:4-7, 16; Gal 5:22-23	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13				
14	...fulfill any additional condition(s) given in the context of the respective promise. Examples:	Isa 26:3; Mt 6:33; Php 4:4-7; 1 Jn 1:9	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15				
16	As We Pray			
17	...ask anything according to God’s will or word, with the Spirit’s help (COL 145-148; Ed 257-258).	1 Jn 5:14-15; Rom 8:26-27	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
18				
19	...pray in the name of Jesus, in His character and spirit, doing His works (SC 100-105; DA 668).	Jn 14:13-14; 15:7, 16; 16:23-24	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20				
21	...call upon God with our whole heart and soul, an earnest heart (ML 19; 1SM 121; COL 145).	Dt 4:29-31; Jer 29:12-14	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
22				
23	...call upon Him to find help in times of felt need, with longing and boldness (SC 95).	Ex 22:23, 27; Isa 44:3; Heb 4:16; Jas 1:5	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24				
25	...ask the Lord for what we need (SC 95; GC 525) [not just state it] as of a friend (ML 19).	1 Ki 3:5; Mt 7:7-11; Eph 3:20; Jas 1:5; 4:2	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
26				
27	...pray with unselfish motives, ready to give (COL 142), and fervently in [Christ’s] righteousness.	Lk 18:9-14; Jas 4:3-6; 5:16	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
28				
29	...believe that we shall have what we asked for (SC 96). This is not presumption (SC 97). ¹⁾	Mt 8:13; 21:22; Mk 11:24; Jas 1:6-7; Heb 11:6	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
30				
31	...thank and praise God that we have received [before we see it] (SC 51, 97; Ed 258; DA 200).	Php 4:6; Col 4:2; Eph 5:19-20	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
32				
33	...persevere/persist in prayer (COL 145-146, 149) diligently, letting nothing hinder us (SC 97-98).	Lk 11:5-9; 18:1; Rom 12:12; Eph 6:18; 1 Th 5:17	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
34				
35	After We Prayed			
36	...do our part in answering our own prayers before we expect God to do His part (ML 19).	2 Ki 5:1-14; Lk 17:12-14; Jn 9:1-7	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
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¹⁾ To guard against presumption, we first fulfill all conditions to answered prayer; second, we trust God to answer as He sees fit: "It is not faith that claims the favor of heaven without complying with the conditions on which mercy is to be granted." (DA 126). "To claim that prayer will always be answered in the very way and for the particular thing that we desire, is presumption." (SC 97).

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Intercessory Prayer – 2. Prayer Service – 201. Principles and Outline

SUMMARY: The prayer service is the **second** step by which you **seek** and through which you **see** the divine **power** in true revival and reformation.

Prayer is the key to a true, heartfelt revival and reformation. Perhaps, "We are not willing enough to trouble the Lord with our petitions, and to ask Him for the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Lord wants us to trouble Him in this matter. He wants us to press our petitions to His throne." (*LDE 188-189*). He well knows that a "revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs....But it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance, and earnest prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us His blessing. A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer." (*1SM 121; LDE 189*). This service is based on three Biblical principles on prayer.

1. "We are exhorted to be 'instant in prayer.' [Rom 12:12], 'to pray without ceasing.' [1 Th 5:17]. We are to keep a spirit of intercession, and present all our wants to God....You can never weary the Lord by your importuning." (*ST 05-28-1896*). "Through divine agency, we have the spirit of intercession, whereby we may plead with God, as a man pleadeth with his friend." (*ST 10-03-1892*).

2. The Lord promises that "if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." (Mt 18:19). God's people pray, not just in, but as a group in one accord (Ac 1:14; 12:5). "Companies should be gathered together to ask for specific help, for heavenly wisdom, that they may know how to plan and execute wisely." (*8T 22*).

3. The Lord promises total cleansing from unrighteousness and freedom from burdens (1 Jn 1:9; Mt 11:28). So room is created, not for greater evil (Mt 12:43-45), but for divine gifts (Jas 1:17). "It is not enough to make the heart empty; we must have the vacuum filled with the love of God. The soul must be furnished with the graces of the Spirit of God....We must unite with Christ." (*RH 01-24-1893*).

These three principles are the foundation for the outline and progress of the prayer service. "No sooner does the child of God approach the mercy seat than he becomes the client of the great Advocate. At his first utterance of penitence and appeal for pardon Christ espouses his case and makes it His own, presenting the supplication before the Father as His own request." (*6T 364*). In this service, requests leading to an emptying of self are taken to God first, then those for being filled with the fruit of the Spirit, spiritual gifts, and other divine graces.

Outline of Prayer Service		
1	1. Preparation (in separate room / earlier)	
2	Meeting	Moderator and prayer team share about
3		• their faith in specific relevant Scriptures (see page 110)
4		• their commitment to certain attitudes (see page 111)
5		• their readiness to minister
6	Dedication	Moderator
7		• prays for consecration of prayer team
8	2. Prayer Service (in meeting room / sanctuary)	
9	Opening	Moderator offers prayers
10		• of thanksgiving for this ministry opportunity
11		• for the presence of the Holy Spirit
12		• for divine guidance during the prayers
13		• for protection from any evil interference
14	Invitation	Moderator invites
15		• recipient of intercession
16		• other prayer partners upon request of recipient
17	Intercession 1	Moderator
18		• inquires about faith of the recipient
19		• asks what hurts and/or burdens may <i>hinder</i> spiritual growth
20		• offers first prayer, then team members as inspired
21	Intercession 2	Moderator
22		• inquires about faith of the recipient
23		• asks what divine gifts or fruits are desired to <i>further</i> spiritual growth
24		• offers first prayer, then team members as inspired
25	Thanksgiving	Moderator offers
26		• prayer of thanksgiving
27		• invitation to recipient(s) to give testimony
28	Conclusion	Moderator
29		• encourages praise and thanksgiving, in speech and/or songs

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Intercessory Prayer – 2. Prayer Service – 202. Requests, Faith and Touch

SUMMARY: You see that prayers are made for two types of **requests**, are based on **faith** in two parties, and allow for appropriate physical **touch**.

Requests and Faith		I see it hardly → clearly
1	1. Two Types of Requests	
2	The outline of the prayer service (p. 109) reflects the fact that prayer ministry deals with two types of requests:	
3	<u>One</u> type concerns the freedom from anything that <u>hinders</u> , or is perceived to hinder (2 Co 12:7-11), the spiritual growth	
4	or effective ministry of a participant, such as conscious sins, fear of unconscious sin, wrong habits, any hurts and burdens,	
5	etc. (see pp. 357, 359, 360).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	The <u>second</u> type of requests concerns anything that <u>further</u> s spiritual growth but is lacking, or perceived to be lacking,	
7	and therefore generates a sense of need and a desire for it, such as faith, character traits of Jesus, the fruit of the Spirit,	
8	any gift of the Spirit, assurance of salvation, certainty about the plan of salvation or related to any other article of faith, etc.	
9	(see pp. 352, 358, 253-267).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	Since one must first be free from what may hinder, before being filled with divine gifts, it is essential that participants who	
11	request prayers, as well as the intercessor(s), <u>distinguish</u> between the two types of requests and pray about them in the	
12	correct order (see p. 109). Also, God may not be able to answer either requests if the conditions to answered prayer have	
13	not yet been met (see p. 108).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	2. Two Touches of Faith	
15	In many instances of His healing ministry, Jesus declared that the healing was granted according to the faith of those	
16	<u>requesting</u> the healing (Mt 9:22, 29; 15:28; Mk 5:34; 9:23; 10:52). The apostles also knew that faith in the <u>recipient</u> was a	
17	prerequisite for the healing (Ac 3:16; 14:9). So the intercessor(s) should seek to discern faith in the one requesting prayer.	
18	He or she may acceptably show that faith by appropriately <u>touching</u> the intercessor(s) (Mk 5:28-34).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	However, it appears to be equally important that the one <u>praying</u> for the request also have faith. The apostles could not	
20	heal because <u>they</u> lacked faith (Mt 17:14-20). God says the prayer <u>of faith</u> will save the sick, and He will heal (Jas 5:15).	
21	So it is just as essential for intercessors to ask themselves if <u>they</u> have the faith that God will hear them (1 Jn 5:14-15).	
22	Prayer may be accompanied by fitting physical <u>touch</u> (Mt 9:29; Mk 5:41; 6:13; 9:27; Ac 3:7; Jas 5:14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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Intercessory Prayer – 2. Prayer Service – 203. Attitudes and Gifts

SUMMARY: As a **member** of the prayer ministry team, you maintain particular **attitudes** and exercise the specific **gifts** the Spirit may apportion.

Members of the prayer ministry team understand that for the prayer service to be effective, it is necessary that they maintain certain attitudes and exercise specific spiritual gifts as the Holy Spirit enables them (1 Co 12:11). Both these attitudes and the gifts serve to safeguard **1.** a sense of safety for the recipients of ministry that allows them to freely express themselves, **2.** a spirit of openness toward the Holy Spirit that allows Him to do His work without the interference of human ideas, and **3.** harmony between team members in submission to God's plan.

	Attitudes and Spiritual Gifts	I have it hardly → clearly
1	1. Full Conviction about the Four Basic Scriptures of...	
2	...Romans 8:26-27, that we do not know how or what to pray without the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who helps us;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	...Joel 2:12-32, that we need genuine repentance and fervent prayer for the Holy Spirit to be poured out upon us;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	...Psalm 37:3-5, that we express those desires as petitions to God which He put into our hearts as His will for us;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	...1 John 5:14-15, that we can have confidence that God hears and answers us as we pray according to His will.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	2. Firm Commitment and Faithfulness to...	
7	...ongoing confidentiality about everything that has been shared during ministry time;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	...complete honesty to God and one another concerning the request(s) of the recipient of ministry;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	...constant availability to God and one another for further ministry, both during ministry time and at any later time.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	3. Fresh Readiness and Love to Exercise the Gifts of...	
11	...compassion, to genuinely and wholeheartedly identify with the situation of the recipient (Rom 12:10, 15);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	...discernment, to allow for spiritual consideration among the team members of the request(s) (Mt 18:19);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	...faith, to trust in God's will to grant the request(s) as expressed by the team members (Mk 11:24);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	...intercession, to petition God on behalf of the recipient regarding the request(s) made (Lk 22:23);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	...prophecy, to speak exhortation and comfort to the recipient as inspired at the time (1 Co 14:3);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	...wisdom, to share and apply Scripture as given at the time fitting the situation of the recipient (Col 1:9).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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Intercessory Prayer – 3. Prayer Ministry – 301. Outline and Planning

SUMMARY: The prayer school is the **third** step by which you **seek** and through which you see the divine **power** in true revival and reformation.

Intercession is as vital to the experience of revival and reformation as to the continuing and growing life of any local congregation. "In visions of the night, representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great Day of Pentecost." (9T 126). "As ministering spirits angels are sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation. Pray..., pray as you have never prayed before. We are not prepared for the Lord's coming. We need to make thorough work for eternity." (4BC 1173).

Once an intercessory prayer ministry group has been formed during or after the Prayer School weekend, a permanent local prayer ministry may be established at any time, in agreement with and under the guidance of the local church leadership. It is recommended that an elder be a member of the ministry team. This team will plan and conduct all future local prayer services.

Outline of Prayer Ministry		
1	1. Planning (with the prayer ministry team)	
2	Friday evening	Meeting
3		with team members and pastor to
4		• devise a plan how to incorporate prayer ministry in the church
5		• select two ministry team leaders
6		• plan the scheduled prayer service
7	Sabbath morning	Worship
8		• "Intercession in Revival and Reformation"
9		• Dedication of new team members
10	Sabbath afternoon	Meeting
11		with team members to
12		• finalize plans for the prayer service
13		• prepare for the service (see page 109, 1. Preparation)
14	2. Prayer Service (with the whole group/church)	
15	Sabbath afternoon / evening	Prayer Service
16		• led by the new ministry team

Plan to Incorporate Prayer Ministry into the Life of the Church

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1st Level:

Calling the Church

Why God calls disciples
or requires the six marks of discipleship

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 001. Overview

SUMMARY: Theme A shows **why** God requires disciples to practice 1. resolute loyal love, 2. complete self-denial, and 3. perpetual abiding in Jesus.

Theme Details

- A1. Awake to Our Present Time**
- Prophetic Descriptions of Our Time
 - Dimensions of the Great Controversy
- A2. Stand on the Side of Truth**
- The Two Prophetic Movements
 - The Comings of the Two Christs
- A3. Qualify for the Seal of God**
- Purpose and Process of the Sealing
 - Events of the Time of the End

Purpose

To help participants

recognize and properly respond to the prophetic meaning of last day events:

1. **Identify** the levels and dimensions of the Great Controversy and how they impact our life.
2. **Discern** the counterfeit of the Three Angels' Messages and stand up for our prophetic position.
3. **Understand** the crucial role of the sealing process within the sequence of last day events.

PHASE / Section	Need I: REVIVAL – Apostolic Faith and Godliness				
	1st Level: Calling the Church – Why God Calls Disciples = Requires the Marks				I have / do it hardly → daily
	This	Theme	Need	Response	
Awareness and Decision	▶	A. Sound the Trumpet	1st – 3rd Mark of Discipleship		
	▶	1. Awake to Our Present Time	1. win the final battle	1. absolute loyal love	□ □ □ □ □
	▶	2. Stand on the Side of Truth	2. guard against deception	2. complete self-denial	□ □ □ □ □
	▶	3. Qualify for the Seal of God	3. be secure in Jesus	3. perpetual abiding	□ □ □ □ □
Preparedness and Precision		B. Hear the Call	4th – 6th Mark of Discipleship		
		1. Join the Revival and Reformation	4. work with members	4. mutual agape love	□ □ □ □ □
		2. Fulfill the Divine Commission	5. use talents effectively	5. fruit-bearing ministry	□ □ □ □ □
		3. Be Ready to Stand at Last	6. be fully equipped	6. overcoming witness	□ □ □ □ □
	2nd Level: Growing the Church – How We Make Disciples = Acquire the Marks				
	This	Theme	Step	Result	
PHASE 1: Courtyard “Come to Me” = Pardon (Look back to His life & sacrifice) Message → Member (Gather / Gaining) (Reach up)		C. Come to Life	1st Mark of Discipleship: absolute loyal love		
		1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus	(1) believe Gospel	(1) grateful surrender	□ □ □ □ □
		2. Receive Justification by Faith	(2) receive justification	(2) truthful conversion	□ □ □ □ □
		3. Obey Jesus from Love	(3) love commandments	(3) joyful obedience	□ □ □ □ □
		D. Join the Movement	2nd Mark of Discipleship: complete self-denial		
		1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity	(4) accept identity	(4) purposeful membership	□ □ □ □ □
PHASE 2: Holy Place “Learn of Me” = Purity (Look up for His presence & Spirit) Member → Maturity (Grow / Training) (Reach Across)			(5) grasp teaching	(5) meaningful conviction	□ □ □ □ □
			(6) (re)order life	(6) faithful stewardship	□ □ □ □ □
		E. Grow in Grace	3rd Mark of Discipleship: perpetual abiding		
		1. Let Jesus Form Within	(7) form Jesus	(7) spiritual growth	□ □ □ □ □
		2. Study the Word of God	(8) study Word	(8) doctrinal purity	□ □ □ □ □
		3. Pray According to God's Will	(9) pray in the Spirit	(9) personal worship	□ □ □ □ □
PHASE 3: Most Holy Place “Go for Me” = Power (Look forward to His work & return) Maturity → Ministry (Go / Retaining) (Reach out)		F. Share the Love	4th Mark of Discipleship: mutual agape love		
		1. Exercise Christlike Love	(10) practice love	(10) effectual unity	□ □ □ □ □
		2. Contribute to Church Meetings	(11) value groups	(11) communal worship	□ □ □ □ □
		3. Help with Practical Support	(12) serve needs	(12) practical support	□ □ □ □ □
		G. Bear much Fruit	5th Mark of Discipleship: fruit-bearing ministry		
		1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents	(13) recognize talents	(13) doubtless certainty	□ □ □ □ □
		2. Organize and Combine All Talents	(14) organize talents	(14) classless teamwork	□ □ □ □ □
		3. Utilize and Commend All Talents	(15) utilize talents	(15) selfless service	□ □ □ □ □
		H. Tell the World	6th Mark of Discipleship: overcoming witness		
		1. Enable Latter Rain Power	(16) enable power	(16) boundless light	□ □ □ □ □
		2. Reflect the Character of Jesus	(17) reflect Jesus	(17) spotless life	□ □ □ □ □
		3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus	(18) spread Gospel	(18) fearless fight	□ □ □ □ □

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A. Resolute Loyal Love – 1. Awake to Our Present Time – 101. The Blessings of Jesus

SUMMARY: Before we go into details, remember that **whatever** Jesus requires of you as His disciple, is actually meant for your own **happiness**.

Jesus is calling us to discipleship, so we may engage in the inevitable conflict and become more than conquerors through His own love (Rom 8:37). He promises us this victory and shows us how gain it – as the only way to true happiness now and for all eternity.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gives His inaugural address as the King of His new kingdom of divine grace (Mt 5:1-8:1; Lk 6:17-49). Right at its beginning (Mt 5:1-12), He “proclaims that the main objective of the kingdom is to restore the lost happiness of Eden to the hearts of men, and that those who choose to enter in by the ‘strait’ gate and the ‘narrow’ way (Matt. 7:13, 14) will find true happiness.” (5BC 324).

In the book of Revelation, Jesus announces His soon return as the King of kings finally to establish His eternal kingdom of divine glory (Da 7:14). Throughout the book, He gives some more blessings and instructions to His beloved remnant people in these last days, so they may not only retain their happiness in the present kingdom of grace on earth, but also secure it for the soon coming kingdom of glory.

At the Inauguration of His Kingdom of Grace – Mt 5:1-12		I desire it hardly→strongly
1	1. “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Mt 5:3).	
2	Those who are aware of their soul poverty, as opposed to Laodicea (Rev 3:17), are happy to enter the kingdom (MB 8).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	2. “Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.” (Mt 5:4).	
4	Those who deeply mourn because their sins brought anguish to Jesus, are being comforted with His pardon (MB 10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	3. “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.” (Mt 5:5; Ps 37:11).	
6	Those who have learned the graces of humility and self-surrender, are happily waiting to inherit the new earth (MB 17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	4. “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.” (Mt 5:6).	
8	Those whose hearts long for Him, are happy to be filled with the love, holiness, and perfection of Jesus (MB 18-21).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	5. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.” (Mt 5:7; 25:31-46).	
10	Those who love to show His compassion to the poor and the suffering, are happy to find a merciful Savior (MB 22).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	6. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” (Mt 5:8).	
12	Those of undefiled purposes and motives, are happy to behold by faith and rejoice in God’s true character (MB 25).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	7. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.” (Mt 5:9).	
14	Those who lead others to have peace with God and men as they do, are happy to know they belong to God (MB 28).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	8. “Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Mt 5:10).	
16	“Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you... for my sake. Rejoice..., for great is your reward in heaven.” (Mt 5:11).	
17	Those who love Jesus and rejoice at sharing His persecution and reproach, are happy about their reward (MB 29-35).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Before the Coming of His Kingdom of Glory – Revelation		
18	1. “Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things...” (Rev 1:3).	
19	Those who proclaim, hear, and act on the messages in Revelation, are happy as they realize the Lord is at hand (8T 302).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	2. “Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth...” (Rev 14:13).	
21	Those who die in and for the faith of the Third Angel’s Message, are happy to rest until the special resurrection (GC 637).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	3. “Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments...” (Rev 16:15).	
23	Those who remain alert in the little time of trouble, are vigilant and happy to stay pure, obey, and work (Mt 24:46; DA 633).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	4. “Blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” (Rev 19:9).	
25	Those who wear the robe of Jesus’ righteousness, are happy to participate in His marriage supper (Rev 19:8; COL 311).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	5. “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection...” (Rev 20:6).	
27	Those who remain faithful in trial, are happy and pure to join in the first resurrection and to reign with Jesus (Rev 20:4-6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	6. “Blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of this book...” (Rev 22:7).	
29	Those who heed the messages of Revelation, are happy and love to see Jesus come quickly (Rev 22:6; 2 Ti 4:8; 16MR 179).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	7. “Blessed are they that do his commandments...” (Rev 22:14).	
31	Those who exercise the obedience of Jesus, are happy to also share in His immortality in the New Jerusalem (EW 51).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 1. Awake to Our Present Time – 102. The Ultimate Exodus

SUMMARY: The other good news is that in your **training** as a disciple, Jesus is actually **preparing** you for our ultimate **exodus** from this sinful world.

In anticipation of the rebellion of Lucifer and the resulting great controversy between Jesus and Satan (Eze 28:13-19; Isa 14:12-15; Rev 12:7-9), God conceived His gracious plan of our salvation through His Son (Mt 1:21; Jn 3:16) before Their creation of our world (Eph 1:4; 1 Pe 1:20; Rev 13:8). Ever since Adam's fall it has been God's goal, as illustrated in the earthly sanctuary, to free His people from the penalty, power, and then the presence of sin (Ge 3:15). In order to accomplish this plan, God provides several stages of freedom, each of which involves a delivery, or an exodus, of faithful believers from sin and/or sinners, through several events at different times in world history. Scripture relates these events to each other.

In the first instance, God gave humanity 120 years to repent of their wickedness (Ge 6:3), while faithful Noah was building the ark and warning his contemporaries of the coming destruction of the world through a global flood. Finally eight, this preacher of righteousness and his family, were saved (Ge 7:23; 2 Pe 2:5). The wickedness of humanity just prior to Jesus' second coming will be "as in the days of Noah" (Mt 24:37). Therefore, as the ark saved Noah from the worldwide flood, so today baptism upon conversion saves believers from the coming global fire (1 Pe 3:18-21; 2 Pe 3:9-12). Jesus' remnant has preached His righteousness for 120+ years, and also calls other believers to make their exodus from fallen Babylon.

The second historical event that typifies the plan of salvation, was the exodus of God's people from their slavery in Egypt and their journey to the prosperity and safety of the Promised Land (Ex 3:8, 17; Lev 20:24). But before the Israelites could be free, they were to eat unleavened bread, kill and eat a lamb without blemish, and apply its blood to their doorposts. Only then would the Lord pass over their dwellings, save them from destruction and enable their exodus from national slavery (Ex 12). Today, since Jesus our Passover is sacrificed, only those who claim His blood by faith and purge the old leaven of sin in their lives, are saved from spiritual slavery and final destruction (1 Co 5:7-8; Rom 3:25; 1 Pe 1:19; Rev 7:14; 20:15).

We are now on the verge of the ultimate exodus into freedom from the presence of sin, as we await and hasten the coming of Jesus. He will take His faithful ones to Himself into their eternal Promised Land (Jn 14:1-3; 2 Pe 3:13; Rev 21:1-7). Are we ready for our ultimate exodus?

		The Days of Noah	Ancient Egypt	Christian History	"As in the Days of Noah"
	Stage Aspect	First Exodus from "Old World" (2 Pe 2:5)	Israel's Exodus from National Slavery	Believers' Exodus from Spiritual Slavery	Ultimate Exodus from End-Time World
1	Time of Event	A.M. 1656 (1BC 185) or ~ 2344 B.C.	A.M. 2513 (1BC 185) or ~ 1445 B.C.	A.D. 31 until sealing before close of probation (Rev 7:3).	~ A.M. 6000 or A.D. 2000+ at second coming of Jesus.
2	Population of World	Cainites (Ge 4:16) spread in plains (Ge 6:1; PP 81).	World: ~ 42 Mill (Wikipedia); Egypt: 3-6 Mill (Wikipedia).	1 st century: ~ 200 Million; 2010: 6.9 Billion (Wikipedia).	1900: 1.65 Billion (Wikipedia); 2010: 6.9 Billion (Wikipedia).
a	Number of Believers	Sethites (Ge 4:26) spread in mountain regions (PP 81).	603,550 men 20+ (Nu 1:46), over 2 Mill total (PP 334).	AD31: ~1000 (Ac1:15; 1Co15:6); 2011: 2.2 Bill (from GC 2010).	2011: 2.2 Bill (<1/3 of world); 2011: 17 Mill SDAs (<1/4%).
4	Wickedness of Unbelievers	Worldliness (PP 81); polygamy (Ge 4:19); violence (Ge 6:11).	Enslaved Israel (Ex 1:8-22); King defies God (Ex 5:2; 7:5).	Atheism, any evil (2 Ti 3:1-5); Persecution (Rev 12:13).	Indulgence, violence (LDE 22-23); unconcern (Mt 24:37-39).
5	Apostasy of Believers	Sethites (sons of God) marry Cainite women (Ge 6:2).	Pagan customs (PP 334); intermarriage (1 SP 243).	Errors (Mt 7:15; Ac 20:29-30); Persecution (Rev 12:14-15).	Error, Adultery (Rev 14:8; 17); SDA shaking (LDE 173-178).
6	Heralds of Righteousness	Methuselah, Noah (2 Pe 2:5) and many others (PP 92).	Moses (Ex 14:13-14; 15:1-19); Miriam (Mic 6:4; PP 382).	Waldensians, Reformers, Pilgrims, W. Miller (GC 317).	James and Ellen G. White; 1888: Jones and Waggoner.
7	Steps of Salvation	Build ark by faith (Ge 6:14-22); in ark on waters (Ge 7:1-5,17).	Passover (Ex 11:4-12:33); sea baptism (v. 22; 1 Co 10:2).	Faith in Lamb (1 Co 5:7) and baptism (Mk 16:16; 1 Pe 3:21).	Faith in Creator (Rev 14:7); Come out of Babylon (18:4).
8	Time of Probation	120 years (Ge 6:3) until ark door sealed (Ge 7:16; PP 98).	During pleadings of Moses to let Israel go (Ex 5:1, etc.).	From personal conversion until before individual death.	During judgment (Rev 14:7) until sealing (Rev 7:3).
9	Testing of Believers	7 days in ark before rain, then 5 months (Ge 7:4; PP 98, 105).	During plagues (Ex 7:14, etc.); at Red Sea (Ex 14:8-31).	All trials (Jas 1:2-4), esp. persecution (1 Pe 1:7; 4:12).	Fiery trials (LDE 180-181); Sunday law (LDE 225-227).
10	Protection of Faithful	Noah's family (and animals) shut in (Ge 7:16; PP 98).	No firstborn died (Ex 12:23); on dry ground (Ex 14:22, 29).	Italian Alps (GC 64-66); then United States (Rev 12:13-16).	Wear armor (Eph 6:11-13); receive seal (5T 212-213).
11	Destruction of Wicked	Global 40 day rain (Ge 7:12); flood for 150 days (Ge 7:24).	Whole army, in the waters of the Red Sea (Ex 14:23-28).	Self at conversion (Rom 6:6); Seven trumpets (Rev 8 & 9).	Disasters (Mt 24:7; LDE 24-27); At 2 nd coming (Rev 19:11-21).
12	Means of Destruction	Sub-terrestrial & atmospheric water (Ge 7:11; 8:2; PP 109).	Divided sea water flowing back (Ex 14:26-28; 15:3-6).	Water & Word (Jn 3:5; Eph 5:26); Fire of Spirit (Jn 3:5; Mt 3:11).	Sub-terrestrial & celestial fire (2 Pe 3:10; Rev 20:9; PP 110).
13	Salvation of Faithful	Noah's family of eight was saved (Ge 7:23; 1 Pe 3:20).	All Israel saved (Ex 14:30); mixed multitude (Ex 12:38).	From <u>penalty</u> & <u>power</u> of sin in kingdom of grace now.	From <u>presence</u> of all sin in kingdom of glory forever.
14	Blessings of Faithful	Noah to replenish earth; God covenants to save it (Ge 9).	Law (Ex 20); sanctuary (Ex 25-31); land (Nu 33:50-56).	Overcome sin (Rev 2 & 3) & world (Mt 16:33; 1 Jn 5:4).	1000 years in heaven, then eternity on the new earth.

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 1. Awake to Our Present Time – 103. Prophetic Descriptions

SUMMARY: First then, you need **absolute loyal love** for Jesus, so you can be **vigilant** and remain **faithful** to Him in all aspects of our present time.

Our present time, the time of the end between 1844 and the close of human probation, has been announced and described prophetically in the Scriptures in various ways. All of these aspects point to a critical time of decision and division among God's people, and in the world due to their global witness (Mt 10:32-36; Lk 12:51; Rev 14:6-12; *LDE* 172-173). Soon the great controversy between Christ and Satan will reach its climax as people decide whether they take the mark of the beast or will be faithful to the end (Rev 14:9-12; 2:10).

We need to be awake to our present time so we will not be taken by surprise, but be found ready to be taken home (Rom 13:11; *PK* 626; Rev 19:7). We need to "be sober, be vigilant" so the roaring lion will not devour us (1 Pe 5:8). As always but especially in the last days, "Satan watches eagerly to find Christians off their guard. O that the followers of Christ would remember that eternal vigilance is the price of eternal life. Many have a slumbering faith. Unless they are invigorated, revived, quickened into action, their souls will be lost." (*UL* 200).

In short, our present time is the most crucial period in the history of the church and the world. The choices we make right now effect us eternally. The Scriptures describe ten aspects of our time relating to our conversion, conflict, and conquest.

Conversion – Receiving and Walking with Jesus		Speaks to me
		hardly→strongly
1	1. Antitypical Day of Atonement (<i>GC</i> 431, 489-490; <i>5T</i> 520).	
2	Jesus has been cleansing the heavenly sanctuary since 1844 from all sins ever confessed (<i>Da</i> 8:14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	Jesus is engaged in the pre-advent judgment of all who profess to be His people (<i>Da</i> 7:10; <i>Mt</i> 22:11; <i>Rev</i> 14:7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	2. Refining and Purifying (<i>Mal</i> 3:1-3; <i>ML</i> 92).	
5	Jesus is calling His people to repent and be cleansed from all unrighteousness (<i>Joel</i> 2:13; <i>Rev</i> 3:19; <i>Eph</i> 5:22-27).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	Jesus is making up His jewels, preparing His bride for the marriage supper of the Lamb (<i>Mal</i> 3:17; <i>Rev</i> 19:7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	3. Final Revival and Reformation (<i>Joel</i> 2:11-29; <i>9T</i> 126).	
8	Jesus is calling His people to participate in the true, divine, final revival and reformation (<i>PK</i> 626; <i>8T</i> 251).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	Jesus is calling His people to finish the reformation by restoring every lost truth, especially the Sabbath (<i>Isa</i> 58:12-14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Conflict – Proclaiming and Working with Jesus		
10	4. Corporate Prophesying (<i>Joel</i> 2:28-29; <i>Ac</i> 2:14-18; <i>GC</i> ix).	
11	Jesus is calling His people to heed His testimony in His Word and thru Ellen G. White (<i>Rev</i> 2 & 3; <i>Eph</i> 4:11; <i>8T</i> 298).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	Jesus is calling His people to spread the prophecy of the Three Angels' Messages (<i>Rev</i> 10:11; 14:6-12; 18:1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	5. Double Gathering (<i>Jn</i> 11:52; <i>EW</i> 74-75).	
14	Jesus gathers His people from all backgrounds to sanctify and unify them (<i>Mt</i> 22:8-10; <i>Jn</i> 10:16; <i>Rev</i> 14:6-12; 18:1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	Satan also gathers a confederacy of followers – for the battle of Armageddon (<i>Rev</i> 16:13-14; <i>GC</i> 624; <i>LDE</i> 249; <i>4BC</i> 1146).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	6. Wars and Threats (<i>Mt</i> 24:6-8; <i>5T</i> 450-451).	
17	Satan will make war with the remnant in the fourth and final battle of his great controversy with Christ (<i>Rev</i> 12:17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	Satan will use the papacy and the US government to achieve economic boycotts and death threats (<i>Rev</i> 13:15-18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Conquest – Trusting and Winning with Jesus		
19	7. Testing of Faith (<i>Rev</i> 3:10; <i>5T</i> 136; <i>9T</i> 17).	
20	Jesus allows fiery trials such as persecution to test the faith of His people (1 <i>Pe</i> 4:12-14; <i>Rev</i> 14:15-17; <i>7BC</i> 983).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	Jesus' people will faithfully defend the truth even when the majority is against them (<i>Rev</i> 12:11; <i>LDE</i> 180).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	8. Shaking of Unconverted (<i>Heb</i> 12:27; <i>6T</i> 332; <i>9T</i> 15-16).	
23	Jesus gives His testimony to the church, but many will not heed it and be shaken out (<i>Rev</i> 3:14-22; <i>LDE</i> 175-176).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	Also persecution and false teachings will cause professed believers to be shaken out (<i>LDE</i> 173-174; 177-178).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	9. Standing of Remnant (<i>Joel</i> 2:11; <i>Mal</i> 3:2; <i>Rev</i> 6:17).	
26	Jesus is concerned that His people will stand in the faith and endure to the end (<i>Lk</i> 18:8; <i>Mt</i> 24:13; <i>Rev</i> 14:12).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	Jesus has made provision that His people can and will withstand the devil and stand (<i>Mt</i> 16:18; <i>Eph</i> 6:10-18; <i>TMK</i> 34).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	10. Sealing of 144,000 (<i>Eph</i> 1:13-14; <i>Eze</i> 9:2-4; <i>Rev</i> 7:1-3).	
29	Jesus wants to settle His people in the truth so they will not be shaken out (<i>FLB</i> 287; <i>LDE</i> 220; <i>4BC</i> 1161 on <i>Rev</i> 7:2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	Jesus will then protect His people from the plagues and secure them for heaven (<i>EW</i> 88-89; <i>7BC</i> 970 on <i>Rev</i> 7:1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 1. Awake to Our Present Time – 104. Origin of the Great Controversy

SUMMARY: You need vigilance and faithfulness because you and we all **participate** in the Great Controversy. **Remember** briefly its heavenly **origin**.

War in Lucifer (PP 36-37)		I understand hardly → clearly
1	1. Lucifer's Original Position (Eze 28:13-14)	
2	"Lucifer in heaven, before his rebellion, was a high and exalted angel, next in honor to God's dear Son....Yet Christ...had the pre-eminence over all the angelic host. He was one with the Father before the angels were created." (SR 13; TA 27). "Lucifer was the covering cherub, the most exalted of the heavenly created beings; he stood nearest the throne of God, and was most closely connected...with...God's government, most richly endowed with the glory of His majesty and power." (ST 04-28-1890; TA 27). "...foremost in revealing God's purposes to the universe." (DA 758; TA 28).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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7	2. Lucifer's Growing Self-Centeredness (Eze 28:15-17)	
8	"Little by little, Lucifer came to indulge the desire for self-exaltation....Though all his glory was from God, this mighty angel came to regard it as pertaining to himself." (PP 35; TA 32). "Little by little, he began to seek his own honor, and to employ his powers to attract attention and win praise to himself. He also gradually led the angels over whom he ruled to do him service, instead of devoting all their powers to the service of their Creator." (4SP 317; TA 31).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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12	3. God's Plan to Create Humanity (Ge 1:26-28)	
13	"Before the fall of Satan, the Father consulted his Son in regard to the formation of man. They purposed to make this world, and create beasts and living things upon it, and to make man in the image of God, to reign as a ruling monarch over every living thing which God should create." (3SG 36).	
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15		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	4. Lucifer's Jealousy of Christ (Isa 14:13-14)	
17	"When Satan learned the purpose of God, he was envious at Christ, and jealous because the Father had not consulted him in regard to the creation of man. Satan was of the highest order of angels; but Christ was above all....The envy and jealousy of Satan increased...Satan was dissatisfied with his position. Although very exalted, he aspires to be equal with God; and unless the Lord gratifies his ambition, determines to rebel, and refuse submission." (3SG 36).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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War in Heaven (Rev 12:7-9)		
21	5. Lucifer's Rebellion Against God's Law (Rev 12:7)	
22	"God in His great mercy bore long with Lucifer....Again and again he was offered pardon on condition of repentance and submission." (GC 495-496; TA 40). "To the very close of the controversy in heaven, the great usurper continued to justify himself. When it was announced that with all his sympathizers he must be expelled from the abodes of bliss, then the rebel leader boldly avowed his contempt for the Creator's law." (GC 499; TA 43).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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26	6. Lucifer and His Angels Expelled from Heaven (Isa 14:12; Rev 12:8-9)	
27	"Then there was war in heaven. The Son of God, the Prince of Heaven, and His loyal angels, engaged in conflict with the arch rebel and those who united with him. The Son of God and true, loyal angels prevailed; ...Satan and his sympathizers were expelled from heaven." (1SP 23; TA 45). "The loyal angels mourned the fate of those who had been their companions in happiness and bliss. Their loss was felt in heaven. The Father consulted Jesus in regard to at once carrying out their purpose to make man to inhabit the earth." (ST 01-09-1879; TA 47).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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War on Earth (Ge 3:15)		
32	7. God's Purpose in Creating Humanity (Eph 3:15; 5:27)	
33	"Man was to be tested..., and if he should bear the test of God, and remain loyal and true after the first trial, he was not to be beset with continual temptations; but was to be exalted equal with the angels, and henceforth immortal." (RH 02-24-1874; TA 50). "God created man for His own glory, that after test... the human family might become one with the heavenly family. It was God's purpose to repopulate heaven with the human family." (1BC 1082; TA 48). "The vacancies made in heaven by the fall of Satan and his angels will be filled by the redeemed of the Lord." (RH 05-29-1900; TA 49).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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38	8. Satan's Reaction and Success (Ge 3:1-13; 2 Co 4:4)	
39	"As soon as the Lord through Jesus Christ created our world, and placed Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, Satan announced his purpose to conform to his own nature the father and mother of all humanity, and to unite them with his own ranks of rebellion. He was determined to efface the image of God from the human posterity, and to trace his own image upon the soul in place of the divine image. He adopted methods of deception by which to accomplish his purpose....He put forth every power at his command to win man to co-operate with him in apostasy, and succeeded in bringing rebellion into our world." (MS 39, 1894; RH 04-14-1896).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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A. Sound the Trumpet – 1. Awake to Our Present Time – 105. The One Issue of the Great Controversy

SUMMARY: Recall also that Satan **hides** his true issue and **pretends** that God's law is at fault. But Jesus and His disciples **disprove** his claims.

"From the very beginning of the great controversy in heaven it has been Satan's purpose to overthrow the law of God. It was to accomplish this that he entered upon his rebellion against the Creator, and though he was cast out of heaven he has continued the same warfare upon the earth. To deceive men, and thus lead them to transgress God's law, is the object which he has steadfastly pursued. Whether this be accomplished by casting aside the law altogether, or by rejecting one of its precepts, the result will be ultimately the same. He that offends 'in one point,' manifests contempt for the whole law; his influence and example are on the side of transgression; he becomes 'guilty of all.' James 2:10."

"In seeking to cast contempt upon the divine statutes, Satan has perverted the doctrines of the Bible, and errors have thus become incorporated into the faith of thousands who profess to believe the Scriptures. The last great conflict between truth and error is but the final struggle of the long-standing controversy concerning the law of God. Upon this battle we are now entering -- a battle between the laws of men and the precepts of Jehovah, between the religion of the Bible and the religion of fable and tradition. The agencies which will unite against truth and righteousness in this contest are now actively at work." (GC 582). Soon they will take legal action against God's law and people (Rev 13:15-17).

The actual issue behind the great controversy is Satan's pride and resulting envy of Christ (Isa 14:12-14; Eze 28:2-17; GC 494-495; DA 21-22). But in order to conceal and defend his true motive for his rebellion, and to gain followers among angelic and human beings, Satan projected his own characteristics on God, thus leading them to doubt His word and to distrust His goodness (Ge 3:1-5; DA 22; GC 495). "Unselfishness, the principle of God's kingdom, is the principle that Satan hates; its very existence he denies. From the beginning of the great controversy he has endeavored to prove God's principles of action to be selfish, and he deals in the same way with all who serve God. To disprove Satan's claim is the work of Christ and of all who bear His name." (Ed 154). The remnant people of God are called to help vindicate God and His law.

"It is only as the law of God is restored to its rightful position that there can be a revival of primitive faith and godliness among His professed people." (GC 478). Will God's people share in Christ's victory over Satan by obedience to His whole law?

	Deception of Satanic Lies by Satan & Apostate Churches	Revelation of Divine Truth by the Son Jesus Christ	Confirmation of Divine Truth by the Remnant Church	I believe / do it hardly → daily
	<i>At the Beginning in Heaven</i>			
1	God's law cannot be obeyed (DA 761).	Jesus was always obedient, without sin (Jn 8:46; Phil 2:8; Heb 4:15; 5:8).	Believers obey law from a loving heart (Eze 36:25-27; Jn 14:15; Rom 8:4; 13:8-10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2	Justice is inconsistent with mercy (DA 761).	Christ's righteous life and self-sacrifice satisfies justice and offers mercy (Ps 85:10; Rom 3:26; 2 Co 5:19; DA 762).	Believers accept Jesus' death as theirs. They receive His righteous life by faith. God accounts both (Rom 3:21-26; 4:3-25).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	The transgressor cannot be pardoned (DA 761).	It is just of God to pardon the sinner upon confession of sin & faith in Christ (Rom 3:21-26; 1 Jn 1:9; 6BC 1071).	Believers repent of & confess their sins. They ask for forgiveness (Lk 24:47). Then God grants it (1 Jn 1:9; Rom 3:25).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	The transgressor must be punished for every sin (DA 761).	Jesus bore our sin and took its wages upon Himself (Rom 6:23; Isa 53:6; Heb 2:9; 1 Pe 2:24; DA 25; GC 502-503).	They claim Christ as their sin bearer. They suffer results of sin (Ge 3:16-19), but not its wages (Rev 2:11; 20:6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	If God pardons, He is not true and just.	God's pardon is true & just (see above).	Believers claim God's promise (1 Jn 1:9).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Since Adam and Eve</i>			
6	God's word is not reliable (GC 532).	God's word is truth (Jn 17:17; Jas 1:18).	Believers know His fulfilled prophecies.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Disobedience liberates (GC 532).	Wages is death (Rom 6:23; Gal 3:13).	All sinners see destruction (Rev 20:9-15).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Adam & Eve's one/first sin proves that a. the law cannot be obeyed; b. man cannot be forgiven (DA 761).	Jesus' obedience unto death proves that a. the law can be obeyed (Heb 4:15); b. sin can & will be forgiven (1 Jn 1:9).	Believers' decreasing sins prove that a. full obedience is the goal (1 Th 5:23); b. sins are forgiven & cleansed (1 Jn 1:9).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	As Satan was expelled from heaven, so also must sinful man lose God's favor (DA 761; PK 588-589).	Satan sinned knowing God; humans sin not knowing God, so there is still hope to draw them back to Him (DA 762).	The more believers know & love God, and believe and abide in His Son, the less they sin (1 Jn 1:3-6; 5:3-5).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>After Christ's Life and Death</i>			
10	Mercy destroyed justice: the death of Christ abrogated God's law (DA 762).	Jesus' death proved the law valid, thus the need to obey it (Mt 5:17; DA 763).	Believers stress the continuing validity of God's law (Rom 3:31; 8:4; Jas 1:25).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>The Last Great Deception</i>			
11	God's law is faulty: a specification has been set aside – Sabbath (DA 763).	Jesus upheld the whole law, including the Sabbath (Lk 4:16; Mt 19:17; 24:20).	Believers keep the whole law, incl. the Sabbath (Ac 18:4; Rev 12:17; 14:7, 12).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 1. Awake to Our Present Time – 106. The Beast of the Great Controversy

SUMMARY: In order to **trace** Satan's activities throughout **history**, you identify him in the prophetic **descriptions** of Daniel and Revelation.

"The world has no just conception of Satan. He is not thought of as the prince of the world, the general of a vast rebellion, a being logical and philosophical, possessing a powerful intellect. But thus it is. The adversary of God and leader in the great controversy waged against the world's Redeemer, his deceptive powers have been sharpened by constant practice; and in the final crisis he will deceive to their own ruin those who do not now seek to understand his methods of working." (RH 07-16-1901). Daniel was shown the "nature of the beast" and his demonic activities as a sequence of 4 beasts, one with 10 horns and a little horn. Revelation depicts Satan three times as a composite beast with 7 heads and 10 horns.

God wants His people to have His wisdom to understand these things (Rev 13:18; 17:9). Are we asking for this wisdom (Jas 1:5)?

Stages	Daniel 2; 7; 11; 12	Revelation 12	Revelation 13	Revelation 17
Heaven (Eternity Past) to Present Earth (~4000 BC)		Satan makes war (v. 7) = Great red dragon w <u>7 heads</u> w crowns, & <u>10 horns</u> (v. 3). Cast out with his angels (4). Cast to the earth (vv. 9, 12).		
1. Egypt	Not mentioned in Daniel and Revelation, but Ge 46 - Ex 15.			
2. Assyria	Not mentioned in Daniel and Revelation, but 1 Kgs 17-20.			
3. Babylon (605 – 539 BC)	Head of gold (2:32, 38). Lion (7:4).		Beast from the sea, w <u>7 heads</u> of blasphemy, and <u>10 horns</u> w crowns. Like a leopard, Feet of a bear, Mouth of a lion (v. 1).	Scarlet beast, full of blasphemy, with <u>7 heads</u> and <u>10 horns</u> (vv. 3, 7). 7 heads = 7 mountains on which the woman sits, = 7 kings [powers] (9, 10): 5 kings are <u>fallen</u> (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece); the 6th (pagan Rome) <u>is</u> ; the other (papal Rome) <u>has</u> <u>not yet come</u> . The beast <u>was</u> (v. 8).
4. Medo-Persia (539 – 331 BC)	Breast/Arms of silver (2:32, 39). Bear (7:5).			
5. Greece (331 – 168 BC)	Thighs of bronze (2:32, 39); Leopard (7:6).			
6. Pagan Rome 63 BC – AD 476) Divided Kingdom (AD 351 – 2 nd Coming)	Iron legs and feet (2:33, 40). Beast with iron teeth (7:7). Divers from all others (7:19). 10 horns (7:8, 24).	Tries to kill baby Jesus (v. 4). Looses right to accuse the saints (vv. 9, 10).	Dragon gave him his power, seat, and authority (v. 2).	The beast <u>is not</u> (v. 8). And <u>yet is</u> (i.e., will be) = ascends from abyss, then goes into perdition (v. 8). The world wonders (v. 8). 7th is also 8th, of the 7 (v. 11).
7. Papal Rome (538-1798) a. 1260 years of persecution for the true church (Dark Ages), but also protection.	Little horn (7:8, 24): Speaks great things (7:8, 25; 11:36). Plucks up 3 horns (7:8, 24). Makes war with the saints and prevails (7:21, 25). Thinks to change times and laws (7:25).	Deceives the whole world (v. 9). Persecutes true believers (vv. 13, 15), but God protects them for 1260 years (vv. 6, 14).	Mouth speaks great things and blasphemies for 1260 years (vv. 5, 6). Makes war with the saints and overcomes them (v. 7). Has power over earth (v. 7). His number is 666 (v. 18).	
b. Wounded: France (1798) – Italy (1929).			One of heads wounded to <u>death</u> (v. 3) by sword (v. 10).	
c. Healed: (1929 – 2 nd coming) 3-fold Union: Sunday laws. Close of probation.	Little horn (7:21, 25). King of North (11:40-43). "History repeated" (LDE 134). "Persecution rekindled" (GC 48; Mar 194; 7BC 974).	Persecutes the remnant (v. 17).	Wound healed (v. 3), did <u>live</u> (v. 14). All the world wonders (v. 3) and worships him (vv. 4, 8).	Woman rides beast (vv. 3-6) for a short space (v. 10), with 10 kings for 1 hour (v. 12). Kings destroy her (vv. 16-18). Beast into perdition (8, 11) =
8. Confederacy World supports union: Global persecution. Destruction of beast. 2 nd Coming of Christ.	Lives of beasts 1-3 prolonged for a season and time (7:12). Beast 4/5 dominion taken, destroyed by fire (7:11, 26). God's people delivered (12:1).			
Christ's Kingdom Of Grace (History), Of Glory (Heaven & Eternal New Earth)	Global and everlasting dominion (7:14, 27), given to the saints forever (7:18, 27).			At His 2 nd coming, Christ will destroy all the global powers that crucified Him and killed His people (vv. 8, 11, 14).

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 1. Awake to Our Present Time – 108. The Seven Powers of the Great Controversy

SUMMARY: As you study the **corporate** level of Satan's rebellion, you see that we live under the **final** powers, 6 to 8. Jesus is **soon** to return!!

God and Satan pursue their great controversy also on the corporate level. Daniel and Revelation together reveal seven political powers before Christ's kingdom is established. Satan uses paganism or idolatrous nations with counterfeit religions, as well as apostasy or corruption of true religion, to try to force or deceive God's people into allegiance to him (4BC 1163-1164). Cooperation between church and state has often been Satan's means to accomplish his rebellious goal. On the other hand, God allows Satan's strategies to affect His people as a test of faith so He can preserve for Himself a faithful remnant, through which He reveals His truth and His power to save (Isa 10:22; Jer 23:3; Joel 2:32; Rom 11:5; Rev 12:17).

In "the rise and fall of empires...above, behind, and through all the play and counterplay of human interest and power and passions," we are to see "the agencies of the all-merciful One, patiently working out the counsels of His own will," the "manifestation of His power who 'removeth kings, and setteth up kings' (Daniel 2:21) – this is to understand the philosophy of history." (Ed 173-175; PK 499-502). But also, "for centuries satanic agencies have been at work. Will they now give up without a struggle?" (7BC 985). "Not without a struggle does Satan allow the kingdom of God to be built up in the earth. The forces of evil are engaged in unceasing warfare against the agencies appointed for the spread of the gospel..." (AA 167).

Therefore, "Let the people of God prepare for what is coming upon the earth." (7BC 985). Are we awake and willing to get ready? Are we equipped to fight the good fight of faith (1 Ti 6:12; Rev 14:12) as we share the last divine message of mercy with a dying world (Rev 14:6-11)?

Seven Powers	Christ & His People	Scriptures & EGW		Satan & His Agents
1. Egypt (3100 BC – AD 969)	Joseph helps Jacob become nation. Moses leads them out of slavery.	Ge 41-50; Ex 3-12	Ex 1 & 2	After Joseph's death, a Pharaoh not knowing Joseph, enslaves Israelites.
2. Assyria (2500 – 605 BC)	10 Northern tribes commit idolatry and revolt against Assyria.	2 Kgs 15:27-17:23	2 Kgs 17:1-23	God allows Samaria to fall, tribes are carried away into Assyria and lost.
3. Babylon (605 – 539 BC) Golden Head (Da 2:32,38) Lion w Wings (Da 7:4)	Jerusalem Israel's capital (1003 BC). Judah Exile 70 Years (605-536 BC). Daniel interprets king's dream, rules. Christ saves 3 Hebrews in furnace.	2 Sa 5:5-10; Jer 25:8-12; Da 9:2; Da 2:26-49; Da 3:19-30	Ge 10:8-10; Isa 14:12; Da 2:1-25; Da 3:1-18; Da 5:1-29	Nimrod founder – Satan true king. Magicians' & Daniel's death decreed. Image worship & death decreed. Belshazzar defiles temple vessels.
4. Medo-Persia (539 – 331 BC) Breast/Arms (Da 2:32,39) Bear w Ribs (Da 7:5)	Babylon taken & Daniel promoted. Jews return & rebuild temple (536 BC). Esther & Mordecai in power (479 BC). Jews restore & rebuild city (457 BC).	Da 5:30-6:3; Isa 44:28; Ezr 1:1-3:13; Est 2:1-23; Ezr 7; Ne 1 & 2	Da 6:4-28; Ezr 4:1-6:22; Est 3:1-10:3; Ne 2:9; 4; 6	Daniel's death decreed & reversed. Work stopped & finished (515 BC). Jews' death decreed & reversed. Attempts to hinder the rebuilding.
5. Greece (331 – 168 BC) Brass Thighs (Da 2:32,39) Leopard w Wings (Da 7:6)	Greek becomes common language. Many people waiting for a Messiah. Hebrew Bible into Greek (Septuagint). Jews much self-rule under Ptolemies.	6BC 188; 5BC 61; DA 33; 3rd to 1st cent. BC; 331-190 BC	Gradual Hellenization: 5BC 29-38; 51 Non-Biblical books: 168 BC: Antiochus IV:	Greek ideas spread among Jews: Immortality of the soul & Gnosticism. Apocrypha & Pseudepigrapha. Persecutes Jews & profanes temple.
6. Pagan Rome (63 BC – AD 476) Iron Legs (Da 2:33,40) Strong Beast (Da 7:7)	Revolt: temple restored (165 BC). Herod (40 BC-AD 4) rebuilds temple. "Roman peace": Gospel spreads. Romans destroy Jerusalem (AD 70).	Hanukkah (Jn 10:22); (19 BC-28) Jn 2:20; Mt-Jn & Ac; 4BC 775; Lk 19:41-44; DA 575-7;	DA 35-36; Mt 2:1-18; Rev 12:4; Mt-Jn & Ac; Shift to Sunday:	Jews are taught salvation by works. Tries to kill Jesus; family to Egypt. Jesus & disciples persecuted & killed. Constantine: 1st Sunday law (AD 321).
Divided (351 – 2nd Cmg) Iron/Clay Feet (Da 2:42-43) 10 Horns (Da 7:7; Rev 17:3)	Invading tribes vary in political power. Empire divided into separate states. 3 tribes hinder rise of papal Rome.	4BC 775; 4BC 826; Da 7:8,24; 4BC 826	4BC 775; 4BC 826; Rev 13:2; 4BC 827	Unions attempted; none permanent. Justinian confirms pope (533-534) as head of churches & corrector of heretics.
7. Papal (538 – 7th Plague) Little Horn (Da 7:8,21,25) Sea Beast (Rev 13:1-10) Whore Babylon (Rev 17)	Believers find refuge in hiding places. Reformation & France limit papal power. France & Italy end power (1798 & 1870). Christ will destroy 1st beast forever.	Rev 12:6, 14; 4BC 837; Rev 13:3a, 10; Da 7:11; Rev 19:20	Da 7:25; 4BC 832; Rev 12:13,15; 13:5-7; Rev 13:3b, 8; Rev 16:13-16	Enforces pagan customs: Sunday etc. Persecutes believers for 1260 years. Italy restores Vatican to beast (1929). Papacy prepares for Armageddon.
8. Confederacy (End Time – 2nd Coming) Not yet come (Rev 17:10) Is also an eighth (17:11)	Before end of probation, believers proclaim 3 A Messages in power. After end of probation, believers are protected from plagues and death.	Rev 10:9-11; 14:6-11; 18:1-4; Rev 7:1-8; GC 634; 7BC 969-970	Rev 16:13-16; Rev 17:12-13; Rev 16:17-21; Rev 17:14-18	Forms 3-fold union: initiates universal Sunday laws. World powers enable global persecution of true believers. Will be destroyed at 2nd Coming.
Christ's Kingdom Of Grace (Since Eden)	Christ took Satan's power thru death. Satan will not prevail against church.	Heb 2:14-15; Mt 16:18	Heb 2:14-15; Mk 13:22	Satan has power thru fear of death. Satan is trying to deceive the elect.
Of Glory (After 2nd Coming) Stone (Da 2:34-35, 44-45) Eternal Kingdom (Da 7:14)	Christ's kingdom is set up by God. His kingdom will never be destroyed. Will be the only and global kingdom.	Da 2:34, 44a; Da 2:44a; 7:14b; Da 2:35b	Da 2:35a; 45b; Da 2:35a; 44c-45; Da 2:44b; 7:14a	Satan cannot hinder Christ's kingdom. All other kingdoms forever destroyed. Satan and his agents have no part in it.

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 1. Awake to Our Present Time – 109. The Two Natures of the Great Controversy

SUMMARY: You then recognize how you **participate** in Satan's rebellion on the **personal** level, until you freely **choose** Jesus' divine nature.

Jesus and Satan fight on the cosmic level in direct confrontation in heaven (Rev 12:7) and on earth (Jude 9; Da 10:13; Mt 4:1-11), on the corporate level through religious idolatry/apostasy (12BC 982-989) and political powers (Rev 13), and on the personal level in each human heart (Ge 3:1-8; Lk 22:3; Jn 8:38-46; 16:8; Jas 1:13-15). "Within the domain of every human heart this controversy is repeated." (DA 116). Each level involves the same "two principles" or "antagonistic motives" that are "contending for supremacy...." (Ed 190). Therefore, every follower of Jesus needs to know "how, whether he will or not, he is even now deciding upon which side of the controversy he will be found." (*ibid.*).

Through fallen churches and political legislation, the arch enemy uses deception and persecution to try to force the whole human race to join his rebellion against God (Rev 12:9, 13, 17; UL 262) and thus deprive Jesus of the joyful reward of His self-sacrifice on Calvary (Isa 53:11; Heb 12:2; GC 647, 652, 671; DA 680). God, however, through preaching the gospel and compassionate service to suffering humanity, uses truth and love to draw all people to Jesus as their crucified Savior (Jn 12:32; DA 759), gives them repentance and forgiveness (Ac 5:31), saves them by grace through faith (Eph 2:8), and makes them children of God and joint-heirs with Christ of His everlasting kingdom (Rom 8:14-17).

In the second battle of the Great Controversy, Christ's death exposed Satan as a liar and murderer (Jn 8:44; DA 57), and so defeated him and destroyed his works (Heb 2:14; 1 Jn 3:8). In the fourth battle, "this last conflict of the great controversy" (PK 627), the faithful remnant of God's people again will overcome Satan "by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." (Rev 12:11; 2SM 380). Thus, God is revealed and vindicated in His true character of just, merciful, selfless love, first personally and decisively in the physical body of His Son, and now corporately and globally through the spiritual body of Christ, His church (Eph 3:10-11).

God's people overcome Satan in this final battle only as they take seriously that his own nature is expressed on both the corporate level, in fallen Babylon, which has received her "power, seat, and great authority" from him (Rev 13:12), and on the personal level, in the human heart (Jer 17:9). They are determined to fight the battle on both levels: By coming out and staying clear of Babylon (Rev 18:4; 14:4), the "beast without", they overcome confusion and error; and by repentance from dead works and spiritual pride (Rev 3:1-3, 17-19), they overcome sin and selfishness, the "beast within." They clearly recognize that overcoming on both levels is essential to their salvation (Mt 24:9-13; Rev 2 & 3).

Moreover, God's remnant people know that staying away from institutions led by Satan, his "power without", is not the whole battle, since Satan's "power within" must also be overcome (COL 174-175). Martin Luther is quoted as confessing, "I fear the pope *self* more than I fear the pope of Rome." (Eli Wigle, *Prevailing Prayer*, Continental Publishing, 1900, p. 75). "A man may be baptized, and his name placed on church rolls, yet his heart may be unchanged. Hereditary and cultivated tendencies may still work evil in the character." (UL 182). Even true believers may still have "corrupt and sinful habits that must be overcome by vigorous warfare. Every soul is required to fight the fight of faith." (6BC 1111).

Will God's people choose to fight the Great Controversy on both levels and strive to overcome in the victorious nature of their Savior and Lord? Will they help other people understand the Great Controversy and how they can participate in the total victory over sin and error? Will they fight the good fight of faith to the very end and remain faithful until Jesus comes to take them home (1 Ti 6:12; Rev 2:10)?

	Two Natures	Cosmic Level	Corporate Level	Personal Level	Two Choices
	Satan's vs. Jesus'	Satan – Fallen Angel (Isa 14:12) versus Jesus (Rev 12:7)	Babylon – Fallen Churches (Rev 14:8) versus Remnant (Rev 12:17)	Self – Fallen Hearts (Ge 3:17) versus Holy Spirit (Rom 8:5-9)	I have / do it hardly → daily
1	Pride vs. Humility	<i>Exalts himself</i> (Isa 14:14; Eze 28:17) <i>Humbles Himself</i> (Php 2:3-8)	<i>Makes herself God</i> (2 Th 2:4) <i>Repents of all pride</i> (Rev 3:14-22)	<i>Thinks highly</i> (Lk 18:11; Rom 12:3) <i>Humbles him/herself</i> (1 Pe 5:5-6)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2	Blasphemy vs. Fear of God	<i>Speaks evil of God</i> (Ge 3:4-5) <i>Always honors God</i> (Jn 8:49)	<i>Blasphemes God</i> (Rev 13:1, 6) <i>Fears & worships God</i> (Rev 14:7)	<i>Speaks evil of God</i> (2 Pe 3:3-4) <i>Edifies in speech</i> (Eph 4:29-31)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	Lies vs. Honesty	<i>Is a liar & the father of it</i> (Jn 8:44) <i>Is & speaks truth</i> (Jn 4:16; 8:40)	<i>Does lying wonders</i> (2 Th 2:9) <i>Prophecies truth</i> (Rev 10:8-11)	<i>Even believers still lie</i> (Ac 5:1-11) <i>Speaks truth to all</i> (Eph 4:25)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	Heresies vs. True Faith	<i>Drew angels</i> (Isa 9:15; Rev 12:4) <i>God's Word is truth</i> (Jn 17:17)	<i>Has false doctrines</i> (1 Ti 4:1-2) <i>Restores truths</i> (Isa 58:12-14)	<i>Does not love truth</i> (2 Th 2:10) <i>Speaks truth in love</i> (Eph 4:15)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Deception vs. Integrity	<i>Deceives world</i> (1 Ti 2:14; Rev 12:9) <i>In Him is no guile</i> (1 Pe 2:22)	<i>Deceives nations</i> (Rev 18:23) <i>Has discernment</i> (Rev 3:18)	<i>Is deceitful</i> (Jer 17:9; Jas 1:22) <i>No deceit</i> (Mk 13:22; Rev 14:5)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	Hypocrisy vs. Sincerity	<i>False claims</i> (Mt 4:6, 9; 1 Ti 4:1-2) <i>True claims</i> (Jn 10:24-30; 14:2)	<i>Harlot poses as bride</i> (Rev 18:2-9) <i>True obedience</i> (Rev 12:17; 14:12)	<i>Mere form</i> (Mk 7:6-13; 2 Ti 3:5) <i>True worship</i> (Jn 4:23; Rev 14:7)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Accusation vs. Meekness	<i>Accuser of brethren</i> (Rev 12:10) <i>Is silent</i> (Isa 53:7; 1 Pe 2:23)	<i>Accuses believers</i> (Mt 5:10-12) <i>Relies on Spirit</i> (Mt 10:19-10)	<i>Accuses others</i> (Lk 23:2; 2 Ti 3:3) <i>Reacts meekly</i> (1 Pe 3:15-17)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Anger vs. Peacefulness	<i>Wants to destroy Christ</i> (Rev 12:4) <i>Slow to anger</i> (Ps 145:8; Joel 2:13)	<i>Angry, fights saints</i> (Rev 12:12-17) <i>Proclaims Gospel</i> (Rev 14:6)	<i>Anger causes murder</i> (Mt 5:21-22) <i>Makes peace</i> (Pr 15:18; Eph 4:26)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	Coercion vs. Freedom	<i>Controls world</i> (Jn 12:31; 2 Co 4:4) <i>Makes free</i> (Jn 8:36; Rom 8:2)	<i>Legal threats</i> (Rev 13:12, 15-17) <i>Calls to freedom</i> (Rev 18:4; 22:17)	<i>Slave to sin</i> (Rom 7:23; 2 Ti 2:26) <i>Free from sin</i> (Rom 8:16; Gal 5:1)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 1. Awake to Our Present Time – 110. The Final Crisis of the Great Controversy

SUMMARY: Lastly, you identify the powers in the **final** crisis, and your duty calling for absolute loyal **love** to Jesus, if you are to share in His **victory**.

"As God's people approach the final crisis, they must with increasing power proclaim the message He has given them... God's requirements must be laid before those who are transgressing His law. They must be made to understand that this is a life and death question. God's remnant people are to fill the earth with the cry of the third angel." (RH 07-16-1901). "The great crisis is just before us. To meet its trials and temptations, and to perform its duties, will require persevering faith. But we may triumph gloriously; not one watching, praying, believing soul will be ensnared by the enemy." (6T 404).

Who of God's people are properly preparing for the final crisis as depicted in Rev 17, so they can share in Christ's final victory? Only those who keep all His commandments from loyal loving faith in Him (Jn 14:15; Rev 3:18). We must remember: "The great controversy going on in the world is waging more sharply today than at any period of the world's history..." (UL 20). Satan "knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Rev 12:12).

	The Woman (Rev 17:1-6, 18)			
1	The WOMAN sitting on the beast (17:3-6, 18) is the great whore (v. 1), with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication (v. 2) =			
2	<i>Political governments have entered illicit alliances with religious powers, that is, apostate churches.</i>			
3	The nations of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication (v. 2) =			
4	<i>They are deceived by satanic falsehoods as their powers of reason, judgment and spiritual perception have been benumbed.</i>			
5	The woman is arrayed in purple and scarlet (v. 4) = <i>colors of royalty or ruling and prostitution or oppression, a satanic mixture.</i>			
6	The golden cup in her hand is full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication (v. 4) = <i>the ungodly alliance between apostate Christianity</i>			
7	<i>and political powers is proposed to be beneficial to all, but is really Satan's deceptive way to unite the world under his leadership.</i>			
8	Her name is written on her forehead; it is a mystery:			
9	BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH (v. 5) =			
10	<i>The woman is the threefold religious union of the papacy, apostate US Protestantism, and spiritualism (institutions and their leaders).</i>			
11	She is drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus (v. 6) =			
12	<i>She is intoxicated with her past and future success at persecuting the true people of God.</i>			
	The Beast (Rev 17:8-17)			
13	The BEAST was (17:8).	And is not (17:8).	Yet is = ascends out of pit (17:8; 11:7) =	Woman sits on beast (17:3-6, 18).
14			World wonders / worships (17:8; 13:3-4,8).	Beast goes into perdition (17:8, 11).
15	605 BC – AD 1798	1798 – 1929	1929 – Close of Probation	Close of Probation – 2 nd Coming
16	History until 1798, when papacy	Beast is not active,	1929: papacy begins to be restored =	Healed Papacy leads global powers,
17	received deadly wound (13:3).	papacy without power.	wound heals (13:3), it lives (13:14).	which Christ will destroy (17:14).
18	The SEVEN HEADS are seven mountains , on which the woman sitteth (17:9) = empires (Jer 51:25; Rev 8:8) of the satanic God-less system.			
19	And they are seven kings : five are fallen, one is, and the other is not yet come... (17:10) = <i>kingdoms, governments.</i>			
20	Some believe that "the beast is not" (17:8) and "one king is" (17:10) refers to 1798, when the papacy received the deadly wound (13:3).			
21	<i>In this case, the 6th king who is, would be atheistic France, the empire that inflicted the deadly wound on the papal power.</i>			
22	<i>However, the favored view is that the "is" of the 6th king is referring to the time of the writing of Revelation, that is, to Imperial Rome.</i>			
23	<i>This means the previous five kings who have fallen (17:10) must be counted backwards from Pagan Rome, starting with Greece, then Medo-</i>			
24	<i>Persia, Babylon, Assyria, and Egypt. All of these past world powers have oppressed and/or attempted to destroy God's OT people.</i>			
25	<i>The 7th king yet to come would be the USA or, as favored, Papal Rome. Either way, the 8th king is the Confederacy led by the healed papacy.</i>			
26	Five are fallen (17:10):	One is (17:10):	The other is not yet come (17:10):	The beast is the eighth (17:11):
27	Past kingdoms, BC	John's time, ca. AD 90	AD 538 – Close of Probation	Close of Probation – 2 nd Coming
28	The 5 fallen kings (beasts):	The 6 th king (beast):	The 7 th King (little horn):	8 th King (of the 7):
29	(Dan 2; 7 & 8).	(Dan 2; 7 & 8).	(Dan 7 & 8; Rev 13:1-10 or 13:11-17).	(Rev 17:11).
30	1. Egypt (or Babylon)	6. Imperial Pagan Rome	7. Papal Rome (or USA)	8. Global Confederacy
31	2. Assyria (or Medo-Persia)	27 BC - AD 476	a. 3-fold union (Papacy, US Protestantism	10 kings = all earthly powers:
32	3. Babylon (or Greece)	(or Atheistic France,	and Spiritualism) (16:13-14) pushes	a. Receive power 1 hour with beast
33	4. Medo-Persia (or Imperial Rome)	1789 - 1871)	US & global Sunday laws (13:15-17).	= Support 3-fold union in global
34	5. Greece (or Papal Rome)		b. Satan fakes 2 nd Coming (Mt 24:26).	persecution of remnant (17:12-14).
35	The TEN HORNS are ten kings (global powers) which have received no kingdom as yet (17:12).			b. Destroy the papacy (17:16-18).
c. Lamb overcomes them (17:14)				
Christ totally destroys them all.				
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A. Sound the Trumpet – 2. Stand on the Side of Truth – 201. The Two Last Day Movements

SUMMARY: Second, you need **complete self-denial** in the final crisis to **persevere** against the satanic **counterfeit** of the Three Angels' Messages.

"Before the final visitation of God's judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children.... The enemy of souls desires to hinder this work; and before the time for such a movement shall come, he will endeavor to prevent it by introducing a counterfeit.... There will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest.... Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world.... Yet none need be deceived. In the light of God's word it is not difficult to determine the nature of these movements." (GC 464).

"Two great opposing powers are revealed in the last great battle. On one side stands the Creator of heaven and earth. All on His side bear His signet. They are obedient to His commands. On the other side stands the prince of darkness, with those who have chosen apostasy and rebellion." (7BC 982). "Between the laws of men and the precepts of Jehovah will come the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error. Upon this battle we are now entering--a battle not between rival churches contending for the supremacy, but between the religion of the Bible and the religions of fable and tradition. The agencies which have united against truth are now actively at work." (PK 625).

The last days of earth's history are of unprecedented spiritual import and impact. Movements of both divine and satanic origins and power are now gathering followers by drawing them into their ranks to get ready for the battle of Armageddon (Rev 16:13-14). Being initiated by opposite spirits, they will necessarily and very soon be on an open collision course (Rev 12:17). By the time probation closes, the human race will have been divided into two distinct and fixed groups with opposite eternal destinies (Rev 22:11). Only those who remain on God's side will finally be saved (Mt 24:13; Rev 2:11). The time is urgent. "Church and state are now making preparations for the last great conflict." (RH 01-23-1908).

Are we making our preparations, both individually and corporately? God is calling on His remnant people now to give humanity, in the power of the latter rain, His final invitation to receive the gospel (Rev 14:6-7; 18:4; 22:17), and His last warning of the tragic results of rejecting it (Rev 14:8-11). The faith of all people will be tested (Rev 3:10; GC 560, 605). Already many depart from it and are shaken out (1 Ti 4:1; Heb 12:27), while others purpose their refining and renewing (Mal 3:2; Rev 3:18). "The Lord is calling for self-denying workers to follow in His footsteps, to walk and work for Him...." (8T 28). His probing question is: Will we persevere in the self-denial needed to stand on the side of truth (Lk 18:8)?

	The Genuine Movement	Scriptures & EGW		The Counterfeit Movement
1	The Heavenly Trio (Mt 28:19; Ev 615)	(Divine Powers)	(Demonic Powers)	The Earthly Trio (Rev 16:13; 20:10)
2	The Father (The everlasting God):	Jn 20:17; Rom 16:25;	Rev 12:9; 2 Co 4:4;	The Dragon (Satan – god of this world):
3	Plan of Salvation – Eternal life by faith:	1 Pe 1:2-5; Rev 20:6;	Rev 17:1-2; GC 588 ff.;	Plan of Delusion – Global Spiritualism:
4	Humans are mortal; dead will be raised.	1 Co 15:54; Jn 6:40;	GC 533; 545-562;	Souls are immortal; dead are appearing.
5	Gives all power in heaven & earth to Son.	Mt 28:18	Rev 13:2	Gives his power and seat to sea beast.
6	The Son (Jesus the Lord and Christ):	Jn 20:31; Ac 2:36;	Rev 13:1-10; 17:1-6;	The Beast (Babylon – Papacy leads):
7	Looks like the Father; dies and resurrects.	Heb 1:3; Rev 1:18	Rev 12:3; 13:1, 3	Looks like the dragon; is slain and healed.
8	Reveals the Father: Truth, Word of God.	Jn 1:14; 17:17;	1 Ti 4:1-2; Rev 18:2;	Reveals dragon: Error, Doctrines of devils.
9	Head of His remnant church in the world.	Eph 5:23; Col 1:18	Rev 17:5; GC 382	Mother of all fallen churches of the world.
10	The Holy Spirit (The Other Comforter):	Jn 14:16, 26; 15:26;	Rev 16:13; Mar 182;	The False Prophet (Apostate Protestantism):
11	Promotes Jesus; genuine fire & miracles.	Jn 16:14; Ac 2:3, 22, 43;	Rev 13:12-14; 19:20;	Promotes beast; deceiving fire & miracles.
12	Restores individuals to image of Christ.	Jn 16:8; Rom 8:29;	Rev 13:15; LDE 131;	Causes USA to make image to beast.
13	Gives love to obey all Commandments.	Rom 5:5; 1 Jn 5:3	Rev 13:15-17	Enforces law to break 4 th Commandment.
14	The 3 Angels' Messages (Rev 14:6-11):	(Last offer of mercy prior	(Last deception prior	The 3 Frogs' Messages (Rev 16:13):
15	Go to all <u>people</u> of the world (Rev 14:6)	to COP, ST 01-25-1910)	to Exodus, Ex 8:7)	Go to all <u>rulers</u> of the world (Rev 16:14)
16	Fear the God of judgment, give glory to Him.	Mt 10:28; Rev 14:7;	2 Th 2:4; Rev 13:5-6;	The Beast blasphemes the true God, is God.
17	His pre-Advent judgment has come.	Dan 8:14; Rev 14:7;	Internet;	Second chance after secret rapture.
18	Worship the Creator! (Return to <u>Sabbath</u>)	Ex 20:8-11; Rev 14:7	Rev 13:4, 12, 15	<u>Worship the beast!</u> (<u>Sunday Movements</u>)
19	Babylon is fallen, is fallen (emphatic):	Rev 14:8; 18:2;	Rev 13:4; 18:7;	Babylon is worshiped, sits as queen:
20	Made people disregard the Sabbath.	Ex 20:8-11; Da 7:25	Dan 7:25; RC Sources	Claims power to change law to Sunday.
21	All who do take the mark of the beast, will	Rev 14:9-11;	Rev 13:15-17;	All who do not take the mark of the beast,
22	receive the plagues and be annihilated.	GC 383	GC 446-449	cannot buy or sell, and must be killed.
23	Final Warning (Loud Cry):	Ps 75:8; Rev 16:2;	5T 81, 152; AH 141;	"Final Whoring (Proud Lie)":
24	Babylon is fallen and full of demons:	Rev 18:1-3;	2 Th 2:9-12;	Babylon is alive and full of the Spirit:
25	Christianity full of false doctrines & vices.	GC 604; 8T 118;	EW 261; GC 464-5;	(Pentecostal & Charismatic Movements)
26	Come out of her, my (individual) people!	Rev 18:4; Mar 163;	Rev 13:3, 8; GC 588;	Come (back) to me, all faiths & pagans!
27	(Seventh-day Adventist Movement)	4T 13; PP 124	Internet	(Ecumenical & Interfaith Movements)

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 2. Stand on the Side of Truth – 202. The End-Time Elijah

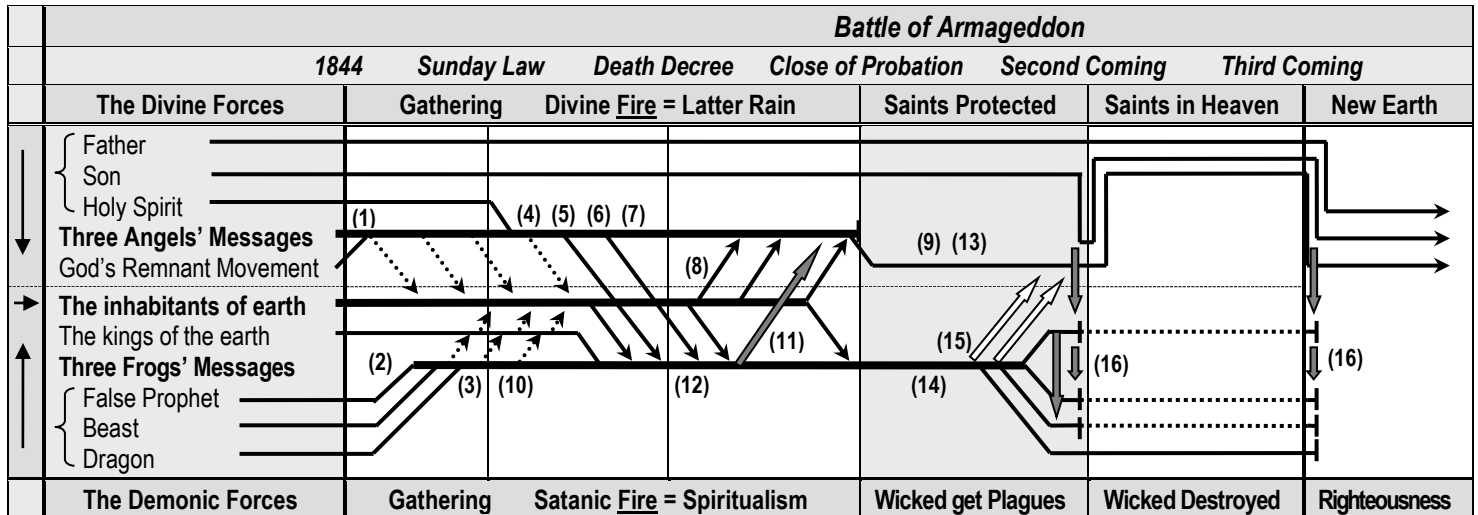
SUMMARY: Here you can see how, by **spreading** these messages, you help **prepare** a people for the Lord as did Elijah and John the Baptist.

The prophetic Three Angels' Messages preached in the power of Holy Spirit (Rev 14:6-12; 18:1-4), directly contradict the three demons' messages of the counterfeit trinity (Rev 16:13). As both messages go out to and gather followers from the whole world (Rev 14:6; 16:14), the great controversy between Christ and Satan comes to a climax in the spiritual "Battle of Armageddon" (Rev 16:14-16). Christ, the true High Priest (Heb 6:20) and King of kings (Rev 17:14), and His followers of pure faith, His virgin bride (Rev 14:4; 19:7-9), fight against prostitute Babylon, which is posing as a High Priest (Rev 17:4-5; Ex 28; 39) and a queen (Rev 18:7), and her followers of corrupt faith, her illicit lovers (Rev 17:1-2, 14).

"Armageddon" means "mountain of Megiddo", but there is no mountain by that name, nor was Megiddo itself on a mountain. However, the city is reminiscent of two decisive historic battles: Israel's dramatic victory over Canaanite kings "by the waters of Megiddo" (Jdg 4; 5:19), and Elijah's victory over the priests of Baal on nearby Mount Carmel (1 Ki 18:16-46). Both battles are types of the two aspects of the Battle of Armageddon: 1. As God gave His people of Israel physical victory over kings at Megiddo (Jdg 5:19), so Christ assures His remnant people that when He comes He will destroy the "kings of the earth" and Babylon, which had united to destroy them (Rev 6:14-17; 16:18-21; 17:14-16; 19:19-21).

2. But before "that great day of God Almighty" (Rev 16:14), a spiritual victory is to be gained, a decision secured: As on Mount Carmel the prophet Elijah called the Israelites to follow the true God, so in the Battle of Armageddon God's remnant, through the prophetic Three Angels' Messages (Rev 16:14-16; 18:1-4), calls the end-time world to worship Him. Carmel and Armageddon urge the same decision: Who will you follow or worship, the true Creator God or an idol (1 Ki 18:21; Rev 13:8; 14:7)? It is a matter of life or death (1 Ki 18:37-40; Rev 19:19-21; 20:15). By calling everyone on earth to worship God, "for the hour of His judgment is come" (Rev 14:6), God's remnant acts as His end-time Elijah (7T 141).

This is still our mission. "Thousands were led to embrace the truth preached by William Miller, and servants of God were raised up in the spirit and power of Elijah to proclaim the message." (EW 233; 1SG 133). "Those who are to prepare the way for the second coming of Christ are represented by faithful Elijah, as John came in the spirit of Elijah to prepare the way for Christ's first advent. The work of John the Baptist, and the work of those who in the last days go forth in the spirit and power of Elijah to arouse the people from their apathy, are in many respects the same." (Mar 22). It is to globally "make straight the way of the Lord" (Isa 40:3-5; Mt 3:3) by making "ready a people prepared for the Lord" (Lk 1:17).



Time of Gathering → Close of Probation	Spiritual Victory → Second Coming	Physical Victory → Third Coming
<p>(1) In 1844, Remnant begins to proclaim Three Angels' Messages globally, thus gathering new believers (Mt 22:8-10; Jn 10:16; Rev 14:6-12), and preparing for the Latter Rain and Time of Trouble (6T 42-43; EW 85-86).</p> <p>(2) Counterfeit Trinity begins to spread Three Frogs' Messages globally, thus gathering new adherents from among the kings of the world, and training them for Armageddon (Rev 13:14-16; 16:13-14; 17:1-3, 12-13).</p>	<p>(3) Land Beast works lying wonders, including fire from heaven (Rev 13:13-14; 1 Th 2:9).</p> <p>(4) Spirit Fire: Believers proclaim final warning in Latter Rain power, true miracles follow (Rev 18:1-4; 6T 16; GC 604-612; 9T 126).</p> <p>(5) Heed prophetic guidance (Jdg 4:8; EGW).</p> <p>(6) Persevere in battle (Jdg 4:16; Rev 14:12).</p> <p>(7) Overcome love of life (Jdg 5:18; Rev 12:11).</p> <p>(8) People decide for God (1 Ki 18:39; Rev 14:7).</p> <p>(9) Saints endure Jacob's trouble (GC 615-621).</p>	<p>(10) 2nd Beast enacts Sunday Law with threat of economic boycott (Rev 13:16-17).</p> <p>(11) Believers face death decree (Rev 13:15).</p> <p>(12) Are overcome, martyrs (Rev 13:7; 3SM 397).</p> <p>(13) God cares for survivors as for Elijah (GC 629).</p> <p>(14) Death decree enforced, date for believers' death set as for Elijah (1 Ki 19:2; GC 631).</p> <p>(15) God prevents their death (GC 626, 631-5).</p> <p>(16) God destroys their enemies (Jdg 5:19-22; Rev 17:14-17; 19:11-21; 20:9-15).</p>

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 2. Stand on the Side of Truth – 203. The Comings of the Two Christs

SUMMARY: You also **prepare** yourself and others for the Lord's return, as you **discern** Satan's deception when he **counterfeits** Jesus' coming.

The second coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has been the "blessed hope" (Tit 2:13) of all true believers who have looked for their final deliverance for centuries (Da 12:1; Heb 11:39-40; Mt 6:10). As this most climactic event of earth's history is drawing closer, Satan knows he has but a short time left (Rev 12:12) to achieve his devious goal to deceive the whole human race into deifying him instead of worshipping the Creator (Isa 14:13-15; Mt 4:9; LDE 168). He will attempt this, not just by claiming to be the Christ as many others have before him (Mt 24:5), but by actually personating Him, thereby counterfeiting the coming of the true Christ (2 Th 2:9; LDE 162-164).

This will be Satan's greatest delusion, the "crowning act in the drama of deception" (GC 624), by which he will mislead almost all the people of the world and attempt to deceive, if it were possible, even the very elect (Mt 24:24). However, the elect are able to discern Satan's trickery. They know that he is not permitted to counterfeit the manner of Jesus' coming and the events associated with it (LDE 165-166). They have identified the exact points by which to distinguish between the genuine and the false Christ, and are committed to endure to the end and patiently wait for their true great God and Savior (Mt 24:13; Isa 64:4; 25:9; Tit 2:13), even if they are in the minority (5T 136).

God's remnant people look for the glorious future, which their divine Lord has prepared for those who love Him (1 Co 2:9; Jas 2:5). That is why, in the power of the latter rain, they faithfully and powerfully proclaim the true Savior and the true Sabbath, calling people out of Babylon (Rev 18:1-4). This constitutes "the final warning to be given to the inhabitants of the earth." (GC 604).

	The Actual Appearing/Return of the True Christ, the God and Savior, Jesus Christ (Tit 2:13)		Comparison	The Counterfeit Coming of the False "Christ", the god of this World, Satan (2 Co 4:4)	
1	Christ comes after the little and great times of trouble and the seven last plagues.	Mt 24:23-30; Rev 16	Timing differs	Satan comes during the little and before the great time of trouble and the plagues.	Mt 24:23 GC 625
2	The "sign of the Son of man" appears, a small black cloud changing into a big white cloud on which Jesus comes.	Mt 24:30; EW 15; GC 640-1	No counterfeit permitted	"Satan is not permitted to counterfeit the manner of Christ's advent." He will not come on a cloud or in any other way.	GC 625; LDE 165; 4SP 443
3	Jesus comes with great power and His Father's glory, with all holy angels.	Mk 13:26; Mt 16:27; 24:30	No counterfeit	Satan not permitted to counterfeit the glory of Christ's advent; he is all by himself.	LDE 165; 163
4	Jesus never touches the earth but stays in the air, after visible and audible arrival.	Mt 24:27; 1 Th 4:17	Arrival opposite	Satan appears as already walking on the earth, without noticeable prior arrival.	Mt 24:26; LDE 163
5	Every eye will see Him around the world (without the help of media coverage).	Rev 1:7	Visibility opposite	Satan will be seen only locally wherever he appears (and maybe in the media).	LDE 163
6	Faithful disciples of Jesus will not go where Satan is seen, or believe reports.	Mt 24:26	Interest opposite	Unbelievers and deceived disciples of Jesus go and see where "Christ" is reported to be.	LDE 163
7	Believers will recognize the voice of the true Shepherd, when He comes.	Jn 10:1-5; LDE 165	Reaction opposite	Believers will flee from the false Christ; only deceived people will go hear him.	Jn 10:5; LDE 164
8	When the saints see Jesus come closer, they shout, "Behold, this is our God."	Isa 25:9	Greeting similar	When Satan appears, the deceived shout, "Christ has come! Christ has come!"	LDE 163-164
9	Jesus appears with white hair and fiery eyes and feet.	EW 15	Looks similar	Satan imitates Christ's appearance, as it is also described in Rev 1:13-15.	LDE 163
10	Christ descends with a shout, a loud voice, and the sound of a trumpet.	1 Th 4:16	Sounds opposite	Satan speaks some heavenly truths in a soft, subdued, and gentle voice.	LDE 163-164
11	Believers keep the true Sabbath of the Lord; they will not obey the Sunday law.	Mt 12:8; Rev 20:4	Worship opposite	Satan claims to have changed the Sabbath; the deceived will obey Sunday law.	LDE 164
12	Christ performs true divine miracles: resurrects the dead believers of all ages; translates the living saints in a moment; they all receive immortal bodies and are caught up to meet Christ in the air.	Mt 24:26; 1 Co 15:51-55; 1 Th 4:16-17	Nature of miracles of Christ and Satan opposite	Satan performs lying wonders: apparent healings from sickness which he inflicted; these "will bring SDAs to the test"; he causes fire to come down from heaven to "prove" his claim that he is Christ/God.	2 Th 2:9; LDE 166-7; 2SM 53; Rev 13:13; LDE 167
13	All unbelievers around the world will mourn as they witness the power and glory of Christ, and will then be destroyed by it.	Mt 24:30; 2 Th 2:8; Rev 14:18-20	Response of wicked opposite	All unbelievers around the world will fall for Satan, deify and exalt him as their god and make God's law void.	LDE 166, 168
14	Faithful believers, having prayed and waited for their deliverance, will meet Jesus in the air and be taken to heaven.	Isa 25:9; Da 12:1; 1 Th 4:15-17	Experience of believers opposite	Faithful believers who recognized Satan's deception and refused the false Sabbath, will be hated, persecuted, and many killed.	Mt 24:9; Rev 13:15

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 3. Qualify for the Seal of God – 301. The Purposes and Phases of the Sealing

SUMMARY: Third, you need **perpetual abiding** in Jesus through His Spirit, since without Him you cannot **qualify** for or **benefit** from His sealing.

The sealing of God's faithful people is the means by which the Lord achieves His divine plan for them (Isa 55:11; Jer 27:11).

A seal is a literal impression on a document (Est 3:12) or a spiritual sign for its recipients (Ex 31:13). It contains the name, title, and jurisdiction of its author, thereby declares the authority of the owner, and gives authority to the messenger to share and act on the message.

In the Scriptures any sealing has three purposes. They apply to the written document such as a letter or a book, to a message such as a law to be proclaimed, as well as to its messenger. This is particularly true for the Ten Commandments and God's people in the last days.

The sealing of God's people is not simply a single one-time occurrence, but a process in four phases. It comes at crucial points in their lives, and will be completed only on the faithful who endure unto the end and are then delivered and saved (Da 12:1; Mt 24:13; Mk 13:13).

Who of God's people are committed to qualify for all stages of the sealing?

The Three Purposes of Any Sealing	
1	The Three Purposes (Biblical examples)
2	1. To <u>enable</u> the messenger to be sent out and the message to be proclaimed (1 Ki 21:8; Est 3:13; 8:13; Jn 6:27; 20:21-23; Ac 1:8; AA 30).
3	2. To <u>authenticate</u> , validate, endorse, or approve of the content or message/messenger (1 Ki 21:8; Ne 9:38; Est 3:12; 8:8, 10; Da 6:17; Jn 3:33; Rom 4:11; 1 Co 9:2; Eph 4:30; 2 Ti 2:19; PP 376; PK 335; AA 96; DA 529; Ev 329; 19MR 281-282).
4	3. To <u>protect</u> the substance and thus secure the objective of: a) a legal document, political or religious (1 Ki 21:8; Ne 9:38; Isa 8:16);
5	b) a book (Da 9:24; 12:4, 9; Rev 5:1-9; 6:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12; 8:1; 9:4; 10:4; 20:3; 22:10); c) a person (2 Co 1:22; Eph 1:13-14; 4:30).
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7	Application to the Ten Commandments (seal is in the Sabbath commandment, Ex 20:11)
8	1. Moses, the prophets, Jesus, His apostles, and all the faithful proclaimed the <u>content</u> of God's law (Ex 20:1-17; Mt 5:21-48; Rom 13:8-10).
9	2. Moses, the prophets, Jesus, His apostles, & all the faithful upheld the <u>authority</u> of God's law (Dt 10:4; Isa 1:10; Jn 10:35; Rom 7:12; Jas 2:12).
10	3. All called for the keeping of God's law (Dt 11:1; 2 Ki 17:13; Lk 6:46; Jas 1:22; 1 Jn 5:3) and defended its <u>immutability</u> (Mt 5:17; Ro 3:31).
11	Application to God's End-Time Remnant (seal is in the law in the heart, Dt 5:29; Jer 31:33)
12	The three purposes of any sealing apply in a special way to God's remnant people in the last days: They are sealed
13	1. because God wants to <u>enable</u> them to be His witnesses in the power of His Holy Spirit (Ac 1:8; Rev 14:6-12; 18:1-4);
14	2. because God wants to <u>authenticate</u> and approve of their godly lives and testimony (Matt 25:21, 23; 3T 267);
15	3. because God wants to <u>protect</u> them from the plagues and from death during the great time of trouble (EW 43, 71).
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The Four Phases of the Sealing of Believers	
16	1. Initial Sealing (at the beginning of the life of faith) as
17	circumcision, seal of righteousness by faith: of the flesh (Ge 17:10-12; Rom 4:11), or of the heart (Dt 30:6; Col 2:10-12);
18	Sabbath keeping, sign of sanctification and loyalty to God's covenant (Ex 31:13-17; Eze 20:12; LDE 225);
19	the " <u>earnest of the Spirit</u> " to secure their inheritance until redemption (2 Co 1:22; 5:5; Eph 1:13-14; 4:30).
20	2. Occasional Sealing (at various points during the life of faith) as
21	empowerment for service (Jn 6:27; Lk 24:49; Ac 1:5, 8; AA 30);
22	validation of service (Jn 6:27; 1 Co 9:2; PP 376; PK 335; AA 96; DA 529; Ev 329; 19MR 281-282);
23	the " <u>settling into the truth</u> " before the shaking, to secure faithfulness (EW 43-44; 4BC 1161 on Rev 7:2; 8MR 220).
24	3. One-Time Sealing (the "seal of the living God", just before the close of probation, 7BC 968 on Rev 7:1-3) as
25	for those only who "sigh and cry for the abominations done in the land" (5T 212; CET 187);
26	the " <u>pure mark of truth</u> " on those who "sigh and cry for" the sins done in the church (Eze 9:4; 3T 266-267);
27	the " <u>mark of deliverance</u> " on those who keep the Commandments and "sigh and cry" (5T 451; GC 656);
28	the sign of truly keeping the <u>Sabbath</u> (7BC 981 on Rev 14:12; GC 640; 15MR 15, 225);
29	for those who have passed the great test and proved loyal to God (7BC 976 on Rev 13:14-17; GC 613; LDE 229);
30	for those who are "without spot before God – candidates for heaven" (5T 216; FLB 288; LDE 221).
31	recognition of their likeness to Christ (7BC 970 on Rev 7:1-3; Mar 241; 3T 267; 5T 214; TM 446);
32	protection during the great time of trouble (Zep 2:3; 7BC 969 on Rev 7:1-3; EW 43, 71; Mar 242; LED 221);
33	securing them for heaven (7BC 970 on Rev 7:1-3; EW 89; TM 446; 15MR 225).
34	4. Ultimate Sealing ("His seal of final triumph", at the return of the Lord)
35	(LS 438; AG 200, 326; HP 341; 2SM 407).
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Time of Preparation → Sunday Law	Little Time of Trouble → Close of Probation	Great Time of Trouble → 2 nd Coming
<p>(1) <u>Third Angel's Message</u>: Given from 1844 (<i>EW</i> 254) to close of probation (<i>GC</i> 613). Embraces the 1st & 2nd messages (<i>8T</i> 197). 1888: Righteousness by Faith is "3rd angel's message in verity" (<i>LDE</i> 199), commanded by God "to be given to the world." (<i>TM</i> 92).</p> <p>(2) <u>Sealing: Settling into the truth</u> (<i>4BC</i> 1161 on Rev 7:2): <u>Prepares</u> believers for shaking and the Latter Rain (<i>Mar</i>, chs. 192 & 193).</p> <p>(3) <u>Counterfeit Revivals</u>: In fallen churches, before Loud Cry (<i>EW</i> 261). Started by Satan to prevent the coming true revival (<i>GC</i> 464).</p> <p>(4) <u>True Revival/Reform</u>: Among God's people. Has 2 phases; 1st is prerequisite for 2nd: 1. Enabled by Former Rain (<i>LDE</i> 187-196). 2. Enabled by Latter Rain (<i>9T</i> 126; <i>GC</i> 464).</p> <p>(5) <u>Shaking Time</u>: Already begun (<i>4BC</i> 1161). Caused by straight testimony (<i>LDE</i> 175), false theories (<i>LDE</i> 177) & persecution (173-4).</p> <p>(6) <u>US & Global Sunday Laws</u>: Image to beast & death threat (Rev 13:15-17; <i>GC</i> 445; <i>6T</i> 18). Final test for humanity (Rev 14:12; <i>GC</i> 605).</p>	<p>(7) <u>Satan works</u> miracles & disasters (<i>GC</i> 588-9). Sunday Law (Rev 13:16-17; <i>GC</i> 449; 604-5). Believers persecuted (<i>GC</i> 607-8): scatters, unifies, sanctifies (<i>6T</i> 401; <i>LDE</i> 145-154). Satan counterfeits 2nd Coming (<i>GC</i> 625).</p> <p>(8) <u>Latter Rain</u> (Joel 2:23; Ac 3:19; <i>EW</i> 86): Swells 3rd angel's message to <u>Loud Cry</u> (Rev 18:1-4; <i>EW</i> 277). Prepares believers for plagues (<i>EW</i> 86), fits them for translation (<i>1T</i> 187). <u>Final warning</u> heeded; unconverted shaken out & replaced (<i>4T</i> 89; <i>GC</i> 604-612).</p> <p>(9) <u>Seal of the living God</u> (Eze 9:2-4; Rev 7:1-3; <i>EW</i> 38, 48): All who fully reflect the image of Christ (<i>EW</i> 71) & truly keep Sabbath (<i>GC</i> 640). Their sins <u>blotted out</u> (Ac 3:19; <i>GC</i> 485, 620). <u>Protected</u> from 7 last plagues (<i>EW</i> 43, 71).</p> <p>(10) <u>Marriage of the Lamb</u>: Christ receives His kingdom (Da 7:13-14; <i>GC</i> 428, 480) in the Most Holy Place (<i>EW</i> 251, 280). Believers attend by faith (Mt 25:10; <i>GC</i> 427-428).</p> <p>(11) <u>Close of probation</u>: Holy Spirit withdrawn, door of mercy shut (Rev 22:11; <i>GC</i> 428, 614).</p>	<p>(12) <u>The 7 last plagues</u> (<i>GC</i> 614). During 2nd: Death decree against the remnant starts time of <u>Jacob's trouble</u> (<i>GC</i> 615-620). Saints are protected, will not die (<i>EW</i> 283; <i>GC</i> 629-631). During 6th: <u>Battle of Armageddon</u> (Rev 16:16).</p> <p>(13) During 7th: <u>Deliverance begins</u> (Da 12:1): Death decree not executed, but Christ starts to deliver saints at midnight (<i>GC</i> 636). <u>Special Resurrection</u> (Da 12:2; Mt 26:64) of all who pierced Christ (Rev 1:7), derided and opposed Him the most, and all who died in the faith of the third angel's message, to behold Him in His glory (<i>GC</i> 637), with terror (Rev 6:16) or joy (<i>LDE</i> 271-278).</p> <p>(14) Coming of Christ (<i>GC</i> 644): 144,000 receive "<u>Seal of final triumph</u>" (<i>AG</i> 200). Wicked destroyed (Jer 25:33), dead saints raised and the living translated; all meet Him in the air ever to be with Him (1 Th 4:15-17).</p> <p>"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." (Lk 21:28)</p>

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 1. Awake to Our Present Time – 107. The Four Battles of the Great Controversy

SUMMARY: Now, look closer at Satan's rebellion: he fights on three **levels**. Rev 12 describes the **cosmic** level as four battles. Jesus **wins** them all.

Every student of the Bible is called to "gain a knowledge of its grand central theme, of God's original purpose for the world, of the rise of the great controversy, and of the work of redemption. He should understand the nature of the two principles that are contending for supremacy, and should learn to trace their working through the records of history and prophecy, to the great consummation. He should see how this controversy enters into every phase of human experience; how in every act of life he himself reveals the one or the other of the two antagonistic motives; and how, whether he will or not, he is even now deciding upon which side of the controversy he will be found." (Ed 190).

In short, the Great Controversy, this "unrelenting war between God and Satan," is fought on three levels, on the "cosmic and the personal levels" (12BC 969), and on the corporate level of both political and spiritual powers. Thus, the age-old conflict provides the Biblical key to the history of nations and religions and their interactions with God's people. Revelation 12 outlines the cosmic level in four major battles. Satan fights against Christ in direct and often unseen confrontations, both in heaven (Rev 12:7; Job 1:6-12) and on earth (Jude 9; Da 10:13; Mt 4:1-11; 16:23). Every one of these battles reveals Jesus and His faithful ones (angelic and human) as overcoming Satan and his followers.

This means, "The last great conflict between truth and error [the fourth battle] is but the final struggle of the long-standing controversy concerning the law of God. Upon this battle we are now entering -- a battle between the laws of men and the precepts of Jehovah, between the religion of the Bible and the religion of fable and tradition. The agencies which will unite against truth and righteousness in this contest are now actively at work." (GC 582). Moreover, Satan is very angry with God's people, for he knows he has "but a short time." (Rev 12:12, 17). For this reason, "The great controversy going on in the world is waging more sharply today than at any period of the world's history..." (UL 20).

Are God's people ready for this final battle? And will they remain faithful to Jesus (Lk 18:8)?

Four Battles	Jesus & Angels	God's People	Scriptures & EGW		Fallen People	Satan & Demons
1. In Heaven Eternity – Creation of Earth (Rev 12:4a, 7-9)	God plans creation of earth and man's salvation in Jesus. Son is confirmed in His supremacy.	<u>God's Goals:</u> (DA 764) • Vindicate His law. • Redeem humanity. • Destroys sin & sinners. • Secure universe.	3SG 36-38; 6BC 1070; Eph 1:4-10; DA 22-23; PP 36, 63	Eze 28:2-17; Isa 14:12-14; DA 21-22; 761; 2 Pe 2:4; Jude 6; PP 33-43	<u>Satan's Goals:</u> (DA 763) • Prove law faulty. • Force humanity. • Deceive into sin. • Control the world.	Envies Jesus: Discontent. Rebels. <i>Justice excludes mercy.</i> Cast out physically: Lost favor & position.
4000 BC – 4 BC	Gospel. Man mortal. Covenants, 10 Comm, Sanctuary, Nation.	Adam & Eve, Abel, Noah, Abram, Prophets: True faith & reforms.	Ge 2; 3; 6; 8; 12-25; OT history.	Ge 3; 4; 7; 11; Dt 32:17-18; Rom 1:20-28	Adam & Eve, Cain, Flood, Babel, Exile: Idolatry & injustice.	Lies: <i>God is selfish.</i> <i>Law broken, man lost.</i> Rules & deceives.
2. Jesus' Life 4 BC – AD 31: Birth – Ascension (Rev 12:4b, 9-12)	Lives without sin: <i>Law valid; can be kept.</i> Dies bearing all sin: <i>God is just & merciful.</i> Secures salvation.	They follow Christ: Go preach & heal. Commissioned to spread the gospel in the whole world.	Heb 4:15; 2 Co 5:21; 1 Pe 2:24; 3:18; Rom 3:25-26; Mt 10; 28:16-20	Lk 22:53; 10:18; Jn 8:44; GC 502; Jn 12:31; Heb 2:14; Jn 5:40; Mt 23:38; 21:43	Israel rejects Jesus: House left desolate. Kingdom taken from them & given to all faithful Christians.	Crucifies Jesus: Is liar & murderer. Cast out spiritually: Lost way to accuse. <i>Jesus abrogated law.</i>
AD 31 – AD 538	Scatters disciples. Grows His church. Guides churches.	Preach in His power. Are persecuted by pagan & papal Rome.	Ac 1:8; 2:4; 8:1-4; 9:31; 28:28; Rev 2; 3	Ac 8:1; 20:30; Mt 24:15-20; Rev 13:1-2	Stephan & Jerusalem. Sabbath to Sunday. Papal supremacy.	Persecutes church. Infiltrates pagan doctrines & practices.
3. 1260 Years 538 – 1798: Dark Ages (Rev 12:6, 13-16)	Preserves remnant. Starts reformation. Shortens tribulation. Opens US as refuge. Shows signs of end.	Rome is Babylon. <i>Truth in Bible alone.</i> Translate Bible. Keep the Sabbath. <i>Saved by faith alone.</i>	Rev 12:6, 14; Rev 11:2-3; Mt 24: 21-22; Rev 12:11, 16; Mt 24:29	Da 7:25; DA 763; 2 Th 2:1-7; Rev 13:2, 5-7; Rev 12:15; GC 120-170	Papal oppression: Suppresses Bible. Enforces Sunday. Persecutes church. Rejects reformation.	Replaces Jesus: <i>Truth in tradition.</i> Saints & images. Priests & indulgences. <i>Saved by faith & works.</i>
1789 – 1929	Opens up Daniel. Awakens reform. Ignites mission.	Interest in prophecy. Bible Societies. Global missions.	Da 12:4, 10; Rev 11:11-12; Mt 24:14; 28:19	Rev 13:3, 10; Rev 11:7-10; 2 Th 2:3-4	Deadly wound. French Revolution. Papal infallibility.	Destroys faith: Atheism. Evolutionism.
4. Last Days 1844 – 2 nd Coming (Rev 12:17-14:20)	Calls the remnant. Gives Latter Rain. 1) Judges believers. Wins Armageddon. 2) Saves His faithful.	Preach 3 A Messages. True revival. Sabbath. Loud Cry. Sealing. Endure time of trouble. Immortal & caught up.	Rev 10:8-11; 14; 14:12; Da 8:14; Rev 18:1-4; 7:1-3; 16:19; Mt 24:13; Da 12:1; 1 Th 4:17	Rev 13:17:3-6; 13:13; Mt 24:24; Rev 13:8, 15-18; 16:1-21; 20:1-3; 14:20; 19:17-21	Beast: wound healed. Have false revivals. <i>Sabbath set aside.</i> Receive last plagues. Are Slain & devoured.	Defies Jesus: Global spiritualism. Global Sunday law. Global blasphemy. Is on desolate earth.
Millennium – Lake of Fire	3) Judges wicked. Convicts wicked. 4) Destroys wicked.	Co-judge wicked. Surround white throne. Look for new earth.	1 Co 6:2-3; Rev 20:4, 11-13; 20:9; 21:1	Jn 5:29; Rev 20:5; 20:8-9; Ro 14:11; Rev 20:10, 14, 15	Dead, then raised. Fight, confess Jesus. Suffer & die in fire.	Ponders work & future. Fights, bows to Jesus. Suffers & dies in fire.

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A. Sound the Trumpet – 401. Commitment

Summary: Knowing now *why* God requires **1. absolute loyal love, 2. complete self-denial, and 3. perpetual abiding**, you **commit** to these marks.

Upon working and praying through this theme I commit and pledge allegiance to the following, by the grace of God and according to His will:

My Commitment Pledge of Allegiance	I make it hesitantly → decidedly
A1. Awake to our Present Time	
I commit to preparing for the final corporate battle of the Great Controversy against Babylon, the “beast without”. I commit to engaging in the daily personal battle of the Great Controversy against self, the “beast within”.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
A2. Stand on the Side of Truth	
I commit to helping to spread the prophetic Three Angels’ Messages, and to reject any lies of the counterfeit. I commit to waiting for the glorious return of the true Christ, and to resist any deception of the false Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
A3. Qualify for the Seal of God	
I commit to accepting all three purposes and to qualify for all four stages of the divine sealing process. I commit to remaining alert to and faithful during all end time events, rejoicing that our salvation is drawing near.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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B. Hear the Call – 001. Overview

SUMMARY: Theme B shows **why** God requires disciples to exercise **4. mutual agape love**, **5. fruit-bearing ministry**, and **6. be overcoming witnesses**.

Theme Details

B1. Join in Revival and Reformation

- His Voice throughout History
- The End-Time Necessity

B2. Fulfill the Divine Commission

- The Double Duty of Our Church
- The Process of Disciple-Making

B3. Be Ready to Stand at Last

- Dress for the Final Battle
- “Add” and “Buy of Me”

Purpose

To help participants

hear the call of God to His people to prepare for end-time victory and ministry:

1. **Recognize** and respond to God’s consistent urging to enter into the final revival and reformation.
2. **Consider** and implement all aspects of the Great Commission and its end-time application.
3. **Receive** the spiritual equipment needed to fight the final battles faithfully and victoriously.

PHASE / Section	Need I: REVIVAL – Apostolic Faith and Godliness				
	1st Level: Calling the Church – Why God Calls Disciples = Requires the Marks				I have / do it hardly → daily
	This	Theme	Need	Response	
Awareness and Decision		A. Sound the Trumpet	1st – 3rd Mark of Discipleship		
		1. Awake to Our Present Time 2. Stand on the Side of Truth 3. Qualify for the Seal of God	1. win the final battle 2. guard against deception 3. be secure in Jesus	1. absolute loyal love 2. complete self-denial 3. perpetual abiding	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		B. Hear the Call	4th – 6th Mark of Discipleship		
Preparedness and Precision	▶	1. Join the Revival and Reformation	4. work with members	4. mutual agape love	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	▶	2. Fulfill the Divine Commission	5. use talents effectively	5. fruit-bearing ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	▶	3. Be Ready to Stand at Last	6. be fully equipped	6. overcoming witness	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	2nd Level: Growing the Church – How We Make Disciples = Acquire the Marks				
	This	Theme	Step	Result	
PHASE 1: Courtyard “Come to Me” = Pardon (Look back to His life & sacrifice) Message → Member (Gather / Gaining) (Reach up)		C. Come to Life	1st Mark of Discipleship: absolute loyal love		
		1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus 2. Receive Justification by Faith 3. Obey Jesus from Love	(1) believe Gospel (2) receive justification (3) love commandments	(1) grateful surrender (2) truthful conversion (3) joyful obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		D. Join the Movement	2nd Mark of Discipleship: complete self-denial		
		1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity 2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs 3. Order Your Life as a Steward	(4) accept identity (5) grasp teaching (6) (re)order life	(4) purposeful membership (5) meaningful conviction (6) faithful stewardship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		Need II: REFORMATION – End-Time Lifestyle and Ministry			
		E. Grow in Grace	3rd Mark of Discipleship: perpetual abiding		
PHASE 2: Holy Place “Learn of Me” = Purity (Look up for His presence & Spirit) Member → Maturity (Grow / Training) (Reach Across)		1. Let Jesus Form Within 2. Study the Word of God 3. Pray According to God’s Will	(7) form Jesus (8) study Word (9) pray in the Spirit	(7) spiritual growth (8) doctrinal purity (9) personal worship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		F. Share the Love	4th Mark of Discipleship: mutual agape love		
		1. Exercise Christlike Love 2. Contribute to Church Meetings 3. Help with Practical Support	(10) practice love (11) value groups (12) serve needs	(10) effectual unity (11) communal worship (12) practical support	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
PHASE 3: Most Holy Place “Go for Me” = Power (Look forward to His work & return) Maturity → Ministry (Go / Retaining) (Reach out)		G. Bear much Fruit	5th Mark of Discipleship: fruit-bearing ministry		
		1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents 2. Organize and Combine All Talents 3. Utilize and Commend All Talents	(13) recognize talents (14) organize talents (15) utilize talents	(13) doubtless certainty (14) classless teamwork (15) selfless service	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		H. Tell the World	6th Mark of Discipleship: overcoming witness		
		1. Enable Latter Rain Power 2. Reflect the Character of Jesus 3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus	(16) enable power (17) reflect Jesus (18) spread Gospel	(16) boundless light (17) spotless life (18) fearless fight	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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B. Hear the Call – 1. Join the Revival and Reformation – 101. God's Call throughout History

SUMMARY: Fourth, Jesus requires you to exercise **mutual agape love**, so we all help each other **obey** the Lord's calls for revival and reformation.

The Lord has called His people to revival and reformation throughout Biblical history. But now that the time of the end has come upon humanity, He needs to purify His remnant people to prepare them for the latter rain, the time of trouble, His return, and heavenly life. So He pleads with them one final time to repent, revive, and reform. True mutual love is vital in this process (Jn 13:35). The Lord is strongly urging His people to respond to Him because He longs to make up His jewels (Mal 3:17), carry out His word, that is, finish His work to forever end the sins and sufferings on this dying planet, cut it short in righteousness (Rom 9:28), and take His beloved bride to His home of eternal glory (Isa 62:5; Jn 14:1-3; 1 Pe 5:10).

Are God's remnant people willing to hear God's centuries-old calling? If not, why not? _____

Are we claiming God's precious promises that encourage us to respond? If not, why not? _____

Will we exercise the mutual agape love needed to help each other respond? If not, why not? _____

	Source	The Lord's Calling to Revival and Reformation throughout History by His Prophets, Including Ellen G. White	Speaks to me hardly → clearly
1 2 3 4	1. Joel 2: 11-13, 17, 28, 32	"The LORD shall utter his voice before his army:... Turn ye <i>even</i> to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning. And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God:... Let the priests,... weep... and say, Spare thy people, O LORD.... And... afterward,... I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh;... And... whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered."	"Turn to God!" "Plead with Him!" <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5 6 7 8	2. AA 36-38	"As the disciples waited for the fulfillment of the promise, they humbled their hearts in true repentance and confessed their unbelief.... Putting away all differences, all desire for supremacy, they came close together in Christian fellowship.... These days of preparation were days of deep heart searching. The disciples felt their spiritual need and cried to the Lord for the holy unction that was to fit them for the work of soul saving."	"Repent!" "Come together!" <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9 10 11	3. Ac 2:38; 3:19-20	"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.... Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus Christ..."	"Be converted!" <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12 13 14	4. Mal 3:1b-3	"Behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But... who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refiner's fire,... And he shall sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness."	"Be pure!" <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15 16 17 18 19 20	5. RH 04-10- 1894	"A refining, purifying process is going on among the people of God, and the Lord of hosts has set His hand to this work.... It is in mercy that the Lord reveals to men their hidden defects. He would have them critically examine the complicated emotions and motives of their own hearts, and detect that which is wrong, and modify their dispositions, and refine their manners. God would have them become acquainted with their own hearts... The trials of life are God's workmen to remove the impurities, infirmities, and roughness from our characters, and fit them for the society of pure, heavenly angels in glory."	"Examine yourselves!" "Appreciate trials!" <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21 22 23 24	6. Rev 3:19-21	"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."	"Open to Me!" "Overcome!" <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25 26 27	7. PK 626	"Christians should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise, and this preparation they should make by diligently studying the word of God and striving to conform their lives to its precepts.... God calls for a revival and a reformation."	"Study & obey!" <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28 29 30 31	8. 8T 251	"The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place. When this reformation begins, the spirit of prayer will actuate every believer and will banish from the church the spirit of discord and strife.... One member working in right lines will lead other members to unite with him in making intercession for the revelation of the Holy Spirit.... The Lord will co-operate with His servants."	"Unite in intercession!" <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
32 33	9. 9T 126	"In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people.... A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifest before the great day of Pentecost."	"Intercede!" <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
34 35 36 37	10. ChS 42	"Do not the Scriptures call for a more pure and holy work than we have yet seen?... God calls upon those who are willing to be controlled by the Holy Spirit to lead out in a work of thorough reformation. I see a crisis before us, and the Lord calls for His laborers to come into line. Every soul should now stand in a position of deeper, truer consecration to God than during the years that have passed."	"Lead out!" "Be consecrated!" <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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B. Hear the Call – 1. Join the Revival and Reformation – 102. Their End-Time Necessity

SUMMARY: You need to be **involved** in revival and reformation, because without them the Lord cannot **finish** His work in and through you.

"A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work." (LDE 189; 1SM 121). "There is great necessity for a reformation among the people of God" (3T 474), because only revival and reformation equip God's people for end-time victory and ministry, and thereby vindicate God's true character. Each of the six steps in the process is the prerequisite for the next:

The Steps Connected		
1	1. Revival & Reformation	result in holiness, which makes God's people longing and receptive for the latter rain Spirit.
2	2. The Latter Rain Spirit	brings the refreshing, which urges them to obey and empowers them to give the loud cry.
3	3. The Loud Cry Message	strengthens their faithfulness during the final test, which qualifies them for the seal of God.
4	4. Seal of the Living God	guarantees their protection during the great time of trouble, which assures their deliverance.
5	5. Their Deliverance	redeems them for life in heaven and eternity. These steps confirm and add to God's vindication.
6	6. The Vindication of God	constitutes the high calling and sacred privilege of Christ's body on earth, His global church.
The Steps Explained		I desire hardly → greatly
7	1. Revival and Reformation	
8	come through repentance, conversion, and purification, and result in genuine godliness, or holiness and blamelessness,	to be revived
9	or Christ-likeness (Joel 2:12-13; Ac 3:19; Rev 3:19; 2 Pe 3:11-15; 7BC 970; Mar 241). Without it nobody will see the	and reformed
10	Lord (Heb 12:14), but such holiness will hasten His coming (2 Pe 3:11-12) through several further steps:	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	2. The Latter Rain Spirit or Time of Refreshing	
12	comes only to those who perfect this holiness in the fear of God (2 Co 7:1; Joel 2:28-29; Ac 3:19; AA 36-38; 5T 214; EW	to receive
13	71). They are empowered to give the 3rd angel's message as a loud cry (Lk 24:49; Ac 1:8; 2:1-4; 3:19; Rev 14:6-12; 18:1-4;	the Latter Rain
14	EW 271; LDE 201-208; Mar 171, 189; 9T 46; 7BC 984), and are fitted to live in the sight of a holy God (EW 71).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	3. The Loud Cry of the Third Angel's Message	
16	finds acceptance but also arouses persecution of God's people during the little time of trouble. This will test their faith	to obey and give
17	and call to faithful endurance to the end in the strength of the Spirit (Da 12:10; Mt 24:13; Rev 14:12; 3SM 401; 1T 353;	the Loud Cry
18	RH 05-19-1904). Only the faithful ones will receive the seal of the living God (Rev 7:1-3; 5T 451; GC 640).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	4. The Seal of the Living God	
20	protects God's faithful ones from the plagues and secures their life and salvation during the great time of trouble (Eze	to be sealed
21	9:4-5; Mt 14:13; Rev 7:3; EW 44, 89; Mar 242; 5T 212-216; TM 446; 15MR 225; 7BC 969-70). As the wicked receive the	for eternity
22	plagues, they plan to put the saints to death who in turn cry out for deliverance (EW 34-36, 284; LDE 261-65; Mar 274).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	5. The Deliverance at the Return of Christ	
24	is God's answer to the prayers of His faithful people, who were waiting for Him. Jesus translates them and takes them to	to go to heaven
25	heaven together with the resurrected believers, while the living wicked are slain at His coming (Da 12:1; Jn 14:3; Isa	with Jesus
26	25:9; 1 Th 4:15-17; 2 Th 2:8). All these steps and events help vindicate God's true character of just and merciful love.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	6. The Vindication of God's True Character of Agape Love	
28	is the larger purpose of the plan of salvation beyond the redemption of humanity and the earth. The charges of Satan	to help vindicate
29	against the character of God and the validity of His law were effectively and eternally refuted by the life and death of	God's character
30	Jesus and the complete restoration of His faithful people (Eph 3:8-11; Rev 15:3-4; ST 02-13-1893; DA 761-764).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Conclusion		
31	Only those living believers will be protected from the plagues and taken to heaven who have been sealed.	
32	Only those will be sealed who have stood the testing of their faith and been faithful in giving and/or obeying the loud cry.	
33	Only those will give the loud cry who have received the power of the latter rain at the time of refreshing.	
34	Only those will receive the latter rain, who have reflected and vindicated God by perfecting holiness through revival and reformation.	
35	Thus, our response to God's call for revival and reformation determines whether we help vindicate God and what our eternal destiny will be.	

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B. Hear the Call – 2. Fulfill the Divine Commission – 201. The Double Duty of the Remnant

SUMMARY: Fifth, God requires of you and **empowers** you to **fruit-bearing ministry**, so you can help **fulfill** the double duty of His last day people.

Inspiration calls God's people to wait and watch for the coming of the Lord in an active manner, by sanctifying obedience and sincere ministry. "Christians are not to await their Lord's return in idle expectancy. While waiting and watching they are to be vigilant in purifying their own souls by obedience to the truth, and to be earnest in working for others [DA 634]. It is their privilege 'not only to look for but to hasten the coming of the day of God' (DA 633)." (5BC 505). "Working, waiting, watching, and praying,—this constitutes genuine Christianity." (RH 01-21-1902). We are shown here that sanctification and service require each other. Both are needed to end the delay of the Lord's coming.

Before His ascension to heaven, the Lord commissioned His followers to make disciples of all nations (Mt 28:18-20). He was going to build His church against which the gates of hell shall not prevail (Mt 16:18). Before His second coming, Jesus commissioned His remnant people to preach the three angels' messages to the whole world (Rev 10:11; 14:6-12; 18:1-4). Ever since 1844, He has been preparing His bride to go home with Him into their eternal happiness together (Jn 14:1-4; Rev 21:1-4). This means God's remnant people have a twofold commission or double duty to fulfill, as the three angels' messages provide several parallels but also end-time urgency to the Great Commission.

The Great Commission and the Three Angels' Messages have several common features: **1.** They come with the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ. **2.** Both represent a work of global extent. **3.** They call on believers to prepare for it. **4.** They are empowered by an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. **5.** They proclaim righteousness by faith. **6.** They urge repentance and faith in Christ. **7.** They warn of false teachings, and call true believers to come out of apostate faith groups. **8.** Their proclamation is accompanied by confirming signs and wonders. **9.** Both movements proclaim and anticipate the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. In these aspects, the 3AMs simply carry out the Great Commission.

But the two commissions also differ in significant ways: **1.** The Great Commission was and is empowered by the former rain to start and to grow the church; the 3AMs through the latter rain ripen and prepare the church for the harvest at the second coming of Christ (GC 611). **2.** Under the Great Commission, the warning against false teachings and the call to come out is directed to people in the OT church and the pagan world; the 3AMs warn against apostasy within the Christian churches and call God's people out of spiritual Babylon. **3.** Under the Great Commission the time of judgment was in the future; the 3AMs proclaim it as a present reality, which adds urgency to the Great Commission.

4. Under the Great Commission the apostles Paul and Peter indicated that the second coming of Jesus was not as near as many expected (2 Th 2:1-4; 2 Pe 3:9); the judgment message of the 3AMs implies it is very near, as the preceding signs are all being fulfilled, including the global preaching of the 3AMs themselves (Mt 24:14). Therefore, while the remnant people of God continue to carry out the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations, they also proclaim its end-time urgency, since the day of judgment is in progress, the second coming or the "day of the Lord" is at hand, and it will come to those who are unprepared as a thief in the night (1 Th 5:1-5; 2 Pe 3:10; Rev 3:3; 16:15).

God has a people for this final work! "He has His thousands who have not bowed the knee to Baal. Such will stand with Him on Mount Zion. But they must stand on this earth, girded with the whole armor, ready to engage in the work of saving those who are ready to perish." (7BC 978). Who of God's remnant people will commit to their double duty of making disciples in and for the last days?

	Aspect	The Great Commission	Scriptures & EGW		Three Angels' Messages
1	Authority	Jesus has been given all power, that is, authority in heaven and on earth.	Mt 28:18; AA 39	Rev 10:8-9	Jesus has the opened little book, that is, He gives understanding of Daniel.
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3	Commission	Go, and make disciples...	Mt 28:19	Rev 10:11	You must prophecy again...
4	Extent	...of all nations...	Mt 28:19; Mt 24:14	Rev 10:11; Rev 14:6	...before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings...
5		...in all the world...			
6	Time	Pentecost until close of probation	Mt 24:14	Rev 10:10; 18:4	1840 until close of probation
7	Preparation	Wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit.	Lk 24:49; Ac 1:4-5; Ac 1:14; 2:1	Da 12:4; Rev 10:9; Da 12:10; Rev 3:18	Take the little book and eat it up. Be purified, made white, and tried.
8		They continued with one accord in prayer.			
9	Power	Pentecost (partial fulfillment of Joel 2:28).	Ac 2:2-4; GC ix	Rev 18:1; GC ix	Latter Rain (full accomplishment of Joel).
10	Message	The gospel of God / Christ.	Rom 1:1, 9, 16	Rev 14:6	The everlasting gospel.
11	1. Good News	Righteousness is received by faith.	Rom 1:17; Eph 2:8	LDE 199-201;	Righteousness is received by faith.
12	2. Appeal	Repent to be forgiven, and be baptized.	Ac 2:38; 3:19; Ac 17:31; Ac 2:36; 2 Co 4:5	Rev 14:7; Rev 14:7; Rev 14:7; 4:11	Fear God, and give glory to Him. The hour of His judgment has come. Worship Jesus as the Creator (Sabbath).
13		The day of judgment is coming.			
14		Accept Jesus as the Lord and Christ.			
15	3. Warning	Church leaders teach doctrines of men.	Mk 7:7; Col 2:22; Mk 16:16; Jn 3:18; Rom 1:18; Eph 5:6	Rev 14:8; 18:2; Rev 14:9-11; Rev 18:4-8	Babylon is fallen, spreads pagan errors. Worshiping the beast or taking its mark brings wrath and eventual death.
16		Unbelief, unrighteousness, and false teaching bring wrath and condemnation.			
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18	4. Call	Come out from among unbelievers.	2 Co 6:17	Rev 18:2-4	Come out of Babylonian error and sin.
19	Confirmation	Signs and wonders follow the believers.	Mk 16:20; Heb 2:4	9T 126; GC 612	Signs and wonders follow the believers.
20	Outlook	Jesus' second coming is not quite near.	2Th 2:1-4; 2Pe 3:9	Mt 24; Rev 14:7	Jesus' second coming is very near.

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B. Hear the Call – 2. Fulfill the Divine Commission – 202. The Two Phases of Matthew 24:14

SUMMARY: Spirit-empowered, fruit-bearing ministry is ever more **necessary** as we approach the **second** phase of last day global preaching.

Of all the statements in Jesus' outline of end-time events, Matthew 24:14 has always inspired Seventh-day Adventists the most to be faithful to their divine commission, as it identifies the preaching in all the world as the final prophetic sign to be fulfilled before their great deliverance at the return of Jesus (Da 12:1). They understand that this preaching hastens His coming as people respond to the call to holiness; because all need it before they can see the Lord, He is waiting and longing to see it manifested in His disciples so He can return (Ac 2:38; Heb 12:14; 2 Pe 3:9-12; DA 633-634; COL 69). However, the church's failure to do her work as He ordained resulted in His delay, to this day (DA 633; Ev 695-696; LDE 37-38).

On the other hand, the ever increasing use of modern media technology in the global spreading of the three angels' messages has excited God's people as many see in it the complete fulfillment of Matthew 24:14 and thus the final sign that the Lord is coming soon. There is no doubt that ministries using literature, radio, satellites, TV, internet, etc., are reaching people around the globe in creative ways, and in most of the major languages of the world population. At the same time, while many reports at the General Conference Session in Atlanta, GA in 2010 have documented rapid growth of church membership in many part of the world, it was clear that much work remains to be done for yet unreached people groups.

Several sermons at the GC Session have reflected awareness that the work of the global preaching of the Gospel can be finished, and will lead to true conversions, not merely baptisms, only through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in latter rain power. In other words, the great efforts and success of media ministries constitute a first and partial fulfillment of Matthew 24:14, a preaching to all the world by many evangelists from selected locations. But only the global outpouring of the latter rain on God's people enables the final and complete fulfillment, a preaching in all the world by all members who, without media but with the Spirit's power, proclaim the Gospel in their own respective locations (Joel 2:28-32; Rev 18:1-4).

The Spirit of Prophecy confirms this understanding of the two-phase fulfillment of Matthew 24:14. The outpouring of the latter rain Spirit always is assumed or explicitly mentioned (6T 24; AG 353; Mar 261; LED 207-208), and also the two distinct phases are described (GC 611-612; Ev 697-701). While they may well occur simultaneously for a while in various places, the first phase will end once Sunday law enforcement begins to threaten with economic boycott and death (Rev 13:15-17). This means, the first phase, with its emphasis on media ministries, takes place before such threats are enforced and buying and selling are still possible; the second phase, the latter rain, is needed for preaching without such means.

"The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel's message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold. The advent movement of 1840-44 was a glorious manifestation of the power of God; the first angel's message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in some countries there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be exceeded by the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel.

"The work will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost. As the 'former rain' was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the 'latter rain' will be given at its close for the ripening of the harvest...'In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh.' 'And...whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' Acts 2:17, 21.

"The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close. Here are 'the times of refreshing' to which the apostle Peter looked forward when he said: 'Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus.' Acts 3:19, 20.

"Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works, with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Revelation 13:13. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand.

"The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness....A large number take their stand upon the Lord's side." (GC 611-612).

Will God's people, while still using modern media, also prepare and be receptive for the power of the latter rain?

The Two-Phase Fulfillment of Matthew 24:14			
1	Two Phases	1 st Phase – First and Partial Fulfillment	2 nd Phase – Final and Complete Fulfillment
2	Time	Prior to Sunday law enforcement, when buying and selling are still possible.	Especially <u>after</u> Sunday law enforcement, when buying and selling are no longer possible.
4	Means	Literature, radio, satellites, TV, internet, etc.	Outpouring of the power of the latter rain.
5	Strategy	Preaching <u>to</u> all the world by <u>many</u> ministers from <u>selected</u> locations scattered on the globe.	Preaching <u>in</u> all the world by <u>all</u> members in their <u>respective</u> locations all around the globe.
7	Method	Seed is sown by presenting arguments through media.	Seed bears fruit when bringing light with deep conviction.

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B. Hear the Call – 2. Fulfill the Divine Commission – 203. The Process of Disciple-Making

SUMMARY: The fruit that Jesus expects of you is to **remain** (Jn 15:16), that is, He needs you to be **successful** in making more true disciples.

When an individual responds to the Gospel message with faith, it may be a true heart conversion, that is, Spirit-wrought sorrow and repentance of sin (2 Co 7:10) and genuine, saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Ac 2:37-41), expressed in mutual love and support (vv. 42-47). Or this faith might merely be a mental assent to doctrines, a dead faith, expressed in a formal religious life without sanctifying spiritual power (Jas 2:17; 2 Ti 3:5). "The faith that is unto salvation is not a casual faith, it is not the mere consent of the intellect, it is belief rooted in the heart, that embraces Christ as a personal Saviour." (1SM 391). "We cannot glorify God with a dead faith. I have made my mark high for heaven and eternal life." (2SG 216).

In either case, one may receive water baptism and become a church member. Nominal members may do wonderful works for a while, but they will eventually be shaken out (LDE 173-178; GC 602) and finally be rejected by the Lord (Mt 7:23). Only those who were converted in the heart will become true disciples of Jesus. They will do genuine works of service, grow in faith and in the knowledge of Jesus, and seek to fulfill their commission to spread the last message of divine mercy around the globe in the power of the latter rain (Eph 4:12-16; Rev 14:6-12; 18:1-4). They will be willing to even give their lives for the word of God and their testimony about Jesus (Rev 1:2; 12:11), and the Lord will finally take them to Himself (1 Th 4:17).

The Call to Discipleship			
Phase of Calling	Choice of Response	Effect of Response	End Result of Response
"Come and receive Me" (Mt 11:28; Jn 1:12)	1. mere mental assent	nominal faith (without works = dead, Jas 2:17)	baptism or profession of faith (Mk 16:16)
	2. true heart conversion	saving, abiding faith (works by love, Gal 5:6)	
"Learn and obey Me" (Mt 11:29; Mt 7:21)	1. nominal member [Gal 5:1-8] form without power (2 Ti 3:5)	leaves (LDE 173 ff.), is rejected (Mt 7:23)
	2. true disciple [Ac 8:21-23] sanctification (Eph 5:26-27)	witnesses (Ac 1:8; Rev 12:11; 14:6-12)
"Go and proclaim Me" (Mt 28:19-20; Mk 16:15)	1. martyrs before COP	in special resurrection of believers (GC 637)	taken to heaven at 2 nd coming (1 Th 4:17)
	2. great time of trouble	protection (Da 12:1) & translation (1 Co 15:51-54)	

Therefore, disciple-making is the process that helps believers toward a true heart conversion, supports them in the spiritual growth of their faith, love, and consecration to Jesus Christ, and enables the complete development and compassionate exercise of all their spiritual gifts within the church community and in the world around them. This process advances through the three sections of the sanctuary in six stages of spiritual restoration. Each stage corresponds to a role of Jesus in the life of the disciple, and a Biblical mark of discipleship that involves three steps each, adding up to 18 steps. The biblical end result is a truthful, faithful, and Spirit-filled follower of Jesus who reflects and proclaims Him by a life of selfless service.

The Process of Disciple-Making					
PHASE - Section of Sanctuary	Stage of Restoration	Role of Jesus	Mark of Discipleship	Step of Disciple-Making	Result of Disciple-Making
PHASE 1 - Courtyard: "Come to Me" = Pardon (Look back to His life & sacrifice) Message → Member (Gather / Gaining)	1. conversion (Mk 1:15; Ac 3:19)	1. Savior (1 Jn 4:14)	1. absolute loyal love (Lk 14:26, 33; Jn 14:15)	(1) believe Gospel	(1) sorrowful repentance
	2. consecration (Ac 2:37-41, 44-45)	2. Lord (Lk 6:46)	2. complete self-denial (Lk 9:23; 14:27)	(2) receive salvation (3) love commandments (4) accept identity (5) grasp teaching (6) (re)order life	(2) grateful regeneration (3) joyful obedience (4) meaningful membership (5) truthful conviction (6) faithful stewardship
PHASE 2 - Holy Place: "Learn of Me" = Purity (Look up for His presence & Spirit) Member → Maturity (Grow / Training)	3. communion (Ac 2:42; 10:9)	3. Comforter (Jn 14:16, 18)	3. perpetual abiding (Jn 8:31-32, 36; 15:7)	(7) form Christ	(7) spiritual growth
	4. community (Ac 2:46-47)	4. Head (Col 1:18)	4. mutual agape love (Jn 13:34-35; 15:12, 17)	(8) study Word (9) pray continuously (10) practice love (11) value groups (12) serve needs	(8) doctrinal purity (9) personal worship (10) effectual unity (11) communal worship (12) practical support
PH 3 - Most Holy Place: "Go for Me" = Power (Look forward to His work & return) Maturity → Ministry (Go / Retaining)	5. commitment (Mt 25:14-30)	5. Vine (Jn 15:1, 5)	5. fruit-bearing ministry (Jn 15:1-8, 16)	(13) recognize talents (14) organize talents (15) utilize talents	(13) doubtless certainty (14) classless teamwork (15) selfless service
	6. compassion (Mk 6:34; 1 Pe 3:8)	6. Master (Mt 10:24-25)	6. overcoming witness (Mt 10:16-36; Rev 12:11)	(16) enable power (17) reflect Jesus (18) spread Gospel	(16) boundless light (17) spotless life (18) fearless fight

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B. Hear the Call – 3. Be Ready to Stand at Last – 301. Dress for the Final Battle

SUMMARY: Sixth, the Lord requires you to be an **overcoming witness** (Rev 12:11), so He supplies His whole **armor**, and you put it on and **pray**.

The Lord's deep desire for His people is to secure their redemption that He has obtained for them by His perfect sacrifice (Jn 17:24; Heb 9:11-15). Foreseeing the "great test," indeed, the "final test" (GC 605; LDE 227-228) that is to come to His remnant church during the little time of trouble, He keeps expressing His concern for them: "The day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?" (Joel 2:11). "Who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth?" (Mal 3:2). "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find [the] faith on the earth?" (Lk 18:8). The wicked will ask too late, "For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Rev 6:17).

The answers to the Lord's concern are: Those will abide or stand who have rent their hearts and turned to the Lord (Joel 2:12-13); those who have allowed the refiner's fire to purify them (Mal 3:2-4); and those who were sealed (Rev 7:1-3) once they had overcome by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, by patiently keeping His commandments in the faith of Jesus (Rev 12:11, 17; 14:12). God's people join in this repentance, purification, and sealing process when they heed the Lord's call given by the apostle Paul to "put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil,...to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." (Eph 6:11, 13).

"We are engaged in a warfare against the hosts of darkness. Unless we follow our Leader closely, Satan will obtain the victory over us." (UL 200). Therefore, "The Christian soldier must be strong in the Lord ["in the power of his might," Eph 6:10]. God is all-sufficient. In the omnipotence of His might gird on the armor. Make use of all the proper means of defense against the enemy....The armor is prepared. Put it on, and fight bravely for the Lord." (UL 129). "God wants everyone to stand with the whole armor on, ready for the great review." (MS 63, 1908).

Who of God's people will commit to such faithfulness in the strength of Jesus in order to stand at last?

	The Whole Armor (Eph 6:14-17)	The Meaning of the Pieces (Scriptures)	How to Put and Keep the Armor on (Scriptures)	I have / do it hardly → daily
1	The <u>girdle</u> of truth, to protect the loins	Take Jesus and His word in order to act on it and thus bear fruit (Jn 14:6; 15:5-8; 17:17).	Hear and study God's Word (Ac 17:11; 2 Ti 2:15). Be a doer of it (Lk 6:46; Jas 1:22; 1 Jn 2:4; 3:22).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2	The <u>breastplate</u> of righteousness (Isa 59:17)	Protect your life by Christ's righteousness, and by your loyalty to Him (1 Th 5:8-9)	Believe God & put on Christ (Gal 3:6-9; Eph 4:24). Sin not but do right; confess sin (1 Jn 3:7-10; 1:9).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	The <u>feet shod</u> with the gospel of peace	Stand firm, having peace with God through Christ in the midst of conflict (Php 4:7)	Stay justified through joy, prayer, & thanksgiving (Rom 5:1; Php 4:4-7). Live in peace (2 Co 13:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	The <u>shield</u> of faith that quenches Satan's darts	Overcome all temptations and assaults, trusting in God (1 Jn 5:4-5; Rev 14:12)	Rely on the strength of Jesus (Php 4:13; 1 Jn 4:4). Trust in His deliverance (1 Co 10:13; 2 Pe 2:9).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	The <u>helmet</u> of salvation (Isa 59:17; 1 Th 5:8)	Keep a sound mind knowing you were, are being, & will be saved (2 Ti 1:7; Rom 8:24).	Accept death and life of Christ for salvation now (Rom 5:10). Look for His saving return (Heb 9:28).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	The <u>sword</u> of the Spirit, the Word of God (Heb 4:12)	Apply God's Word to all circumstances, in offense or defense (Mt 4:4-10; GC 593).	Search God's Word for each situation (Mt 4:4-10). Share & defend it in love (Eph 4:15; 1 Pe 3:15).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Furthermore, the Lord tells us how, or in what spirit to wear the armor effectively, so we will not only fight but actually win the battle. He gives us the double admonition to pray continuously and watch perseveringly (Eph 6:18), just as He told His first disciples. They needed to watch and pray when He was about to accomplish the first part of His work of atonement, His suffering in Gethsemane, and His sacrificial death on Calvary (Mt 26:41; Mk 14:38). So now His remnant must watch and pray while He is about to finish the second part of this work, the cleansing of the sanctuary in heaven and the judgment of His people on earth, in preparation of His return in glory (Mk 13:33; Lk 21:36; 1 Pe 4:7).

The reason we need to watch and pray is still the same: so we do not "enter into temptation" (Mt 26:41; Mk 14:38). Back then, the disciples "did not realize the necessity of watchfulness and earnest prayer in order to withstand temptation." So Jesus "feared that they would not be able to endure the test which would come upon them in His betrayal and death" (DA 688-689). Indeed, they failed to watch and pray with Him (Mt 26:40, 43; Mk 14:37, 40), when the hour of His suffering had come (Mt 26:45; Mk 14:41; Jn 17:1). As a result, one denied and all forsook Him (Mt 26:56, 69-75; Mk 14:50, 66-72) just as He had forewarned them that they would (Mt 26:31-35; Mk 14:27-31; Lk 22:31-35; Jn 6:32).

"In these sleeping disciples He sees a representation of a sleeping church. When they should be watching, they are asleep." (5BC 1104). The Lord warned us that in the last days His people would also be asleep (Mt 25:5), though "the hour of his judgment is come" (Rev 14:7) and "the great test of loyalty," indeed, the "final test" (GC 605; Rev 3:10), will soon come upon us in the global Sunday law. So Jesus urges us now to "awake out of sleep," put on the armor (Rom 13:11-14), and "take heed, watch and pray" (Mk 13:33). "While engaged in our daily work, we should lift the soul to heaven in prayer. The Christian whose heart is thus stayed upon God cannot be overcome." (MYP 249; Pr 123).

Who will take heed, watch and pray so as to finally "stand before the Son of man" (Lk 21:34-36)?

7	I am willing and ready to dress for the final spiritual battle so I may always be strong in the Lord.	Eph 6:10; 3:16	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	I am willing and ready to pray continuously and to watch perseveringly so I may stand in the faith.	Eph 6:18; 1 Co 16:13	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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B. Hear the Call – 3. Be Ready to Stand at Last – 302. “Add” and “Buy of Me”

SUMMARY: Just as His whole armor, the Lord also provides the plan of **addition** and three essential **gifts**, so you may **overcome** as He did.

“Add”: That end-time disciples may be equipped and ready to stand in spiritual strength, God provides the plan of addition in 2 Pe 1:5-10: “Giving all diligence, add to your faith..., for if you do these things, ye shall never fall.” (vv. 5, 10). “‘All diligence’ means...a daily diligence. There is danger that we shall be blind in regard to the working of satanic agencies, and that we shall be ensnared by Satan’s alluring temptations. Therefore the word comes to us, ‘Giving all diligence,’ add to your character the graces that will make you strong to resist evil.” (7BC 943-944). “The work of transformation from unholiness to holiness is a continuous one....[As man] works on the plan of addition, God works for him on the plan of multiplication. Our Saviour is always ready to hear and answer the prayer of the contrite heart, and grace and peace are multiplied to His faithful ones.” (AA 532).

	“The Ladder of Christian Progress” (AA 532)	Source NT	Amplification Mostly from the Bible Commentary	I have / do it hardly → daily
1	Why the Plan of Addition			
2	We are given divine promises	2 Pe 1:3-4	We receive God’s image now and a new heaven and earth soon (3:13).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	We become fruitful in service	2 Pe 1:8	With these qualities, we will not be idle members, but impelled to work.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	So we won’t become blind	2 Pe 1:9	So we won’t lose sight of our conversion and lack spiritual discernment.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	The Role of Diligence			
6	Ensures election, we will stand	2 Pe 1:10-11	We work out our salvation, so we never fall from it, but enter the kingdom.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	What the Plan Calls For			
8	Add to your <u>faith</u> <u>virtue</u>	2 Pe 1:5	Supply moral excellence or character, together with your faith (7BC 597).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	And to virtue <u>knowledge</u>	2 Pe 1:5	Gain understanding of God’s truth, ways and plans for you (Rom 12:2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	And to knowledge <u>temperance</u>	2 Pe 1:6	Practice self-control, i.e., master your appetites and passions (1 Co 9:27).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	And to temperance <u>patience</u>	2 Pe 1:6	Persevere under adversity with courage and steadfastness (Heb 12:1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	And to patience <u>godliness</u>	2 Pe 1:6	Let reverence toward God lead you to a victorious conduct (1 Ti 6:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	To godliness brotherly <u>kindness</u>	2 Pe 1:7	Have true courteous affection toward all church members (Rom 12:10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	And to brotherly kindness <u>charity</u>	2 Pe 1:7	Let self-sacrificing love govern all you do (Jn 13:34; 1 Co 13:13; 16:14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

“Buy of Me”: In order to remedy their deplorable condition, the Lord Jesus is still urging His end-time remnant church of Laodicea in Rev 3:14-22: “I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot....I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire..., white raiment..., and eyesalve....As many as I love I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock.” (vv. 15, 18-20). “The chastening reveals a hope of reform....I saw that this call to the Laodicean church will affect souls. A becoming zeal is called for by God on our part....The counsel of the true Witness does not represent those who are lukewarm as in a hopeless case. There is yet a chance to remedy their state, and the Laodicean message is full of encouragement....There is hope for our churches if they will heed the message given to the Laodiceans.” (7BC 966).

	Description of the Laodicean Message	Source NT	Amplification Mostly from the Bible Commentary	I have / do it hardly → daily
15	Why Jesus Offers Goods			
16	We are neither cold nor hot	Rev 3:15-16	We lack fervent love, do not bear decided witness to truth (7BC 961-962).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	We think we are rich but are poor	Rev 3:17	Our reversed self-image tempts us to spiritual pride and complacency.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	What He Counsels to Buy			
19	Gold tried in the fire, to be rich	Rev 3:18	Jesus' own victorious faith & love that wins hearts (Isa 28:16; 7BC 964).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	White raiment, covers nakedness	Rev 3:18	Jesus' own righteousness, purity of heart: our wedding garment (p. 965).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	(wedding - Mt 22:11-12; Rev 19:7-9)	Rev 3:18 }	a. Ability to discover God's holy character and the love of Christ (p. 965).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	Eyesalve, that we may see		b. God's Word & grace to discern between good & evil, & one's condition.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	What Jesus Calls For			
24	Be zealous and repent.	Rev 3:19	Be "hot" from true sorrow, consecration, and dedication to Christ (p. 965).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	Whoever has an ear, let him hear.	Rev 3:21	Pay attention to My counsel, understand it, and conform your lives to it.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	What Jesus Promises			
27	Communion, if you open yourself	Rev 3:20	Let Me come into you, and we will share lives as in marriage (Rev 19:9).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	Glory and power, if you overcome	Rev 3:21	Share My victory, then My reign: to judge the world & serve My universe.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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B. Hear the Call – 401. Commitment

Summary: Knowing now *why* God requires **4. mutual agape love**, **5. fruit-bearing ministry**, and **6. overcoming witness**, you **commit** to these marks.

Upon working and praying through this theme I commit and pledge allegiance to the following, by the grace of God and according to His will:

My Commitment Pledge of Allegiance	I make it hesitantly → decidedly
B1. Participate in Revival and Reformation	
I commit to heeding the prophetic call throughout history to participate in the needed revival and reformation.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to following all the steps that enable our end-time ministry and contribute to the vindication of God's character.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
B2. Fulfill the Divine Commission	
I commit to acting my part in our double duty to fulfill the Great Commission and to spread the Three Angels' Messages.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to walking through all the steps of becoming a true disciple of Christ and to helping others do the same.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
B3. Be Ready to Stand at Last	
I commit to putting on the whole armor of God, and to using it to daily fight the good fight of faith in the strength of Jesus.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to working on the plan of addition of virtues, and to daily buying the goods the Lord urges upon the Laodicean church.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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Get Ready! Guide

Steps to Victory and Ministry for Last Day Disciples

*Discover and do YOUR part
in spreading the Last Rays of Light*

2nd Level:

Growing the Church

How we make disciples
or acquire the six marks of discipleship

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C. Come to Life – 001. Overview

SUMMARY: Theme C shows **how** you acquire the **1st** mark of discipleship, **absolute loyal love**, by taking steps **1 to 3** in the discipling process.

Theme Details

- C1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus**
- God's Love of His World
 - God's Plan of Salvation
- C2. Receive Salvation by Faith**
- The Stages in Our Restoration
 - The Steps in Our Justification
- C3. Obey Jesus from Love**
- The Three Biblical Baptisms
 - The Marks of the Remnant

Purpose

To help participants

appreciate more deeply the love of God for us, His plan of salvation, and our response to Him:

1. **Recognize** the cross of Jesus as the evidence of God's agape love and the only means of our redemption.
2. **Understand** the Biblical way of salvation from sin and experience personal justification by grace through faith.
3. **Awaken** a true love for Jesus that is willing to receive the three baptisms and to obey all His commandments.

PHASE / Section	Need I: REVIVAL – Apostolic Faith and Godliness				
	1st Level: Calling the Church – Why God Calls Disciples = Requires the Marks				I have / do it hardly → daily
	This	Theme	Need	Response	
Awareness and Decision		A. Sound the Trumpet	1st – 3rd Mark of Discipleship		
		1. Awake to Our Present Time	1. win the final battle	1. absolute loyal love	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Stand on the Side of Truth	2. guard against deception	2. complete self-denial	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Preparedness and Precision		3. Qualify for the Seal of God	3. be secure in Jesus	3. perpetual abiding	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		B. Hear the Call	4th – 6th Mark of Discipleship		
		1. Join the Revival and Reformation	4. work with members	4. mutual agape love	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Fulfill the Divine Commission	5. use talents effectively	5. fruit-bearing ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Be Ready to Stand at Last	6. be fully equipped	6. overcoming witness	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	2nd Level: Growing the Church – How We Make Disciples = Acquire the Marks				
	This	Theme	Step	Result	
PHASE 1: Courtyard “Come to Me” = Pardon (Look back to His life & sacrifice) Message → Member (Gather / Gaining) (Reach up)	►	C. Come to Life	1st Mark of Discipleship: absolute loyal love		
	►	1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus	(1) believe Gospel	(1) grateful surrender	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	►	2. Receive Justification by Faith	(2) receive justification	(2) truthful conversion	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	►	3. Obey Jesus from Love	(3) love commandments	(3) joyful obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		D. Join the Movement	2nd Mark of Discipleship: complete self-denial		
		1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity	(4) accept identity	(4) purposeful membership	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
PHASE 2: Holy Place “Learn of Me” = Purity (Look up for His presence & Spirit) Member → Maturity (Grow / Training) (Reach Across)		2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs	(5) grasp teaching	(5) meaningful conviction	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Order Your Life as a Steward	(6) (re)order life	(6) faithful stewardship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		E. Grow in Grace	3rd Mark of Discipleship: perpetual abiding		
		1. Let Jesus Form Within	(7) form Jesus	(7) spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Study the Word of God	(8) study Word	(8) doctrinal purity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Pray According to God's Will	(9) pray in the Spirit	(9) personal worship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
PHASE 3: Most Holy Place “Go for Me” = Power (Look forward to His work & return) Maturity → Ministry (Go / Retaining) (Reach out)		F. Share the Love	4th Mark of Discipleship: mutual agape love		
		1. Exercise Christlike Love	(10) practice love	(10) effectual unity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Contribute to Church Meetings	(11) value groups	(11) communal worship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Help with Practical Support	(12) serve needs	(12) practical support	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		G. Bear much Fruit	5th Mark of Discipleship: fruit-bearing ministry		
		1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents	(13) recognize talents	(13) doubtless certainty	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Organize and Combine All Talents	(14) organize talents	(14) classless teamwork	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Utilize and Commend All Talents	(15) utilize talents	(15) selfless service	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		H. Tell the World	6th Mark of Discipleship: overcoming witness		
		1. Enable Latter Rain Power	(16) enable power	(16) boundless light	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Reflect the Character of Jesus	(17) reflect Jesus	(17) spotless life	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus	(18) spread Gospel	(18) fearless fight	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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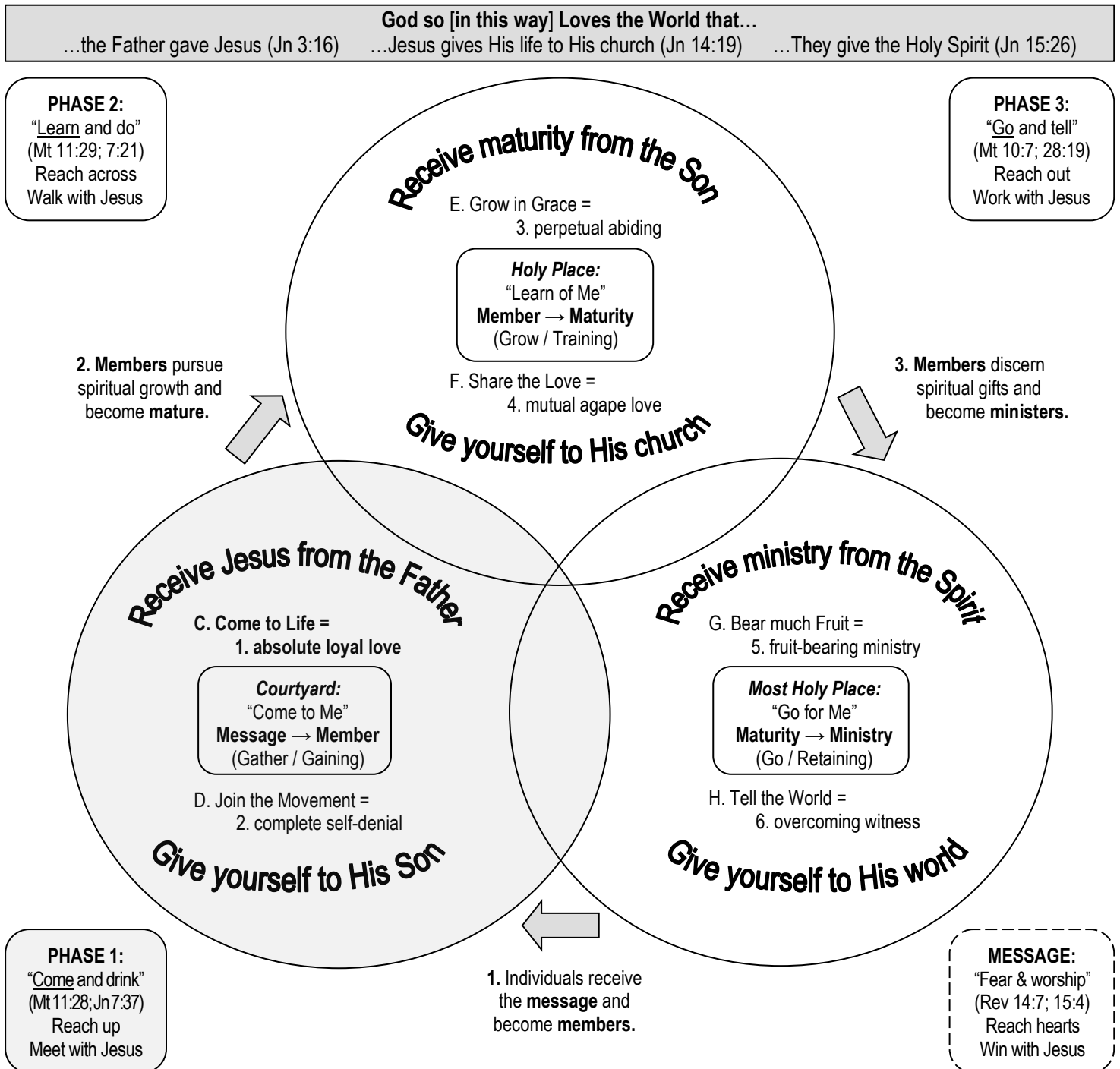
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C. Come to Life – 002. Dynamic Circles of Love

SUMMARY: Consider and appreciate now the **receiving** side of that circle of love, which forms **phase 1** in the discipling process.

The first theme and mark of discipleship in each phase cover the receiving side of the relationship, the second theme and mark the giving side. Jesus said, "Come to Me, Learn of Me." (Mt 11:28-30); then, "Go for Me into all the world." (Mk 16:15; Mt 28:20). So the three circles of love together form the process by which Jesus builds His church (Mt 16:18): **1.** He calls her to Himself (Mt 16:24), **2.** grows her into His full stature (Eph 4:13; 5:27), and **3.** sends her to complete her number (Rom 11:25-26). Then He will return to take His beloved bride home into God's eternal glory (Jn 14:1-3).



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C. Come to Life – 1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus – 101. God's Love for His World

SUMMARY: You take **step 1** in the discipling process, as you **believe** the Gospel of God's love and **respond** to it with absolute love for Jesus.

"'God is love.' 1 John 4:16. His nature, His law, is love. It ever has been; it ever will be....With Him 'is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.' James 1:17. Every manifestation of creative power is an expression of infinite love. The sovereignty of God involves fullness of blessing to all created beings." (PP 33). "In the beginning, God was revealed in all the works of creation. It was Christ that spread the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth. It was His hand that hung the worlds in space, and fashioned the flowers of the field... It was He that filled the earth with beauty, and the air with song. And upon all things in earth, and air, and sky, He wrote the message of the Father's love." (DA 20; MM 10).

"The message that the sinner should hear is, 'God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'" (GW 154-155; Ev 189; Jn 3:16). "In order to break down the barriers of prejudice and impenitence, the love of Christ must have a part in every discourse. Make men to know how much Jesus loves them, and what evidences He has given them of His love. What love can equal that which God has manifested for man, by the death of Christ on the cross? When the heart is filled with the love of Jesus, this can be presented to the people, and it will affect hearts." (Lt 48, 1886; Ev 189). Is our heart totally filled with Jesus' love?

	The Love of God in Jesus	I appreciate it hardly → deeply
1	1. Before Earth's Creation (Eternity past)	
2	Before the fall of Lucifer, the Father and the Son decide to create mankind in Their own image (3SG 36; PP 36; Ge 1:26).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	Before creation, They decide Jesus will become man's Savior by His sacrifice (Eph 3:11; 1 Pe 1:19-21; Rev 13:8; PP 63).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	They decide to bless believers in Jesus with His holy purity and to adopt them as God's children (Eph 1:3-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	2. At and After Its Creation (~4000 BC)	
6	Jesus creates a very beautiful earth, fitted for humanity; the angels look at it with delight and rejoice (Ge 1:31; PP 44).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Jesus delights in forming Adam in God's image, giving Him His own breath of life (Ge 1:26; 2:7; Pr 8:31; Zec 12:1).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Jesus provides Adam with a fitting companion, and they celebrate the very first marriage (Ge 2:7, 22; 3SG 33; PP 46).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	Jesus gives Adam and Eve freedom of choice, so they can obey Him willingly from love, not coercion (Ge 2:17; PP 49).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	Jesus gives them dominion over the works of His hands, and crowns them with glory and honor (Ge 1:28; Ps 8:5; Heb 2:7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Jesus provides them with a special garden for their home, "Eden," meaning "delight" (Ge 2:8-14; 3SG 34; PP 47, 62).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	Jesus gives them pleasant and invigorating labor, to dress and keep their garden home (Ge 2:15; 3SG 34; PP 47).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	Jesus creates and blesses the Sabbath so humanity can behold and rest in His goodness and love (Ge 2:1-3; PP 46).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	Adam and Eve enjoy communion with Jesus, instructions from angels, and converse with nature (Ge 3:8; PP 48, 50-51).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	Jesus steps in as Savior after their fall; He reveals and angels explain to them the plan of salvation (Ge 3:15; PP 63-66).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	Jesus bars their access to the tree of life, places them in a cursed environment, and institutes sacrificial offerings	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	a) to help them and their descendants realize that the wages of sin is death, separation from God (Ge 2:17; Rom 6:23);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	b) to thus lead them to repentance of their sin and saving faith in Jesus as the promised Redeemer (Ge 3:15); and	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	c) to vindicate the character of God and the validity of His law before the whole universe (3SG 45-46; PP 66-70).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	3. Jesus' Life on Earth (3 BC – AD 31)	
21	Jesus lives a sinless, holy life, so He can give it to all His followers and save them by it (Rom 5:10; 2 Co 5:21; Php 3:9).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	Jesus reveals God's shepherd love by seeking and feeding the lost in compassion (Ps 23, Isa 40:11; Mk 6:34; Jn 10:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	Jesus reveals God's loving care for His people by healing, teaching, and forgiving them (Mt 4:23; 8:16; Jn 8:11; Lk 23:34).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	Jesus reveals God's love for His people by praying for all who would forsake and crucify Him (Isa 53:12; Lk 22:32; 23:34).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	Jesus reveals God's love for people by dying for all while they were yet sinners (Rom 5:8; Jn 1:11; 15:13; Mt 27:40-44).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	4. After His Ascension (AD 31 – Eternity future)	
27	Jesus sends the Holy Spirit and gives leadership gifts to grow and mature His church (Ac 2:1-4; 11:17; Eph 4:8-16).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	Jesus constantly intercedes for His people and answers their prayers in His name (Jn 14:13-14; Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
29	Jesus is their advocate when they sin, and He represents and confesses them in the judgment (1 Jn 2:1; Mt 10:32; Jn 5:24).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	Jesus offers His people His presence, His faith and love, His righteousness, and His discernment (Jn 14:18; Rev 3:18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	Jesus gives His people power to overcome, and will protect them in the time of trouble (Rev 3:21; 12:11; GC 629, 631).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
32	Jesus will come again to deliver His faithful people out of tribulation and to take them to heaven (Da 12:1; 1 Th 4:13-18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
33	Jesus will restore their lost face-to-face relationship and direct personal communion with Him (1 Jn 3:2; Rev 7:15; 21:3).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
34	Jesus will restore His people to their lost dominion, as He shares with them His kingdom (Ge 1:26; Da 7:27; Mt 25:34).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
35	Jesus will give them mansions in the New Jerusalem and eternal access to the tree of life (Jn 14:1-3; Rev 2:7; 22:2, 14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
36	Jesus will be their God, feed them, and forever wipe away every tear from their eyes (Isa 25:8; Rev 7:17; 21:3-4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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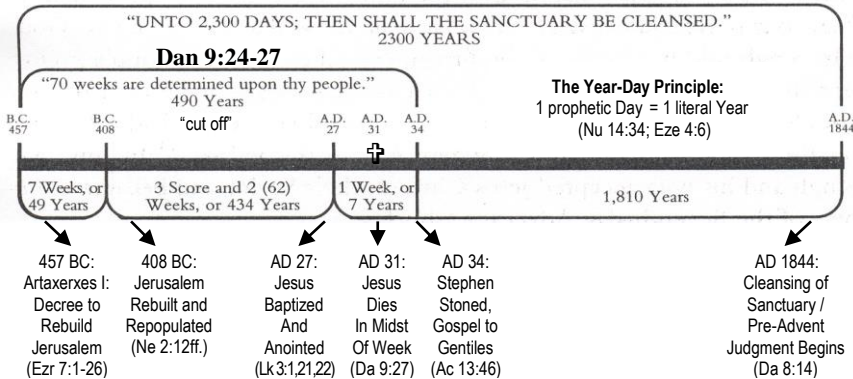
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C. Come to Life – 1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus – 102. Gabriel's Prophecy of the Messiah

SUMMARY: You see God's love for you in His **prophecy** that identifies **Jesus** as your Savior, and **1844** as the beginning of your final judgment.

The 2300 Evenings and Mornings (Dan 8:14)



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The vision in Da 8 with the 2,300-day/year prophecy was given in "the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar" (8:1), i.e., in 550/549 BC, but "none understood" it (8:27).

The 70-week/490-year prophecy (9:20-27) came in answer to Daniel's prayer (9:1-19), in "the first year of Darius" (9:1), or 539/538 BC, to bring understanding to Daniel (9:22).

All details of the 70th week or last 7 years were fulfilled in the life and work of Jesus who thus proved to be the *Messiah* (9:25) or *Christ* (Mt 16:16), the One *anointed* or empowered by the Holy Spirit (Isa 61:1; Lk 4:17-21; Ac 10:38).

Jesus lived "that it might be fulfilled." (Mt 1:22) and died "according to the scriptures" (1 Co 15:3), to fulfill all things "written in the law of Moses, the prophets, and in the psalms." (Lk 24:27, 44). The Scriptures testify of Him (Jn 5:39).

Daniel 9:24 The <u>Purpose</u> of Jesus' Life and Work	Daniel 9:25 The <u>Timing</u> of Jesus' Life and Work	Daniel 9:26-27 The " <u>Last Week</u> " of Jesus' Life and Work
1. To finish transgression: Restrain: Jesus called the Jews to accept Him as the fulfillment of the covenant with Abraham (Ge 17:1-8; Gal 3:16; Mt 23:37). Complete: Jesus' rejection (Jn 1:11) ended Jewish probation (Ac 7:52; Rom 10:1-4).	1. From the going forth of the commandment: Decree of Persian King Artaxerxes I "in the seventh year of the king" (Ezr 7:7), 457 BC, implemented in the fall. Authorized the Jews to rebuild the temple & the city of Jerusalem (Ezr 7:11-28).	1. After threescore and two [62] weeks: After the fall of AD 27, the beginning of the 70 th week of the prophecy.
2. To make an end of sins: Jesus takes sin away (Jn 1:29), becoming sin (2 Co 5:21) & giving Himself (Gal 1:4).	2. Unto Messiah the Prince: This can only refer to Jesus, since He is the one who fulfilled the time frame given here.	2. Messiah shall be cut off: Jesus would be cut off (Isa 53:8), that is, die, to "cut" (Ge 15:8-18) or mediate the New Covenant in His blood (Lk 22:20).
3. To make reconciliation for iniquity: Jesus died so God can reconcile people to Himself (Rom 5:10; 2 Co 5:19).	3. Seven, and threescore and two weeks: 69 prophetic weeks are 483 years. Counting from 457 BC, this leads to the fall of AD 27, since there is no year "zero." That fall, Jesus was baptized and anointed & began His public ministry "in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar" (Lk 3:1, 21, 22). "The time is fulfilled." (Mk 1:15).	3. But not for himself: Or, shall have nothing: Jesus sacrificed Himself to save others (Isa 53:5-8; Mt 20:28; 26:28; 1 Co 15:3).
4. To bring in everlasting righteousness: Jesus is our righteousness (1 Co 1:30). He imputes & imparts it to us (2 Co 5:21).		4. The people of the prince shall... destroy: Titus' army destroyed Jerusalem in AD 70.
5. To seal up the vision and prophecy: Jesus confirms or ratifies it by fulfilling its time predictions (Mk 1:15; Gal 4:4).		5. Confirm the covenant for one week: For 7 years, AD 27-34, Jesus and then His disciples confirmed the promise (Rom 15:8; Ac 2:38-39). After Stephen's death (Ac 7:59) the Gospel went to the Gentiles (Mt 21:43; 24:14; 28:18-20; Ac 11:5-18; 13:45-49).
6. To anoint the Most Holy: The earthly sanctuary was anointed to inaugurate divine service (Ex 40:9). The anointing of the heavenly sanctuary points forward to Jesus' high priestly, intercessory ministry there following His ascension (Heb 9:12, 21, 24)	Daniel 9:24-27 – Summary The exact and complete fulfillment of the 70-week prophecy in the life and work of Jesus proves Him to be the predicted Messiah and testifies to the reliability and power of God's Word (Isa 55:11; Jn 17:17).	6. Midst of the week...cause to cease: After 3½ years, in the spring AD 31, Jesus died; the temple veil was torn in two, marking the end of the sacrificial system (Mt 27:51). Type met Antitype, "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us" (1 Co 5:7), the new and living way into the Holiest (Heb 10:12-22).
Daniel 8:14 – Summary Since the 490-year prophecy ended in AD 34, AD 1844 marks the end of the 2,300-year prophecy, and thus the beginning of Jesus' high priestly ministry of the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary, or the pre-advent judgment. This present truth is confirmed and proclaimed by the Three Angels' Messages (Rev 14:6-11; 18:1-4), which have been entrusted to God's remnant church (Rev 10:11; 12:17; 14:12).		

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C. Come to Life – 1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus – 103. The Great Central Truth

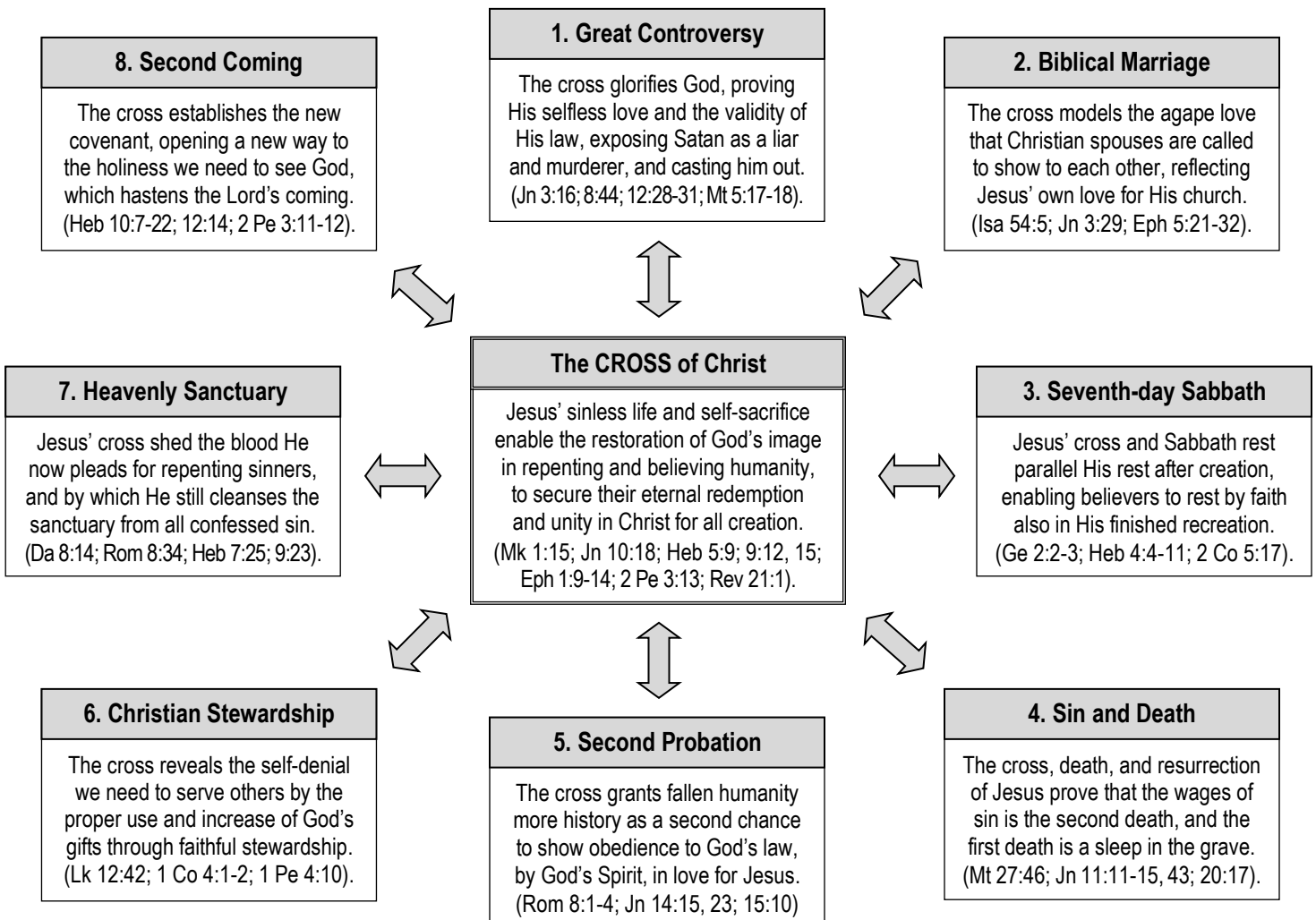
SUMMARY: You see God's love for you in Jesus' death on the **cross**, the **center** of all other truths and the only **reason** for your end-time victory.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ centers on His self-sacrifice for the salvation of the human race. "There is one great central truth to be kept ever before the mind in the searching of the Scriptures--Christ and Him crucified. Every other truth is invested with influence and power corresponding to its relation to this theme. It is only in the light of the cross that we can discern the exalted character of the law of God. The soul palsied by sin can be endowed with life only through the work wrought out upon the cross by the Author of our salvation." (MS 31, 1890; 7ABC 458).

The cross is the only key to all other truths. "The sacrifice of Christ as an atonement for sin is the great truth around which all other truths cluster. In order to be rightly understood and appreciated, every truth in the word of God, from Genesis to Revelation, must be studied in the light that streams from the cross of Calvary. I present before you the great, grand monument of mercy and regeneration, salvation and redemption,--the Son of God uplifted on the cross. This is to be the foundation of every discourse given by our ministers." (GW 315; 7ABC 457).

The cross exerts a most powerful attraction and guarantees the greatest victory. "The cross of Calvary challenges, and will finally vanquish every earthly and hellish power. In the cross all influence centers, and from it all influence goes forth. It is the great center of attraction; for on it Christ gave up His life for the human race. This sacrifice was offered for the purpose of restoring man to his original perfection. Yea, more, it was offered to give him an entire transformation of character, making him more than a conqueror. Those who in the strength of Christ overcome the great enemy of God and man, will occupy a position in the heavenly courts above angels who have never fallen." (MS 56, 1899; 6BC 1113).

The cross is therefore the only reason for our faithfulness in the final crisis. "The only way in which men will be able to stand firm in the conflict is to be rooted and grounded in Christ. They must receive the truth as it is in Jesus. And it is only as the truth is presented thus that it can meet the wants of the soul. The preaching of Christ crucified, Christ our righteousness, is what satisfies the soul's hunger. When we secure the interest of the people in this great central truth, faith and hope and courage come to the heart." (LDE 151). Is the cross the center of your life?



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C. Come to Life – 1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus – 104. His Experience of the Cross

SUMMARY: Your love for Jesus **grows** when you study and ponder His **experience** of suffering and death on the cross, as He Himself **describes** it.

May we all "behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us" (1 Jn 1:3) through the suffering and death of Christ, as Jesus describes it in His own words. "Having loved his own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end." (Jn 13:1). "Hanging upon the cross Christ was the gospel....This is our message, our argument, our doctrine, our warning to the impenitent, our encouragement for the sorrowing, the hope for every believer. If we can awaken an interest in men's minds that will cause them to fix their eyes on Christ, we may step aside, and ask them only to continue to fix their eyes upon the Lamb of God." (MS 49, 1898; 7ABC 458). May we ever and only "glory in the cross...." (Gal 6:14).

The Suffering and Death of Jesus – In His Own Words			I appreciate it hardly → deeply
	Jesus' Words	EGW Comments	
1	1. In the Upper Room		
2	After foot washing: "I have given you an example." (Jn 13:15).	Servant leadership; institutes ordinance (DA 650).	□ □ □ □ □
3	"Take, eat; drink...my blood of the new covenant." (Mt 26:27-28).	Passover lamb; ratifies covenant (1 Co 5:7; Heb 9:15).	□ □ □ □ □
4	"Do this in remembrance of me." (Lk 22:19; 1 Co 11:24-25).	Comfort for disciples; makes life sacred (DA 652-60).	□ □ □ □ □
5	"One of you shall betray me." (Mt 26:21; Jn 13:21 [11, 18]).	Patience and mercy of God toward erring (DA 655).	□ □ □ □ □
6	"A new commandment I give: love one another." (Jn 13:34).	Christlike love; identifies disciples (Jn 13:35; DA 677).	□ □ □ □ □
7	"Be not troubled...believe in God and me....I will return." (Jn 14:1-3).	His absence is temporary & for their benefit (DA 663).	□ □ □ □ □
8	"Love me....keep my words...ask...work." (Jn 14; DA 663-674).	As He shows the Father so they reveal Him (DA 664).	□ □ □ □ □
9	"Comforter will teach /remind you...Have my peace." (Jn 14:26-27).	Conditional promise; His last legacy (DA 668-672).	□ □ □ □ □
10	2. To and In Gethsemane		
11	"All ye shall be offended because of me this night..." (Mt 26:31).	Said in deepest sadness; disciples amazed (DA 673).	□ □ □ □ □
12	To Peter: "Thou shalt deny me thrice." (Mt 26:34-35; Mk 14:30).	All deny in self-confidence; are unprepared (DA 673).	□ □ □ □ □
13	"Abide in me and I in you...bring fruit...bear witness" (Jn 15 & 16).	Spiritual union essential for our mission (DA 674-680).	□ □ □ □ □
14	To Father: "They believed....Keep them from evil." (Jn 17:8, 15).	As Shepherd entrusts His church to Father (DA 680).	□ □ □ □ □
15	To 3 disciples: "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death:	He bears terrible wrath of God against sin (DA 685).	□ □ □ □ □
16	Tarry ye here, and watch with me...and pray" (Mt 26:38, 41).	Longs for sympathy; feels it for them (DA 686-690).	□ □ □ □ □
17	Three times: "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from	Dreads separation from God; weight of sins (DA 687).	□ □ □ □ □
18	me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." (Mt 26:39-44).	Beholds man's fate; decides to save us (DA 690, 693).	□ □ □ □ □
19	An angel strengthens Jesus after His bloody agony (Lk 22:43-44).	Falls dying; assured of Father's love & power (DA 693).	□ □ □ □ □
20	To mob: "Whom seek ye?...I am He....Let these go." (Jn 18:4-8).	Seeks to shield weak disciples from trial (DA 695).	□ □ □ □ □
21	To Judas: "Betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?" (Lk 22:48).	Final appeal to arouse Judas' conscience (DA 696).	□ □ □ □ □
22	To Peter: "Put up again thy sword into its place." (Mt 26:52-54).	No violent defense; Jesus fulfills Scripture (DA 696).	□ □ □ □ □
23	To priests /elders: "Are ye come out as against a thief?" (Mt 26:56).	Submits to mob; disciples flee for safety (DA 697).	□ □ □ □ □
24	3. During the Mock Trials		
25	To high priest's officer: "Why smitest thou me?" (Jn 18:23).	Does not retaliate; is calm, not provoked (DA 700).	□ □ □ □ □
26	To accusations: He answered nothing (Mt 26:62-63; 27:12, 14).	Eloquent silence from conscious innocence (DA 726).	□ □ □ □ □
27	To Sanhedrin: "Ye say that I am [God's Son]." (Mt 26:64; Lk 22:70).	Appealed to, Jesus declares His character (DA 706).	□ □ □ □ □
28	To Sanhedrin: "Ye shall see [me] sitting...." (Mt 26:64; Lk 22:69).	Now judged, He shall be the judge of all (DA 708).	□ □ □ □ □
29	To Pilate: "Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or...?" (Jn 18:33-37).	Pilate's one opportunity to admit conviction (DA 727).	□ □ □ □ □
30	4. To and On Calvary (Also Words of Others)		
31	To women: "Weep for yourselves and your children." (Lk 23:28-31).	Has sympathy for unbelievers' future misery (DA 743).	□ □ □ □ □
32	1. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Lk 23:34).	Pities ignorance and guilt of all sinners (DA 744-745).	□ □ □ □ □
33	Crowd and priests: "Come down from the cross." (Mt 27:40-43).	Satanically mocked, He stays to save us (DA 749).	□ □ □ □ □
34	2. To penitent thief: "Thou shalt be with me in paradise." (Lk 23:43).	Faith comforts, His pardon glorifies Him (DA 749-751).	□ □ □ □ □
35	3. "Woman, behold thy son! ... Behold thy mother!" (Jn 19:26).	Amid anguish, shows His mother filial love (DA 752).	□ □ □ □ □
36	4. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46).	Evil of sin & Father's wrath break His heart (DA 753).	□ □ □ □ □
37	5. That the Scriptures might be fulfilled: "I thirst." (Jn 19:28).	Revives to a sense of physical suffering (DA 754).	□ □ □ □ □
38	6. After He had received the vinegar: "It is finished." (Jn 19:30).	Battle is won, our redemption accomplished (DA 758).	□ □ □ □ □
39	7. "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." (Lk 23:46).	Regains sense of Father's favor; is victor (DA 756).	□ □ □ □ □
40	Centurion: "Truly this was the Son of God." (Mt 27:54; Mk 15:39).	Third witness borne to His identity that day (DA 770).	□ □ □ □ □

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C. Come to Life – 1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus – 105. The Depth of God's Love

SUMMARY: You can see the **mystery** of God's love in yet greater **depth**, as you consider the divine **anguish**, not only of Jesus but of the Father.

"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us." (1 Jn 3:1). "Having loved his own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end." (Jn 13:1). "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom 5:8). "...that the love wherewith Thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them." (Jn 17:26). "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you." (Jn 15:12). Not only will the love of God be our eternal study and joy, but it is here and now to be the principle of the disciples' life.

"God's wonderful purpose of grace, the mystery of redeeming love, is the theme into which 'angels desire to look,' and it will be their study throughout endless ages. Both the redeemed and the unfallen beings will find in the cross of Christ their science and their song. It will be seen that the glory shining in the face of Jesus is the glory of self-sacrificing love. In the light from Calvary it will be seen that the law of self-renouncing love is the law of life for earth and heaven; that the love which 'seeketh not her own' has its source in the heart of God." (DA 19).

The true height and depth of this selfless, self-sacrificing love of Jesus is nowhere else more dramatically and ultimately revealed than during those despairing hours on the cross, when the Savior felt nothing but the guilt of humanity and the wrath of God against sin; when He was not upheld by the joy that previously had been set before Him of seeing souls eternally saved; when He had no assurance of His own resurrection and return to glory, but only the fear that the separation from His beloved Father might be for eternity – and yet, even then, He did not give in to the demonic challenges of the bystanders to come down from the cross and save Himself, but chose to give Himself up for us all (1 Ti 2:6; Tit 2:14).

The Self-Sacrifice of Jesus – In the Words of Ellen G. White		I appreciate it hardly → deeply
1	1. The Desire of Ages, 752-753	
2	And now the Lord of glory was dying, a ransom for the race.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	In yielding up His precious life, Christ was not upheld by triumphant joy. All was oppressive gloom.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	It was not the dread of death that weighed upon Him.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	It was not the pain and ignominy of the cross that caused His inexpressible agony. Christ was the prince of sufferers;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	but His suffering was from a sense of the malignity of sin, a knowledge that through familiarity with evil,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	man had become blinded to its enormity. Christ saw how deep is the hold of sin upon the human heart,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	how few would be willing to break from its power.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	He knew that without help from God, humanity must perish, and He saw multitudes perishing within reach of abundant help.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	Upon Christ as our substitute and surety was laid the iniquity of us all. He was counted a transgressor,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	that He might redeem us from the condemnation of the law.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	The guilt of every descendant of Adam was pressing upon His heart.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	The wrath of God against sin, the terrible manifestation of His displeasure because of iniquity,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	filled the soul of His Son with consternation.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	All His life Christ had been publishing to a fallen world the good news of the Father's mercy and pardoning love.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	Salvation for the chief of sinners was His theme.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	But now with the terrible weight of guilt He bears, He cannot see the Father's reconciling face.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	The withdrawal of the divine countenance from the Saviour in this hour of supreme anguish	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	pierced His heart with a sorrow that can never be fully understood by man.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	So great was this agony that His physical pain was hardly felt.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	Satan with his fierce temptations wrung the heart of Jesus.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	The Saviour could not see through the portals of the tomb. Hope did not present to Him His coming forth from the grave	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	a conqueror, or tell Him of the Father's acceptance of the sacrifice.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	He feared that sin was so offensive to God that Their separation was to be eternal.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	Christ felt the anguish which the sinner will feel when mercy shall no longer plead for the guilty race.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	It was the sense of sin, bringing the Father's wrath upon Him as man's substitute, that made the cup He drank so bitter,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	and broke the heart of the Son of God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	2. Manuscript 93, 1899 (7BC 924)	
29	The Captain of our salvation was perfected through suffering. His soul was made an offering for sin.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	It was necessary for the awful darkness to gather about His soul because of the withdrawal of the Father's love and favor;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	for He was standing in the sinner's place, and this darkness every sinner must experience.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
32	The righteous One must suffer the condemnation and wrath of God, not in vindictiveness;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
33	for the heart of God yearned with greatest sorrow when His Son, the guiltless, was suffering the penalty of sin.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
34	This sundering of the divine powers will never again occur throughout the eternal ages.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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C. Come to Life – 1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus – 106. The Streams of Compassion

SUMMARY: The more you ponder the Father's **suffering** with His Son, the deeper you **appreciate** His infinite compassion and matchless love.

Some people tend to interpret the sacrificial death of Jesus on Calvary as a means to appease the righteous wrath of God against sinful humanity, as the way by which God's Son reconciled His Father in heaven to humanity on earth, or changed His wrath toward them into love and acceptance. But this view reflects more the heathens' fear of their ill-minded gods (*PK* 124) than the compassionate God of the Bible. **1.** It is true that "the wrath of God is revealed from heaven," yet His wrath is directed, not against the people themselves, but "against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men" (Rom 1:18), that is, against the sin in them. God "hates the sin, but loves the sinner." (*DA* 462).

2. Jesus did not come to turn the Father's wrath into love, but because the Father Himself loved the world, He sent and gave His Son (Jn 3:16). "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us." (1 Jn 3:1). "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom 5:8). In love, God took His wrath against our sin upon Himself by making Jesus to be that sin for us (2 Co 5:21). **3.** God did not need to be reconciled to the world, but rather humanity to God (2 Co 5:19); and the call to reconciliation still goes out to every individual as Jesus' last day disciples spread the three angels' messages (2 Co 5:20-21; Rev 14:6-12; 18:1-4).

4. Though on the cross God's Son experienced the wages of sin, eternal death, as separation from His Father (Rom 6:23; Mt 27:46), the Father did not leave His Son to suffer by Himself but suffered that separation with Him in His own heart, enduring the "sundering of the divine powers." (*7BC* 924). "The heart of God yearned with greatest sorrow when His Son, the guiltless, was suffering the penalty of sin." (*ibid.*) Anticipating the unfathomable depth of this divine pain, the Father had struggled long during Their counsel of peace "to yield up His Son to die for the guilty race. But 'God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son,'Oh, the mystery of redemption!" (*PP* 63-64).

The Compassion of the Father – In the Words of Ellen G. White		I appreciate it hardly → deeply
1	God's Amazing Grace, 188	
2	It is from the Father's heart that the streams of divine compassion,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	manifest in Christ,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	flow out to the children of men. . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	God permitted His beloved Son, full of grace and truth,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	to come from a world of indescribable glory,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	to a world marred and blighted with sin, darkened with the shadow of death and the curse.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	He permitted Him to leave the bosom of His love,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	the adoration of the angels,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	to suffer shame, insult, humiliation, hatred, and death. . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	It was the burden of sin, the sense of its terrible enormity,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	of its separation of the soul from God	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	--it was this that broke the heart of the Son of God. . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	God suffered with His Son.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	In the agony of Gethsemane, the death of Calvary, the heart of Infinite Love paid the price of our redemption. . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	Nothing less than the infinite sacrifice made by Christ in behalf of fallen man	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	could express the Father's love to lost humanity. . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	The price paid for our redemption, the infinite sacrifice of our heavenly Father in giving His Son to die for us,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	should give us exalted conceptions of what we may become through Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	As the inspired apostle John beheld the height, the depth, the breadth of the Father's love toward the perishing race,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	he was filled with adoration and reverence;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	and, failing to find suitable language in which to express the greatness and tenderness of this love,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	he called upon the world to behold it. . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	What a value this places upon man!	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	Through transgression, the sons of man become subjects of Satan.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	Through faith in the atoning sacrifice of Christ, the sons of Adam may become the sons of God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	By assuming human nature, Christ elevates humanity.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	Fallen men are placed where, through connection with Christ, they may indeed become worthy of the name, "sons of God."	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
29	Such love is without a parallel.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	Children of the heavenly King!	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	Precious promise!	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
32	Theme of the most profound meditation!	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
33	The matchless love of God for a world that did not love Him!	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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C. Come to Life – 1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus – 107. Humanity's Need and Choice

SUMMARY: In gratitude for such divine love you **believe** the gospel, and seeing your **need** of the Savior you **choose** to surrender all to Him.

Even before They created this world, the Father and the Son agreed on the plan of salvation because They knew humanity would need a Savior. Yet people overlook their need of Jesus even after they know they are sinners (Ge 3:7). So God shows them the alternatives and their results. He told Adam and Eve what sin would do to them and the whole earth (Ge 2:16-17; 3:15-19). Through Moses, He set life and death before Israel (Dt 30:1, 19). Through Jesus, He outlined the blessings of faith and the woes of unbelief (Mt 5:1-20; 23:13-39). In these last days, God calls all humanity to respond to His final revelation (Rev 1:3; 14:6; 22:18-19).

"What you need to understand is the true force of the will. This is the governing power in the nature of man, the power of decision, or of choice. Everything depends on the right action of the will. The power of choice God has given to men; it is theirs to exercise. You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can choose to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus your whole nature will be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ; your affections will be centered upon Him, your thoughts will be in harmony with Him.

"Desires for goodness and holiness are right as far as they go; but if you stop here, they will avail nothing. Many will be lost while hoping and desiring to be Christians. They do not come to the point of yielding the will to God. They do not now choose to be Christians. Through the right exercise of the will, an entire change may be made in your life. By yielding up your will to Christ, you ally yourself with the power that is above all principalities and powers. You will have strength from above to hold you steadfast, and thus through constant surrender to God you will be enabled to live the new life, even the life of faith." (SC 47-48). Choose life!

Humanity's Choice: Sin or Salvation, Death or Life, Satan or Jesus (Dt 30:15-30; Rom 6:16-23; Mt 27:17)			I choose life hardly → daily
1	Past Condemnation = <i>deserve penalty of sin</i>	Past Justification = <i>freed from penalty of sin</i>	
2	Believe Satan more than God (Ge 3:1-6; PP 54; Jn 8:42-47).	Believe God and Jesus more than Satan (Mk 1:15; Jn 14:1).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	Adam and Eve disobey or sin (Ge 3:3, 11; 1 Jn 3:4).	Jesus always obeys, is sinless (Jn 8:29, 46; Heb 4:15).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	Lose their original innocence and holiness (Ge 3:7; PP 57).	Receive Jesus' tried innocence and holiness (Rev 3:18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Have guilty conscience, are afraid of God (Ge 3:7-9; Tit 1:15).	Have clear conscience, peace with God (1 Ti 1:5; Rom 5:1).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	Deny and try to justify their own sin (Ge 3:12-13; PP 57-58).	Confess and are forgiven own sin (Lk 18:13-14; 1 Jn 1:9).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Receive judgment of condemnation (Ge 3:11; Rom 5:16-18).	Receive declaration of justification (Rom 3:24-26; 5:16-18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Attempt justification by works (PP 61; Rom 9:30-33; Gal 2:16).	Receive justification by grace thru faith (Rom 3:24; Eph 2:8).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	Lose right to tree of life and immortality (PP 61; Ge 3:19-24).	Have right to tree of life & immortality (1 Co 15:54; Rev 22:14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	Expelled into cursed earth, subject to death (Ge 3:24; PP 61).	Baptized into Jesus' death, unto newness of life (Rom 6:4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Daily Demonification = <i>submit to power of sin</i>	Daily Sanctification = <i>freed from power of sin</i>	
12	Sin reigns unto death as its wages (Rom 5:21; 6:12, 16, 23).	Grace reigns unto life as divine gift (Rom 5:17, 21; 6:16, 23).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	Depraved fallen nature, is sold under sin (Rom 7:14; PP 61).	Divine nature in fallen one, dead to sin (2 Pe 1:4; Rom 6:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	Human nature is indwelt by sin as a power (Rom 7:17, 20).	Human nature indwelt by the Spirit of Jesus (Rom 8:9, 11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	Is captive to the law of sin and death (Rom 7:23).	Is freed by the law of the Spirit of life in Jesus (Rom 8:2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	The carnal mind is enmity against God (Rom 8:5-8).	In Jesus is enmity against Satan (Ge 3:15; Jn 14:30; Jas 4:7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	Is not and cannot be subject to God's law (Rom 8:7).	Delights in God's law and will (Ps 1:2; 40:8; Rom 7:22).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	Human history is a succession of falls (1BC 1082-1083).	Jesus gives continuous victory (1 Jn 5:5; Jude 24; Rev 12:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	Satan controls humanity thru fear of death (Heb 2:14-15).	Believers are freed from fear of death (1 Jn 4:18; Rev 12:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	Sin expresses itself in works of the flesh (Gal 5:19-21, 26).	Life of faith bears fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-25; 1 Co 13).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	Fallen churches full of demons (Rev 18:2; ST 01-31-1900).	Remnant church full of God's Spirit (Rev 18:1; Joel 2:28-32).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	Holy Spirit withdrawn from unbelieving humanity (GC 614).	Believers receive seal of living God (Rev 7:1-3; EW 38, 48).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	Soon Annihilation = <i>die with presence of sin</i>	Soon Glorification = <i>freed from presence of sin</i>	
24	Receive seven last plagues, God's unmixed wrath (Rev 16).	Are protected from plagues (Ps 91:1-8; Rev 7:1-3; EW 43).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	Are destroyed at His coming (Lk 23:30; 2 Th 2:8; Rev 6:16).	Are resurrected or translated at His coming (1 Th 4:13-18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	Retain their fallen, sinful nature or vile body (GC 662).	Freed from their fallen nature or vile body (Php 3:21).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	Remain dead and scattered over the earth (Rev 19:17-21).	Become immortal & go to heaven (1 Co 15:51-57; 1 Th 4:17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	Wicked resurrected with fallen nature (Rev 20:7-9; GC 662).	Saints return to earth in glorified nature (Rev 21:2-3; GC 663).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
29	Satan deceives all wicked to capture Holy City (Rev 20:9).	God's throne & saints above Holy City (Rev 20:11; GC 665).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	Satan and all wicked condemned (Rev 20:11-13; GC 666).	All redeemed praise God for their salvation (GC 665).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	All constrained to bow to Jesus (Rom 14:11; GC 669-670).	All freely praise Jesus for He is worthy (Rev 5:12; GC 671).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
32	Hell fire destroys angelic & human wicked (Rev 20:14-15).	Jesus purifies & renews earth for the redeemed (Rev 21:1).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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C. Come to Life – 2. Receive Salvation by Faith – 201. The Three Stages of Salvation

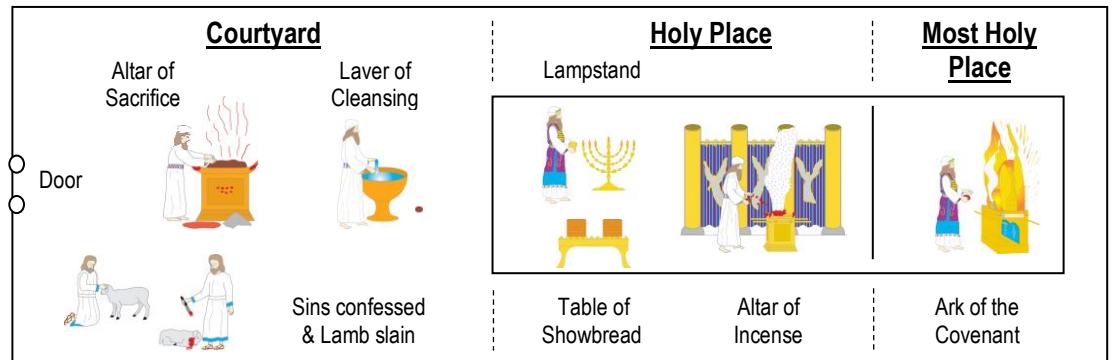
SUMMARY: In response to the gospel of Jesus, you **receive** salvation by faith in three **stages**, typified by the three **sections** of the sanctuary.

God has revealed His plan to save fallen humanity from sin throughout history, to Adam and Eve (Gen 3:15), Abraham (Gen 22:18; Jn 8:56), Isaiah (Isa 53), Daniel (Da 8 & 9) and others, and clearly has illustrated it through Moses in the sanctuary system (Ex 25:8-9). Ever since Eden, God is offering to the whole human race the benefits of the life, death, resurrection, and heavenly intercession of His Son (Rev 22:17), that is, salvation in three stages, justification or forgiveness, sanctification or holiness, and glorification or sinlessness.

All three stages of our restoration are typified in the sections, furniture, and services of the OT sanctuary. The earthly structure was a model of the heavenly original (Ex 25:9, 40), where Jesus is now completing the atonement He began in His life and through death on earth (Heb 9:23-28). "What was done in type in the ministration of the earthly sanctuary is done in reality in the ministration of the heavenly sanctuary." (GC 420). "The correct understanding of the ministration in the heavenly sanctuary is the foundation of our faith." (Ev 221).

God makes all stages available by grace; we receive them through faith (Eph 2:8). Jesus' righteousness is first imputed to us (Rom 4:3-5) as our *title* to heaven (FLB 116), then imparted as our *fitness* for heaven (ibid.) as we partake of His divine nature (1 Co 3:16; Col 3:9-10; 2 Pe 1:4) and love the world as He did (DA 641). As Jesus is perfectly reflected in us, we are *candidates* for heaven (5T 216), glorifying God in our bodies and as His body (1 Co 6:20; Jn 17:20), and at His return He will give His glory to our bodies (Rom 8:30; Php 3:20-21).

"The sanctuary in heaven is the very center of Christ's work in behalf of men. It concerns every soul living upon the earth. It opens to view the plan of redemption, bringing us down to the very close of time, and revealing the triumphant issue of the contest between righteousness and sin. It is of utmost importance that all should thoroughly investigate these subjects..." (GC 488).



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	Section of Sanctuary	I. Courtyard Sinners & Priests – daily		II. Holy Place Priests & High Priest – daily			III. Most Holy Place High Priest only – annually		
1	Stage of Restoration / Relationship with Jesus	Justification (Enabling Holiness): <u>Come</u> to Jesus = Pardon Look back to His life & sacrifice (Mt 11:28; Jn 6:37; Rev 22:17)		Sanctification (Growing Holiness): <u>Learn</u> from Jesus = Purity Look up for His Spirit and help (Mt 11:29-30; Jn 13:15; Eph 4:20-24)			Glorification (Perfecting Holiness): <u>Go</u> for Jesus = Power Look forward to His work and return (Mt 28:18-20; Rev 12:11; 1 Pe 5:10)		
2	Righteousness of Jesus	<u>Imputed</u> /credited (title to heaven) [what Jesus did and does <u>for</u> us]		<u>Imparted</u> /bestowed (fitness for heaven) [what Jesus and the Spirit do <u>in</u> us]			<u>Reflected</u> /revealed (candidates for heaven) [what Jesus does <u>through</u> and <u>with</u> us]		
3	Furniture of Section	Altar of Sacrifice	Laver of Cleansing	Lampstand with Oil	Table of Showbread	Altar of Incense	Ark of the Covenant:		
4	Symbol of Jesus	Ministry & Death	Baptism & Resurrection	Light of World	Bread of Life	Friend of Sinners	Law	Mercy Seat	Throne
5	Experience of Sinner / Believer in Cooperation with Jesus by His Grace and in His Way	Confesses and forsakes sin & claims merits of Christ: Is forgiven and adopted as God's child.	Is born again of water and the Spirit: Identifies with and joins Christ's body, His church.	Has presence of Jesus thru Spirit: Knows Him thru study, prayer and service.	Has Word of Jesus thru Bible: Feeds on & obeys it, and helps spread it.	Has access to Father thru Jesus: Pleads His merits for saints and sinners.	Disciples glorify God <u>in</u> their own bodies by Christlike character & lifestyle.	Disciples glorify God <u>as</u> His church body by Christlike ministry & sacrifice.	Jesus gives His glory <u>to</u> our bodies by resurrection & instant translation.
6	Time of Experience	Conversion & daily	Baptism & daily	All the time	Twice daily or more	Twice daily or more	All the time	All the time	Very, very soon
7	Result of Experience	Freedom from <u>penalty</u> of sin – Peace with God (Rom 5:1)		Freedom from <u>power</u> of sin – Power to become God's children (Jn 1:12)			Freedom from <u>presence</u> of sin – Promise in body	in church	on earth

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C. Come to Life – 2. Receive Salvation by Faith – 202. The Two Parts of Justification

SUMMARY: You take **step 2** in the discipling process, as you **enter** the first stage of salvation, **justification** by faith in its two parts, renewed **daily**.

Justification, as do sanctification and glorification, comes by God's grace through faith (Eph 2:8-9; Tit 3:7). He makes it available to "whosoever will" (Rev 21:6; 22:17); the sinner receives it at conversion (1 Co 6:11), and maintains it by daily walking after the Spirit (Rom 10:8-10; 8:1-4). It means forgiveness of sins (Rom 3:23-25) upon repentance (sorrow for and forsaking of sin, 2 Co 7:9-11; Isa 55:7), restitution (Ex 22:1-15; Lev 5:16; Num 5:7; Lk 19:8), and confession of sin and of faith in Jesus as Savior (2 Chr 7:14; Lk 24:47; 1 Jn 1:9; Rom 3:25).

As soon as the repentant sinner accepts and claims by faith that Jesus took upon Himself the just penalty for his or her sins, that faith is counted or imputed to him or her for righteousness as it was to Abraham (Ge 15:6; Rom 4:3, 23-25; Gal 3:6). He or she is declared free from condemnation, is at peace or reconciled with God, and as a new creature or creation (Rom 8:1; 5:1, 10-11; 2 Co 5:17-20) is adopted into His family and so a joint heir with Jesus (Rom 8:14-17; 6BC 1070-1071). In this healed relationship the justified sinner rejoices (Rom 5:11).

In the OT, the daily sanctuary service illustrated that justification, or atonement, is accomplished only when the blood of the sacrifice is both shed (the sinner's part) and applied (the priest's part). This service typified Jesus who spilled His blood at His death on earth as the sacrifice (1 Co 5:7) and now applies or pleads it in the sanctuary in heaven as our High Priest (Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25; Lt 87, 1894).

This two-part process was already in place, when God instructed the Israelites to kill lambs and then apply the blood to the doorposts (Ex 12:1-13; 21-23; PP 277), and also later made the old covenant (Ex 24:6-8; Heb 9:18-21). Likewise, Jesus confirmed the new covenant with His shed blood (Da 9:27; Rom 15:8; Heb 2:3), and now administers it by the sprinkled (applied) blood (Heb 12:24; 1 Pe 1:2).

God's plan is to save us *from* sin and *for* service (Rom 6:1-11; 12:1; Heb 9:15). Will we cooperate?

Two Parts		The Type or Symbols: Sin and Trespass Offerings (Lev 4-7; 10:16-20)		The Antitype or Reality: Justification by Faith (Rom 3:26; 4:5; Gal 3:8)		I do this hardly → daily
I. Part of the sinner: Sheds blood near altar	1	Sinner becomes aware of and repents of his or her sin.	Lev 4: 14, 23, 28; 5:3, 4	Jn 8:9; 16:8; 2 Co 7:9-11; Isa 55:7	Sinner is convicted of and repents of his or her sin.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	2	Sinner makes restitution or amends where needed.	Lev 5:16; 6:4, 5	Ex 22:1-15; Nu 5:7, 8; Lk 19:8	Sinner makes restitution to God and/or people if needed.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	3	Sinner brings a sacrifice without blemish and enters courtyard through door.	Lev 4: 3, 4, 14, 23, 28, 32; etc.	1 Pe 1:19; Heb 9:14; 4:15, 16; 7:25; Jn 14:6	Sinner accepts Jesus as the sacrifice without blemish and comes to God through Him.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	4	Sinner lays hands on sacrifice, confessing his or her sin, thus transferring sin to the sacrifice.	Lev 4:4, 15, 24, 29, 33; Lev 5:5	Pr 28:13; 1 Jn 1:9; 1 Pe 2:24; Isa 53:4-12	Sinner confesses his / her sin, and faith in Jesus as the vicarious bearer of it.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	5	Sinner kills the sacrifice, which bears the confessed sin.	Lev 4: 4, 15, 24, 29, 32; 7:2	Isa 53:10; 1 Co 5:7; 2 Co 5:14	Sinner accepts by faith the atoning death of Jesus.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
II. Part of the priest: Applies blood to altars	6	Priest washes hands and feet in the laver before serving in the sanctuary or at the altar, so he does not die.	Ex 30:18-21	Jn 17:19; Rom 12:1-2; 2T 611-612; 1SM 366; SC 43-48	Sinner accepts in awe the need for a clean and holy life to serve God. Fully surrenders heart and will to God / Jesus.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	7	Priest applies sacrificial blood to the altar of sacrifice, to the altar of intercession, before the second veil, OR by eating of the meat.	Lev 4:25, 30, 34; 5:9; 7:2; Lev 4:7, 18; Lev 4:6, 17; Lev 6:26; 7:6	Heb 7:25; Rom 8:34; 1 Jn 1:9; 1SM 215, 366-7; 4SP 309; GC 483	Sinner claims and receives by faith that, as Jesus pleads His blood in intercession, God pardons his or her sin and imputes His righteousness.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	8	Priest separates fat from the sacrifice and burns it on the altar of sacrifice.	Lev 3:16; 4:8, 19, 26, 31, 35; 7:3, 5, 31	Lev 3:5, 16; 4:31; Isa 43:4; Eph 5:2; 2 Co 2:15	Sinner appreciates and commits to being a sweet savor and precious to God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	9	Priest burns body of sacrifice outside the camp.	Lev 4:12, 20	Heb 13:11-14; Jn 15:18-21	Sinner commits to bearing Christ's reproach as pilgrim.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Result: Sinner justified laver	10	Sinner leaves the sanctuary knowing by faith that as all confessed sins are forgiven, acceptance with God and the holiness of His people are renewed.	Lev 4:20, 26, 31, 35; 5:6, 10, 13, 16, 18, 6:7; 7:7; Lev 20:1-27; Ex 19:6	1 Co 6:11; COL 98; Heb 10:22; Rev 1:5-6; 1 Pe 2:5, 9-10; Mt 28:18-20; Jn 3:3, 5; Rom 6:3-11	Sinner, born of the Spirit and cleansed by Christ's blood, (re)commits to serving God as a holy priest and, if new to this faith, to also being born of water in (re)baptism.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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C. Come to Life – 2. Receive Salvation by Faith – 203. Signs of Genuine Conversion

SUMMARY: You will recognize that you can **receive** justification by faith only in a **genuine** or truthful conversion, as **described** by Ellen G. White.

"In order to be saved, we must know by experience the meaning of true conversion. It is a fearful mistake for men and women to go on day by day, professing to be Christians, yet having no right to the name. In God's sight, profession is nothing, position is nothing. He asks, Is the life in harmony with my precepts? There are many who suppose that they are converted, but who are not able to bear the test of character presented in the Word of God. Sad will it be, in the day when every man is rewarded according to his works, for those who can not bear this test....

"In the lives of many of those whose names are on the church books there has been no genuine change. The truth has been kept in the outer court. There has been no genuine conversion, no positive work of grace done in the heart. Their desire to do God's will is based upon their own inclination, not upon the deep conviction of the Holy Spirit. Their conduct is not brought into harmony with the law of God. They profess to accept Christ as their Saviour, but they do not believe that he will give them power to overcome their sins. They have not a personal acquaintance with a living Saviour, and their characters reveal many blemishes....The [genuine] change can be made only by the Holy Spirit." (RH 07-07-1904).

Will God's people allow the Spirit of God, if need be, to move them from a mere profession to genuine conversion?

	Genuine Conversion Description by Ellen White (RH 07-07-1904)	I desire it hardly → greatly	Notes and Comments About Statements
1	Paragraph 11		
2	A man [individual] sees his danger.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	He sees that he needs a change of character, a change of heart.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	He is stirred; his fears are aroused.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	The Spirit of God is working in him,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	and with fear and trembling he works for himself,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	seeking to find out his defects of character,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8	and to see what he can do to bring about the needed change in his life.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	His heart is humbled.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
10	By confession and repentance he shows the sincerity of his desire to reform.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	He confesses his sins to God,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12	and if he has injured any one, he confesses the wrong to the one he has injured.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	While God is working, the sinner, under the influence of the Holy Spirit,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
14	works out that which God is working in mind and heart.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15	He acts in harmony with the Spirit's working,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16	and his conversion is genuine.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17	Paragraph 3		
18	Conversion is a change of heart,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
19	a turning from unrighteousness to righteousness.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20	Relying upon the merits of Christ,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
21	exercising true faith in Him,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
22	the repentant sinner receives pardon for sin.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
23	As he ceases to do evil, and learns to do well,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24	he grows in grace and in the knowledge of God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
25	He sees that in order to follow Jesus he must separate from the world,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
26	and, after counting the cost, he looks upon all as loss if he may but win Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
27	He enlists in His army,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
28	and bravely and cheerfully engages in the warfare,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
29	fighting against natural inclinations and selfish desires,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
30	and bringing the will into subjection to the will of Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
31	Daily he seeks the Lord for grace, and he is strengthened and helped.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
32	Self once reigned in his heart, and worldly pleasure was his delight.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
33	Now self is dethroned, and God reigns supreme.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
34	His life reveals the fruit of righteousness.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
35	The sins he once loved he now hates.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
36	Firmly and resolutely he follows in the path of holiness.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
37	This is genuine conversion.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	

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C. Come to Life – 3. Obey Jesus from Love – 301. The Three Baptisms

SUMMARY: You take **step 3** in the discipling process, as you lovingly and joyfully **obey** Jesus and commit yourself to the three Biblical **baptisms**.

The new believer gladly receives three baptisms which will mark his or her new journey with Jesus. **1.** Baptism in water by immersion declares his or her conversion and confirms one's membership in Christ's body, His church. **2.** Baptism of the Holy Spirit upon prayer empowers sanctification and the exercise of ministry according to his or her spiritual gifts. **3.** Baptism of suffering means persecution and/or martyrdom, which may come to any true disciple of Jesus as people or powers reject his or her sanctified life and Spirit-filled testimony (2 Ti 3:12).

Water baptism and baptism of suffering are one-time and short-term events. The baptism of the Holy Spirit, though received once initially, requires daily renewal to be effective. This is because sanctification and gifted ministry are both lifelong developments and tasks, which can be accomplished only through constant and total dependence on the power of the Holy Spirit, received in answer to prayer. Of all three baptisms, therefore, the baptism of the Holy Spirit is the most crucial for a successful Christian walk. Without daily growth in sanctification and obedient use of spiritual gifts, neither past water baptism nor future suffering will testify of "Christ in you" (Rom 8:10; 2 Co 13:5; Col 1:27; Gal 2:20).

"Impress upon all the necessity of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the sanctification of the members of the church, so that they will be living, growing, fruit-bearing trees of the Lord's planting." (6T 86). "What we need is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Without this, we are no more fitted to go forth to the world than were the disciples after the crucifixion of their Lord." (RH 02-18-1890). "There is nothing that Satan fears so much as that the people of God shall clear the way by removing every hindrance, so that the Lord can pour out His Spirit upon a languishing church and an impenitent congregation. When the way is prepared for the Spirit of God, the blessing will come." (RH 03-22-1887). Are we ready?

The Three Baptisms of Last Day Disciples		I see / desire it hardly → clearly
1	1. Baptism in Water (Mt 3:6, 13; Jn 4:1; Mt 28:19; Ac 2:38-41; 8:12, 38; 9:18; 10:48; 16:15, 33; 19:5).	
2	New believer receives baptism in loving obedience to Jesus' Great Commission (Mt 28:19; Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 10:47).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	By immersion, upon affirmation of faith in Jesus and evidence of repentance (Mt 3:6; Jn 3:23; Ac 2:38; 8:36-38; 19:4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	Believer publically declares his or her faith in the vicarious death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Rom 6:1-5; Col 2:12).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Believer testifies of his or her death to sin and resulting purpose to walk in newness of life (Rom 6:6-11; Col 2:13).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	Believer, being one of God's people by faith, is received as a member by His church (Mt 28:19; Ac 2:38-41; 11:24).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Baptism is followed by further instruction in the Holy Scriptures and acceptance of their teachings (Mt 28:20; Ac 2:42).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Rebaptism is appropriate after repentance and reconversion (1SAT 366), or after significant spiritual growth (Ac 19:2-7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	2. Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Mt 3:11, 16; Lk 4:1, 18; Jn 1:33; Ac 1:5; 2:4, 38; 4:31; 8:15-17; 9:17; 19:6; Eph 5:18).	
10	Also "anointing" (Lk 4:18; 1 Jn 2:27), "filled with" (Lk 4:1; Ac 2:4; Eph 5:18) or "receiving" the Spirit (Jn 7:37-39; Ac 10:47).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	It is an initial event, but also needed daily (Lev 24:1-4; COL 139), repeatedly (Ac 2:4; 4:31), and continually (Eph 5:18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	It is the presence of Jesus in believers (Jn 14:16-18; 1 Jn 3:24), and therefore secured only by abiding in Him (Jn 15:4-7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	It is the New Covenant, heartfelt love (Dt 5:29; Eze 36:24-28; Jn 14:15; Rom 5:5; 9T 40) to obey God (Ps 40:8; Rev 12:17; 14:12).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	It is the fire Jesus is eager to send on His people again (Mt 3:11; Lk 12:49), which Satan tries to counterfeit (Rev 13:13).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	Its first <i>purpose</i> is that believers are ready when the bridegroom comes (Mt 24:42; 25:1-13; Lk 12:35-37; Rev 16:15).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	Its second <i>purpose</i> is that believers bear fruit, so God can do for them whatever they ask in Jesus' name (Jn 15:7, 16).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	- Its first <i>fruit</i> is purity, sanctification, Jesus' character in them (Rom 15:16; 1 Co 6:11; 2 Co 3:18; Gal 5:22-23; 6T 85).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	- Its second <i>fruit</i> is power, proper use of the Spirit's gifts, to do Jesus' works (Jn 14:12; 1 Co 12; Eph 2:10; Heb 13:21).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	- These fruits are the former rain; once they grow, added power will come as latter rain (Joel 2:23; Rev 18:1-4; AA 55).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	- Both fruits, sanctified life and gifted witness, are the means by which end-time believers overcome all evil (Rev 12:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	- However, without Spirit baptism, people will not love the truth, fall for the end-time deceptions, and be lost (2 Th 2:10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	Received after being "born of" the Spirit (Jn 3:5-8), that is, experiencing true heart conversion (Ac 2:38; 3:19; TDG 326).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	Received either before (Ac 9:17-18; 10:47-48) or after (Mt 3:16; Ac 2:38; 8:14-17) water baptism, not at or because of it.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	Received in answer to prayer (Lk 3:21; 11:13; Ac 1:14; 4:31; 8:15), or by hearing God's word in faith (Ac 10:44; Gal 3:2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	Received as a result of the laying on of hands (Ac 8:17; 9:17; 19:6), but does not depend on it (Mt 3:16; Ac 10:44).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	3. Baptism of Suffering (Mt 20:22-23; Lk 12:50; Da 7:21; 8:24; 9:26; Mt 24:9; Jn 21:18-19; DA 56, 642; TDG 49).	
27	Also called the "cup" of suffering of unjust persecution and other mistreatment (Mt 20:22-23; 26:39; 5:10-11; 2 Ti 3:12).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	For many, it includes the suffering of being "immersed" in death for the truth, or martyrdom (Ac 22:20; Rev 2:13; 17:6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
29	Many will be shaken out in the last days due to the legal threat of hardships and death (Rev 13:15-17; LDE 173-174).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	True disciples of Jesus rejoice that they are counted worthy to suffer for Him, and remain faithful (Ac 5:41-42; Rev 2:10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	True disciples of Jesus are willing to die for their Master without fear of death (Da 3:16-18; Mt 10:28; Rev 2:10; 12:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
32	Like Jesus, His true disciples are willing to suffer and die for His future satisfaction and joy (Isa 53:11; Heb 12:2; DA 624).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
33	Their reward will be Jesus sharing His eternal glory with them (Rom 8:17-18; 2 Th 2:14; Heb 2:10; 1 Pe 1:11; 4:13; 5:1, 10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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C. Come to Life – 3. Obey Jesus from Love – 302. The Four Marks of the Final Remnant

SUMMARY: You also commit to lovingly obeying **all** the **commandments** of Jesus, and to fulfilling the other three **marks** of His final remnant.

Revelation describes the final remnant, God's people during the time of the end, by four identifying marks. First, they keep God's commandments (Rev 12:17; 14:12). Second, they have the testimony of Jesus or the spirit of prophecy (Rev 12:17; 19:10; 22:9). Third, they keep the faith of Jesus (Rev 13:10; 14:12). Fourth, they have patience, that is, they endure (Mt 24:13) or persevere (Rev 13:10; 14:12).

1. To keep God's Commandments means to delight in them out of love for the Lord Jesus (Ex 20:6; Ps 40:8; 119:35; Jn 14:5, 21; 1 Jn 2:3-6).
2. To have the testimony of Jesus means to hear it, especially in Revelation and EGW, to heed it, and to spread it (Rev 1:2, 3; 3; 10:11; 18:1-4).
3. To keep the faith of Jesus means to have the kind of faith He had, loving and tried, and to have faith in Jesus (Rev 3:18; Gal 2:16; 5:6).
4. To persevere means to endure unto the end without being deceived or falling away (Mt 24:13; 2 Th 1:4; 2:3; Rev 1:9; 13:10; 14:12).

These four identifying marks of the remnant are dependent on each other; none of them is effective or even possible without the other three. Keeping the Commandments requires the faith of Jesus as well as perseverance (Heb 12:1-4), both of which we receive by heeding His testimony (Rev 3:18). It is therefore essential that all members of the remnant uphold their prophetic identity by making a daily, unconditional, and uncompromising commitment to all four characteristics. The Lord greatly desires that all will be found among the faithful at His coming (Lk 18:8).

I. Keep All the Commandments of God (Ex 20:1-17; Mt 5; 22:36-40; Rev 12:17; 14:12)	I do this hardly → daily	III. Keep the Faith of Jesus (Lk 18:8; 2 Th 1:4; Rev 3:18; 13:10; 14:12)	I seek this hardly → daily
The Great Commandment (Mt 22:36-40)		The faith of Jesus is...	
1. Love the Lord your <u>God</u> with all your heart, with all your soul, & with all your mind (Dt 6:5; Mt 22:36). If you love me, keep my words (Jn 14:15, 23). We love, because He first loved us (1 Jn 4:19).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	1. the life and teachings of Jesus (<i>Pioneers</i>);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Love your <u>neighbor</u> as yourself (Lev 19:18; Mt 22:38). Love one another, as I have loved you (Jn 13:34). Love your enemies (Ex 23:4-5; Mt 5:44; Rom 12:20).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	2. living, abiding faith in Jesus (Gal 2:16);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. faith that works by love (Gal 5:6, 13);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		4. faith tried and purified by affliction (Job 23:10; 2 Th 1:4; Jas 1:2-5; Rev 3:18);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		5. to receive, experience, understand, accept and communicate redemption (2MR 7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
The Ten Commandments (Ex 20:1-17)		The faith needed in the last days...	
"I am the Lord your God" (Ex 3:14; Rev 1:18). Accept Jesus Christ as the Lord your God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	1. will have convincing power (CME 22);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
"Who brought you out of...bondage" (Jn 1:29). Receive Christ as the Savior from your sins.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	2. is assurance, claims promises (CH 210);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
1. Worship only God, nobody and nothing else.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	3. sustains strength amid family divisions, hatred of the world, and realization of own faults (Mt 10:32 ff.; RH 5-19-1895);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Stay away from all idolatry and materialism. "I visit the iniquity of the fathers...but..." Seek victory over every inherited tendency.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	4. can endure being menaced, denounced and betrayed by family and church (PK 588; 5T 450);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Shun irreverent speech and empty worship.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	5. can endure weariness, delay and hunger, will not faint though tried (GC 621);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Rest in Christ, the Creator & Savior (Heb 4:9-11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	6. can face danger, endure privation, and suffer reproach and persecution (GC 629);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Respect your parents and all rightful authority.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	7. can risk imprisonment, loss of property and of life itself (5T 712);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Never harbor or act on human anger (Mt 5:22).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	8. endures anguish of Jacob's trouble (GC 649);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Never lust after another, even in thought (Mt 5:28).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	9. is earnest, agonizing faith in God's power and promises; awaits deliverance (CC 69; PK 387-388).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Never dishonestly obtain or retain goods of others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
9. Never speak or allow untruth about others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
10. Never desire anything that belongs to others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
II. Have Testimony of Jesus / Spirit of Prophecy (Joel 2:28; Rev 10:11; 12:17; 19:10; 22:9)	I do this hardly → daily	IV. Have Patience / Perseverance (Mt 10: 22; 24:13; 2 Th 1:4; Rev 13:10; 14:12)	I do this hardly → daily
1. I heed the testimony that Jesus gives, esp. in Rev and through E.G. White (Rev 1:2, 3; 3; Eph 4:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	1. I run the race with steadfast endurance, by faith, looking unto Jesus (Heb 12:1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2. I seek and use occasions to spread the prophetic Third Angel's Message (Rev 10:11; 19:10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	2. I persevere, confident in God's promised inheritance (Tit 1:2; Heb 10:35-39; 1 Jn 2:25).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3. I pray and prepare for the Latter Rain power to help give the Loud Cry as Christ's end-time witness (Joel 2:28-29; Ac 1:8; Rev 18:1-5).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	3. I rejoice in all tests of my faith, because / so that they produce perseverance, character, hope and maturity (Rom 5:3-4; Col 1:23; Jas 1:2-4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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C. Come to Life – 3. Obey Jesus from Love – 303. Promises to Claim

SUMMARY: You can exercise **faith** and **faithfulness** during the trials of the last days, as you claim God's **promises** to His remnant people.

The Lord wants to ensure His remnant people that He has made all the provisions necessary to preserve them in the faith and enable them to be faithful in the trials and sufferings during the last day events. His promises are precious because He guarantees to protect and sustain them, to bring about justice and their deliverance, and to graciously give them their great reward and eternal inheritance.

Will each member of God's people be faithful to Him by claiming these promises in the faith of Jesus?

	God's Precious Promises	I claim it hardly → daily
1	1. Safety and Sustenance	
2	We can be strong, courageous, and fearless, because the Lord will never leave us, nor forsake us (Dt 31:6; Heb 13:5-6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	The Lord will hide us in time of trouble, His angel will surround us, because He is our keeper (Ps 27:5; 34:7; 121:1-7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	We need not be afraid, but trust the Lord and make Him our habitation, for He is our refuge and fortress (Ps 91:1-16).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	As the Lord cared for Elijah, so our bread and water will be sure, and we will soon see our King (Isa 33:15-17; GC 629).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	We need not fear; He redeemed us, we are His and are precious to Him; neither waters nor fire will harm us (Isa 43:1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	When we love and obey Jesus, and preach His Gospel, He is always be with us by His Spirit (Jn 14:15-18; Mt 28:18-20).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	We will have tribulation in this world, but Jesus has gained the victory for us and desires to share it with us (Jn 15:33).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	We can, discern and overcome demonic influences by faith, because Jesus in us is greater than the devil (1 Jn 4:4; 5:4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	<u>Similar promises:</u> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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14	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	2. Justice and Deliverance	
16	Although delayed to form their character (DA 200; COL 177), God will avenge His elect (Dt 32:43; Lk 18:7-8; Rom 12:19).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	The Lord will deliver us and let us see the end of the wicked, if we trust Him now during terror and love Him (Ps 91:1-16).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	The Lord will stand up for us, His people, whose names are written in His book, and deliver us (Da 12:1; 7:10; Rev 3:5).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	<u>Similar promises:</u> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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22	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	3. Reward and Inheritance	
25	We are blessed, if we are persecuted as were the prophets of old, for our reward will be great in heaven (Mt 5:10-12).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	We are blessed, if we are partakers of Christ's sufferings, because when He comes we will be full of joy (1 Pe 4:12-14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	If we patiently and perseveringly endure to the end, run the race, we will be saved (Mt 24:13; Jas 5:7-11; Heb 12:1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	If we are faithful unto death out of love for Jesus, we will receive the crown of life (2 Ti 4:8; Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10; 3:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
29	If we keep God's truth and commandments, we have a right to enter the heavenly New Jerusalem (Isa 26:2; Rev 22:14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	<u>Similar promises:</u> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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33	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
34	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
35	4. Other Promises	
36	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
37	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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42	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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C. Come to Life – 401. Commitment

Summary: Knowing now **how** you acquire the **1st** mark of discipleship, **absolute loyal love** for Jesus, you commit to **implementing** it in your daily life.

Upon working and praying through this theme I commit and pledge allegiance to the following, by the grace of God and according to His will:

My Commitment Pledge of Allegiance	I make it hesitantly → decidedly
C1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus	
I commit to daily trusting in God's love, and to relying on His faithfulness to His plan of salvation as He works it out in me.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to daily spending thoughtful time reflecting on the cross of Jesus, and to letting this central truth impact my total life.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
C2. Receive Salvation by Faith	
I commit to receiving my justification from God TODAY, and to maintaining it through daily repentance and faith in Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to refreshing my conversion on a daily basis, and to assuring that it remains genuine through the Holy Spirit.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
C3. Obey Jesus from Love	
I commit to receiving the three baptisms – in water, of the Spirit, and of suffering – in the way and at the time God has chosen.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to keeping all of God's commandments, and to also practicing the other three identifying marks of His remnant church.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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D. Join the Movement – 001. Overview

SUMMARY: Theme D shows **how** you acquire the **2nd** mark of discipleship, **complete self-denial**, by taking steps **4 to 6** in the discipling process.

Theme Details

D1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity

- The History of God's People
- The Calling of the Remnant

D2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs

- The Four Pillars of Our Faith
- The 28 Fundamental Beliefs

D3. Order Your Life as a Steward

- Seven Areas of Stewardship
- Three Levels of Preparation

Purpose

To help participants

understand and identify with the history, calling, faith, and lifestyle of the remnant church:

1. **Appreciate** the divine concept of a remnant and its end-time form in the SDA movement.
2. **Recognize** where the SDA faith differs from and is in agreement with mainline Christianity.
3. **Apply** the principles of stewardship to the various aspects of life from an end-time perspective.

PHASE / Section	Need I: REVIVAL – Apostolic Faith and Godliness				
	1st Level: Calling the Church – Why God Calls Disciples = Requires the Marks				I have / do it hardly → daily
	This	Theme	Need	Response	
Awareness and Decision		A. Sound the Trumpet	1st – 3rd Mark of Discipleship		
		1. Awake to Our Present Time	1. win the final battle	1. absolute loyal love	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Stand on the Side of Truth	2. guard against deception	2. complete self-denial	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Preparedness and Precision		3. Qualify for the Seal of God	3. be secure in Jesus	3. perpetual abiding	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		B. Hear the Call	4th – 6th Mark of Discipleship		
		1. Join the Revival and Reformation	4. work with members	4. mutual agape love	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Fulfill the Divine Commission	5. use talents effectively	5. fruit-bearing ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Be Ready to Stand at Last	6. be fully equipped	6. overcoming witness	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	2nd Level: Growing the Church – How We Make Disciples = Acquire the Marks				
	This	Theme	Step	Result	
PHASE 1: Courtyard “Come to Me” = Pardon (Look back to His life & sacrifice) Message → Member (Gather / Gaining) (Reach up)		C. Come to Life	1st Mark of Discipleship: absolute loyal love		
		1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus	(1) believe Gospel	(1) grateful surrender	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Receive Justification by Faith	(2) receive justification	(2) truthful conversion	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Obey Jesus from Love	(3) love commandments	(3) joyful obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	►	D. Join the Movement	2nd Mark of Discipleship: complete self-denial		
	►	1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity	(4) accept identity	(4) purposeful membership	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	►	2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs	(5) grasp teaching	(5) meaningful conviction	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	►	3. Order Your Life as a Steward	(6) (re)order life	(6) faithful stewardship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Need II: REFORMATION – End-Time Lifestyle and Ministry				
PHASE 2: Holy Place “Learn of Me” = Purity (Look up for His presence & Spirit) Member → Maturity (Grow / Training) (Reach Across)		E. Grow in Grace	3rd Mark of Discipleship: perpetual abiding		
		1. Let Jesus Form Within	(7) form Jesus	(7) spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Study the Word of God	(8) study Word	(8) doctrinal purity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Pray According to God's Will	(9) pray in the Spirit	(9) personal worship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		F. Share the Love	4th Mark of Discipleship: mutual agape love		
		1. Exercise Christlike Love	(10) practice love	(10) effectual unity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Contribute to Church Meetings	(11) value groups	(11) communal worship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Help with Practical Support	(12) serve needs	(12) practical support	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
PHASE 3: Most Holy Place “Go for Me” = Power (Look forward to His work & return) Maturity → Ministry (Go / Retaining) (Reach out)		G. Bear much Fruit	5th Mark of Discipleship: fruit-bearing ministry		
		1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents	(13) recognize talents	(13) doubtless certainty	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Organize and Combine All Talents	(14) organize talents	(14) classless teamwork	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Utilize and Commend All Talents	(15) utilize talents	(15) selfless service	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		H. Tell the World	6th Mark of Discipleship: overcoming witness		
		1. Enable Latter Rain Power	(16) enable power	(16) boundless light	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Reflect the Character of Jesus	(17) reflect Jesus	(17) spotless life	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus	(18) spread Gospel	(18) fearless fight	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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D. Join the Movement – 002. Dynamic Circles of Love

SUMMARY: Consider and appreciate now the **giving** side of that circle of love, which forms **phase 1** in the discipling process.

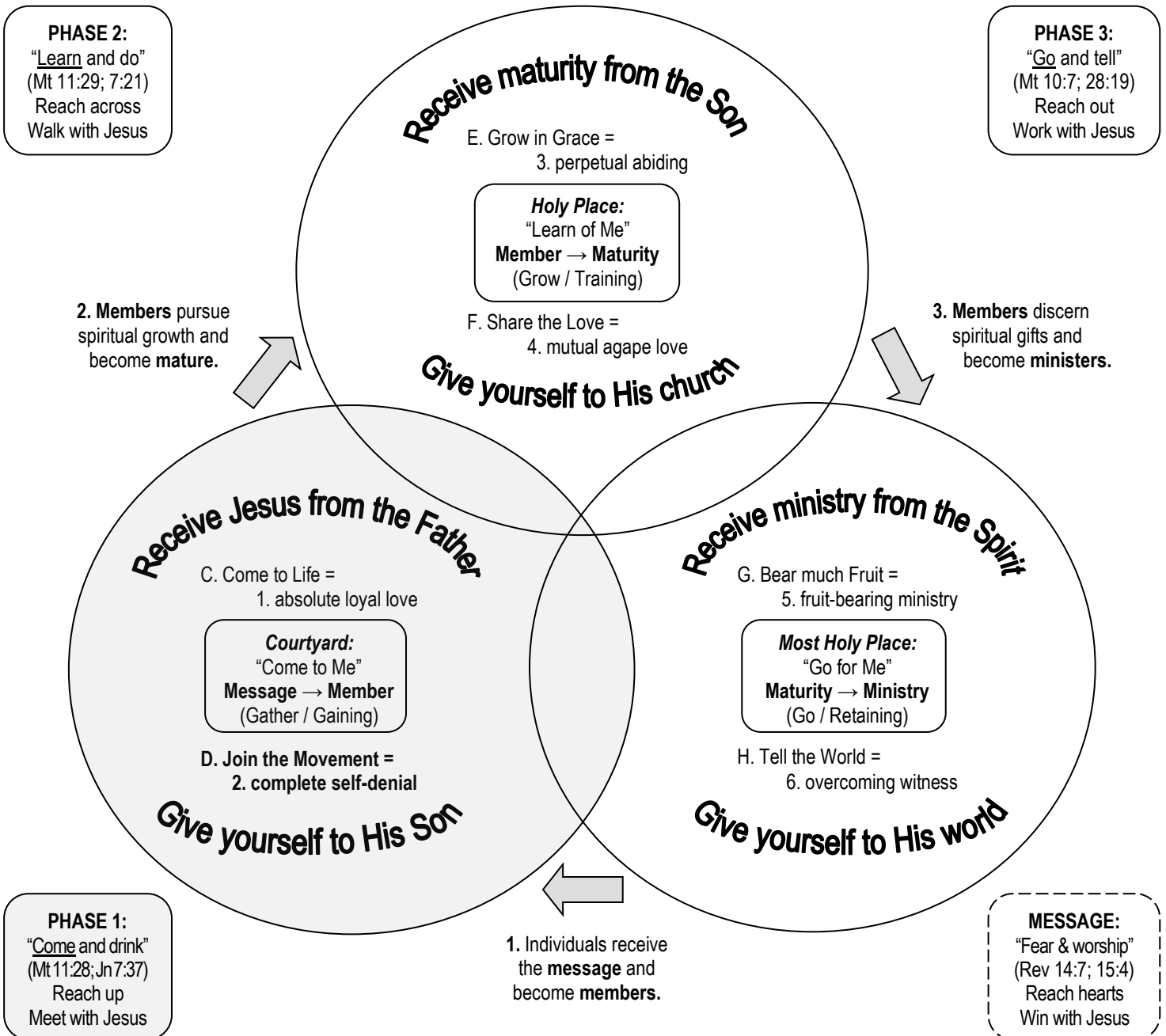
The first theme and mark of discipleship in each phase cover the receiving side of the relationship, the second theme and mark the giving side. Jesus said, "Come to Me, Learn of Me." (Mt 11:28-30); then, "Go for Me into all the world." (Mk 16:15; Mt 28:20). So the three circles of love together form the process by which Jesus builds His church (Mt 16:18): **1.** He calls her to Himself (Mt 16:24), **2.** grows her into His full stature (Eph 4:13; 5:27), and **3.** sends her to complete her number (Rom 11:25-26). Then He will return to take His beloved bride home into God's eternal glory (Jn 14:1-3).

God so [in this way] Loves the World that...

...the Father gave Jesus (Jn 3:16)

...Jesus gives His life to His church (Jn 14:19)

...They give the Holy Spirit (Jn 15:26)



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D. Join the Movement – 1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity – 101. The Three Movements of God's People

SUMMARY: You take **step 4** in the discipling process, as you **accept** our prophetic identity as the third **movement** in the history of God's people.

Lucifer became Satan through self-exaltation, jealousy of Christ, and finally rebellion against God Himself (Isa 14:12-15; Eze 28:11-19; PP 33-43). Cast to the earth, he keeps misrepresenting God as unjust and selfish (Ge 3:1-5). God promised Satan's defeat through the "Seed" (Ge 3:15; 17:19; 22:17; Gal 3:16), who would reveal and vindicate His true character of merciful justice and self-sacrificing love to the fallen world and the unfallen universe (Jn 1:18). To proclaim this Seed, God raised up a people in three movements (Rev 12) and gave them present truth as shown in the sanctuary, particularly the atoning self-sacrifice of the Messiah, righteousness by faith in Him, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The first two movements as a whole failed their divine calling. But God always had and still has a faithful remnant ready to be used to help finish His work of saving His people from sin, and thus restoring honor and glory to His name and harmony to the universe (GC 678).

	History	I. Israel / Judaism (Rev 12:1-5)	II. Christian Church (Rev 12:5-16)	III. Advent Movement (Rev 12:17)
1 2	Started with	1955 BC: Abraham (Ge 12:1-3), Shepherd from Ur, modern Iraq.	AD 27-31: Jesus Christ (Ac 2:22), God, Carpenter from Nazareth, Judea/Israel.	1831-44: William Miller (Da 12:4), Baptist dairy farmer from NY State.
3 4 5	Divinely Intended Movement	From a family to a spiritual/political theocracy with global message of the true God and His everlasting covenant.	From 12 apostles to a global body of disciples witnessing to salvation by faith in Christ through faithful walk in the Spirit.	From a small group to global remnant, giving Third Angel's Message as Loud Cry empowered by Latter Rain Spirit.
6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17	Key Divine Actions and Messages: God Prophets Reformers <u>Parallels</u> *In future	Everlasting covenant (Gen 17:1-21), kept in <u>Righteousness by Faith</u> since Abraham (Ge 15:6; Rom 1:16-5:21). Ten Commandments (Ex 20:1-21). <u>Earthly Sanctuary</u> (Ex 25:1-31:11). New Covenant promised (Jer 31:31). The little horn (Da 7:8-25; 8:9-13). 2300 years for Sanctuary (Da 8:14). 490 years Jewish probation (Da 9:24). <u>Messiah promised</u> (Da 9:25-27). <u>Holy Spirit promised</u> (Joel 2:28-29). Deliverance promised (Da 12:1).	Jesus is God in human flesh (Jn 1:14). <u>Jesus is Lord and Messiah</u> (Ac 2:36). <u>Jesus fulfills Sanctuary typology</u> and mediates new covenant (Heb 7:1-10:22). Kingdom is given to all who accept Him (Mt 21:43), a new "holy nation" of "priests" (Ex 19:6; 1 Pe 2:5, 9-10). <u>Jesus is coming again</u> (Jn 14:1-3). <u>Holy Spirit poured out</u> (Ac 2:4; 10:44). <u>Righteousness by faith</u> (Rom; Luther). Believer's baptism (Mt 28; Baptists). Holiness essential (2 Co 7; Wesley).	Prophetic time of the end began 1798. Prophecies of Daniel unsealed (12:9): <u>Cleansing of Heavenly Sanctuary</u> and pre-advent judgment in 1844 (Da 8:14). <u>Jesus is coming again very soon</u> . End-time message of Rev 14:6-12 to be preached globally and urgently. <u>Righteousness by Faith</u> in 1888. SDAs to finish up the Reformation. * <u>Latter Rain received</u> by Remnant. *Sunday worship is mark of beast. *Remnant delivered at 2 nd Coming.
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32	Key Historical Events and Leaders: God Judges Kings Disciples Reformers <u>Parallels</u> *In future	Abraham, Isaac, Jacob → 12 tribes. Egypt: Slavery, Exodus under Moses. Sinai: Laws create nation. Sanctuary. <u>Entry into Canaan delayed 40 years</u> . Joshua: Conquest of Canaan; Judges. Kings Saul, David, Solomon: Temple. Peace, prosperity, idolatry, division. Israel: Apostasy, wars, and defeats. Exile (722 BC), scattered. Judah: Reforms (Hezekiah, Josiah). Exile (587 BC), for 70 years. Temple rebuilt (516 BC). Reform (Ezr, Ne) (444 BC). Under Roman rule (37 BC-AD 410). 490 years of probation end (AD 34).	Jesus' ministry on earth (AD 27-31). Christianity persecuted but spreads. Constantine: Edict of Milan (AD 313) enables development of state church and paganizing of faith and customs. 1 st Sunday Law (AD 321) begins legal shift away from Sabbath worship. Dark Ages 538-1798: Papacy claims supremacy and persecutes active Bible believers, reformers, and their churches. Christian groups find refuge in the USA. Papacy deadly wounded 1798-1929. Regains spiritual and political prestige. Ecumenical and Interfaith Movements help form one apostate world religion.	W. Miller preaches Second Coming. Oct 22, 1844: Great Disappointment. Studies show error: Not 2 nd Coming, but move into the Most Holy Place. EGW receives visions to guide group. Believers spread 3 Angels' Messages & call to come out of spiritual Babylon. 1863: SDA Church is organized. <u>Jesus' return delayed 40 years</u> (LDE 38). 1888: Christ as our Righteousness. Mission work through Radio, TV and Satellite speeds up growth of church. *Global preaching due to Latter Rain. *Endure the time of Jacob's trouble. *Are translated at Second Coming.
33 34	Apostate Form	Under foreign rule. Corrupt leaders. Salvation by works. Rejects Jesus.	Many denominations, led by papacy. Mix truth with pagan beliefs and customs.	Laodicean church: lukewarm, thinks of herself as rich and in need of nothing.
35 36 37 38 39 40	Members of the Faithful Remnant *In future	Reject all idolatry (1 Ki 19:14, 18). Survive war, exile, etc. (Ne 1:2-3). Preach and live OT faith (Isa 66:19). Keep all commandments (Ezr 9:14). Accept Jesus as Messiah (Rom 9:27). Join apostolic church and life (Ac 2:41).	Reject all apostasy and state churches. Survive pagan and papal persecutions. Preach and live OT/NT apostolic faith. Keep all 10 commandments, incl. 4 th . Believe in Jesus as only Mediator. Join SDA movement, spread message.	Reject all apostasy (Rev 14:6-12; 18). Survive final persecution (Da 12:1). Preach and live apostolic & present truth. Keep all commandments (Rev 12:17; 14:12). *Trust God when without a mediator. *Join resurrected saints & go to heaven.

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D. Join the Movement – 1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity – 102. Two Rival Church Systems

SUMMARY: You **accept** our identity as this **true** and faithful end-time remnant body of Christ in contrast to the **apostate** Babylonian church system.

The history of each of the three movements of God's people reveals a struggle between two forms of teaching and life. God's Biblical design for His people was and is that they be a movement advancing in His power (Ne 9:22-25; Ac 1:8; Rev 18:1), full of faith and love, in loyalty to His covenant and in holiness of life (Dt 5:29; 6:5-6; 7:6; 2 Pe 3:11) under the servant-leadership of Spirit-filled OT prophets, kings, apostles, NT and other true prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers (1 Sa 3:19-21; 1 Ki 3:7-9; Joel 2:28-29; Ac 2:4,37-41; 13:1-3; Eph 4:11-16).

In their apostate form, God's people exhibit a hypocritical form of godliness without spiritual power (Mt 23:25-32; 2 Ti 3:5), unconverted hearts, disloyalty to God's commandments and widespread idolatry. Kings and false prophets and teachers, who lack divine authority, lead them astray and cause them to misinterpret, reject, and substitute the directions, pleadings, and warnings of the prophets, the Holy Spirit and even Christ Himself (1 Ki 16:30-33; 18:17-21; Da 9:5-6; Ac 7:51-53; 2 Pe 2:1-3; Rev 18:1-4). God's people change into fallen churches.

Apostasy among God's people is nothing else but the work of Satan. He wants to make God's plan of salvation of no effect and thereby deprive Jesus of the satisfaction of the travail of His soul, of the joy that was set before Him at the cross (Isa 53:11; Heb 12:2), and thus hurt Him even more (Ge 3:15; Mt 23:37-39; Rev 18:5-10; Isa 28:21). Since Satan did not succeed in tempting Jesus to sin or keeping Him in death (Mt 4:1-11; Rev 12:1-5), he directs his anger at faithful God's people by deceiving and persecuting them (Rev 12:17; 13:7, 15). He tries to force them to transgress God's law, especially the Sabbath (Rev 13:17), and prevent them from claiming direct access to Christ's power to plead His blood for the forgiveness of our sins, to cleanse them and make them overcomers (Da 7:25; 8:11-13; Eph 2:18; 3:12; Heb 4:16; 1 Jn 1:9; Rev 2:3).

Satan is trying to achieve this goal through his apostate or Babylonian church system, which assumes the place of Christ. It is the counterfeit to the divine or Biblical form of God's church, which has Christ as her head. However, God's true remnant will be faithful and persevere in keeping all the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus by the faith of Jesus (Rev 12:17; 14:12). Christ will therefore have a people on the earth who testify of His glory (Rev 18:1), His power to save and sanctify (Eph 4:25-27), and His great longing to take His bride home to her eternal bliss (Jn 14:1-3). He will come for her very soon – quickly (Rev 22:20). Will we prove faithful as individual believers and as a body?

	Categories	I. The Divine / Biblical Body of Christ – The Remnant	II. The Apostate / Babylonian System
1	Spiritual Head / Leader(s)	Christ is head & savior of the body; the corner stone, foundation, chief shepherd, master Eph 5:23; Col 1:18; Eph 2:20; 1 Pe 2:6; 1 Co 3:11; 1 Pe 5:4; Mt 23:8-11	The human leader(s) is (are) the head, in place of (Gr. <i>anti</i> , 1.) Christ, thereby against (Gr. <i>anti</i> , 2.) Him
2	Christ's Representative	The Holy Spirit in every believer Jn 14:16-18; 16:7; Ac 1:5, 8; 2:4, 16-18	The top human leader(s) over every member
3	Leadership style	Servanthood of Christ, based on divine love and human freedom Lk 22:24-27; Jn 13:13-17	Authoritarian or despotic, based on human or demonic power & coercion (physical & legal)
4	Teaching authority	The Holy Spirit Jn 14:26; 16:12-15	The top human leader(s)
5	Source of teaching	The Bible & Spirit of Prophecy Jn 17:17; Rev 19:10	The Bible & non-inspired human material
6	Teaching and Bible	Accountable to the Bible 1 Jn 4:1-3; Gal 1:6-8	On the same level as or above the Bible
7	Quality of teaching	Is fallible, subject to further light, to be evaluated by believers Jn 16:12-13; Ac 17:11; 1 Jn 4:1	Some teaching is infallible, not changeable, to be believed unquestionably for salvation
8	Moral Law	Eternally valid and binding Mt 5:17-19; Rom 3:31	Abolished at the cross, believers under grace
9	Day/Way of Worship	Whole 7 th day, never changed Ge 2:2-3; Mt 24:20	Part of 1 st day, changed by Roman Church
10	Priesthood	All believers 1 Pe 2:5, 9; Rev 1:6	Hierarchy of ordained clergy
11	Ordinances	Outward signs of divine grace Rom 6:1-4; Mt 26:26-9	Effective means of divine grace
12	Grace	Freely offered by God, direct access by faith to all believers Rom 5:2; Heb 4:14-16; 10:15-22; Eph 2:7-8	Controlled by earthly clergy, administered to church members only
13	Forgiveness of sin	Upon confession to God only 1 Jn 1:9	Mediated by earthly priests ("absolution")
14	Salvation	By grace thru daily faith only – a disposition of the believer Eph 2:8-9; Mt 7:21; Heb 6:4-6	By grace and good works, also of others – a dispensation of the church thru sacraments
15	Good works	Are results of salvation by faith Eph 2:10; Tit 2:14	Are meritorious toward salvation
16	Prayer	To Jesus, the only mediator or intercessor, and to the Father Tit 2:5; Heb 8:6; 9:15; Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25	To Jesus, one mediator, but more so to Mary and other saints, according to nature of need
17	Soul	Breath of God plus mortal body Ge 2:7; Ps 146:4	Immortal spiritual entity in mortal body
18	Death	Unconscious sleep in grave Jn 11:13; Ac 13:36	Conscious disembodied life in heaven or hell
19	Hell	Temporary fire on whole earth 1 Pe 3:10; Rev 19:20	Eternal fire in earth (or somewhere else)
20	Heaven	All saints after general resurrection Ge 5:24; 2 Kgs 2:11; Jd 9; Mt 27:53	All saints after their individual death

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D. Join the Movement – 1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity – 103. The Purpose and Nature of God's People*

SUMMARY: As a member of the true remnant of God's people, you **accept** and **implement** the divine **calling** to final unity, growth, and fullness.

Lucifer became the devil by spreading lies in heaven about God's law and character. He drew a third of God's angels and afterwards humanity into his rebellion (Ez 18:1-19; Rev 12:3-4; Gen 3:1-5). He also caused questions about God in the minds of unfallen angels and other worlds (PP 33-43). In order to meet this satanic challenge, God needs and seeks to fully reveal and vindicate His true character of merciful justice and self-sacrificing love, to restore His divine image in humanity, and to recreate peace and harmony to the whole universe (DA 763-764).

God started this process on earth by calling a people to unity with Him and one another (Jn 17:6-26). He is growing them into a global movement through the work of a faithful remnant, in order to reflect His true character in the fullness of His church, against which the gates of hell cannot prevail (Mt 16:18; DA 413). In this way, Satan is proven wrong and God can finally remove all doubts about His character from the universe forever and execute justice on sin and sinners (GC 678). Will God's remnant church be faithful to her high calling (Lk 18:8)?

	Unity of God's People – Three Levels:		
1	1. Their unity with <u>God</u> is represented,	2. Their unity with <u>Christ</u> is enabled	3. Their unity as a <u>church</u> , making them a community of believers, is based on a common and unique a. set of <u>beliefs</u> : end-time perspective due to 1844 Cleansing, Judgment, Three Angels' Messages, and Second Coming of Jesus. b. <u>lifestyle</u> : health message (body is God's) c. <u>world view</u> : cosmic Great Controversy
2	grounded and justified in the union of	by becoming incorporated into	
3	the divine and human nature in Christ,	Christ, i.e., partakers of His divine	
4	God in the flesh (Jn 1:14), and in His	nature (2 Pet 1:4) through the Holy	
5	unity of purpose, mind and character	Spirit at their new birth (Jn 3:3-8)	
6	with the Father (Jn 10:30; 5BC 1148).	and by abiding in Christ (Jn 15:4-6).	
7	Note: This threefold unity is real, experiential, and indispensable for the fulfillment of the mission of the church, since without it the world will not come to believe in Christ and in the Father who sent Him (Jn 17:21). Disunity brings fragmentation.		
8	It requires intentional willingness to stay together spiritually and doctrinally at any cost		
9	(not making offence), despite ethnic, cultural, and educational diversity.		
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11			
	Growth of God's People – Two Kinds:		
12	1. <u>Numerical</u> growth is healthy, from evangelism and transfer. Planning growth is good,		2. <u>Spiritual</u> growth results from involving the church in a. evangelism and other ministries, b. ongoing nurturing of members.
13	if not overemphasized. The goal of growth is commitment to Christ from genuine		
14	heart conversion, not just intellectual persuasion. Otherwise, members would not		
15	be prepared for the return of the Lord, making numerical growth valueless.		
	Fullness of God's people – Two Components:		
16	1. The <u>universal</u> church is:		2. The <u>remnant</u> is: a. composed of all true believers who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus b. the visible, identifiable expression and reaffirmation of the universal church, called out to call others out
17	a. composed of all who truly believe in Christ, even in		
18	the non-Christian world (denominationalism rejected)		
19	b. the invisible part of the church, not identifiable,		
20	scattered, under direct leadership of the Holy Spirit		
	Universal Church and Remnant – Common Features & Differences:		
21	1. <u>Common</u> features:		2. <u>Differences</u> : a. remnant keeps all the commandments. b. has faith of Jesus: proclaims message of Jesus & faith in Christ incl. obedience to law (Rev 14:12). c. has testimony of Jesus: the spirit of prophecy (Rev 12:17; 19:10), beginning with EGW. d. has perseverance of the saints in battle against forces of evil, is victorious (Rev 14:12). e. is calling on universal church to come out of Babylon and join the remnant (Rev 18:4).
22	a. common future		
23	b. open to truth		
24	c. faithful to Christ where they are and according to the light		
25	they have		
26	Note: The fullness of God's end-time remnant church is finally		
27	accomplished when all people from the universal church		
28	have come out and become one with the current remnant.		
29	Only then is also the unity of the church completed.		

"God has a distinct people...superior to all in their facilities to teach the truth, to vindicate the law of God. Let all unite with these chosen agents, and be found at last among those who have the patience of the saints, who keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus." (TM 58.1).

*Based on: Angel Rodríguez, *The Doctrine of the Church*, Carolina Camp Meeting, Lake Junalaska, May/June 2006.

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D. Join the Movement – 1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity – 104. The Mission and Message of God's Remnant*

SUMMARY: You **accept** and help implement the divine **mission** of the remnant to proclaim the three angels' **messages** and the pillars of our faith.

The Advent Movement is God's remnant people, whom He called out (Gr.: *ekklesia*) from various backgrounds within the universal church, so that they call out the invisible portion of His people into His visible end-time church (Mt 28:18-20; Ac 1:4-8; Jn 10:16; Rev 18:1-4). In other words, God gave His remnant a present truth message and sent them on the mission to proclaim it to the churches and the world (Rev 10:11).

In fact, the remnant church does not have a mission; she is this mission. She does not exist without it. The church offers what she is. Either she is involved in mission or she dies, becomes a social club. But when she is involved in mission as a common goal outside of herself, she will grow into the unity and fullness that God desires, thus bringing glory to God and to the world faith in Christ (Jn 17:18-26; Eph 4:11-16).

This unity does not allow for congregationalism, which fragments the church. Christ expresses the fullness of His church globally, not locally. We have one world (earth) with one problem (sin) and one remedy (Christ), so we need one church (SDA) with one mission (Eph 4:1-6). God's end-time remnant church is His prophetic messenger giving His last call to all believers to come out and form His one fold (Jn 10:16).

First appearing: Jesus as the Word made flesh (Jn 1:14) Promise to Abraham (Gal 3:16)	The church lives between two appearings of the glory of God in Jesus Christ: Results from _____ Looks for _____	Second appearing: Jesus as the great God and our Savior (Tit 2:13) That blessed hope			
Plan of God	Universal (Eph 1:10) Global (Rev 22:17)	1. Re-unite the whole cosmos with Him, beginning with the church (Jn 15:4-5) 2. Reveal forever His glory or character through His holy people (1 Pe 2:9) 3. Prepare the world for the soon return of Jesus Christ (Rev 14:7)			
Goal of the SDA Mission		Eternal (Eph 3:11) Urgent (Rev 22:12)			
Pillars or Landmarks of the SDA Faith The 4 or 5 "S"s	1. The <u>S</u>econd Coming of Christ: Midnight Cry & End of Probation (Mt 24: 25; Rev 11:15-19; 19:7)	2. The <u>S</u>anctuary in Heaven: Cleansing & Judgment since 1844 (Lev 16; Da 8:14; 7:9-14; Heb 8:1-5; 9:23-24)	3. The <u>S</u>eventh-day Sabbath: End-time issue of Great Controversy (Ex 20:8-11; Da 7:25; Rev 12:17; 13:15; 14:7)	4. The <u>S</u>tate of the Dead: Non-Immortality of Soul & Spiritualism (Ge 3:19; Eze 18:4; Rom 2:7; 1 Ti 6:16; 2 Ti 1:10)	The <u>S</u>pirit of Prophecy: Ellen G White & 3 A Messages (Rev 12:17; 19:10; 10:11; Joel 2:28)
Platform of the SDA Faith Message & Mission	In Heaven The SDA Message: Christ's Work in the Heavenly Sanctuary: 1. Cleansing sanctuary from all confessed and forgiven sins (Da 8:14) 2. Still pleading blood for sinners (Heb 9:24)	Since 1844: Two Movements Links: 1. The Divine Moral Law in heavenly ark (Rev 11:19) — human hearts (Heb 8:10) 2. The Pre-Advent Judgment conducted justly (Rev 3:5) — preached lovingly (14:7) 3. The Faith of Jesus offered freely (Rev 3:18) — lived victoriously (14:12)		On Earth The SDA Mission: The Three Angels' Messages: 1. Fear God – judgment has come 2. Babylon has completely fallen 3. God's wrath on fallen Babylon (Rev 14:6-12) 4. Come out of her, my people (Rev 18:1-4)	
	Key Needed to finish <u>His</u> work: Christ's character in His church	4. Holiness: Members cleansed → Latter Rain poured out		Needed to finish <u>her</u> work: The Spirit's power in His church	
Basis of the SDA Faith	The sinless life, atoning self-sacrifice, heavenly mediation, and glorious return of Jesus Christ. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Co 3:11)				

"A complete system of faith has been revealed, and correct rules for practice in our daily life have been made known." (RH 07-22-1890).

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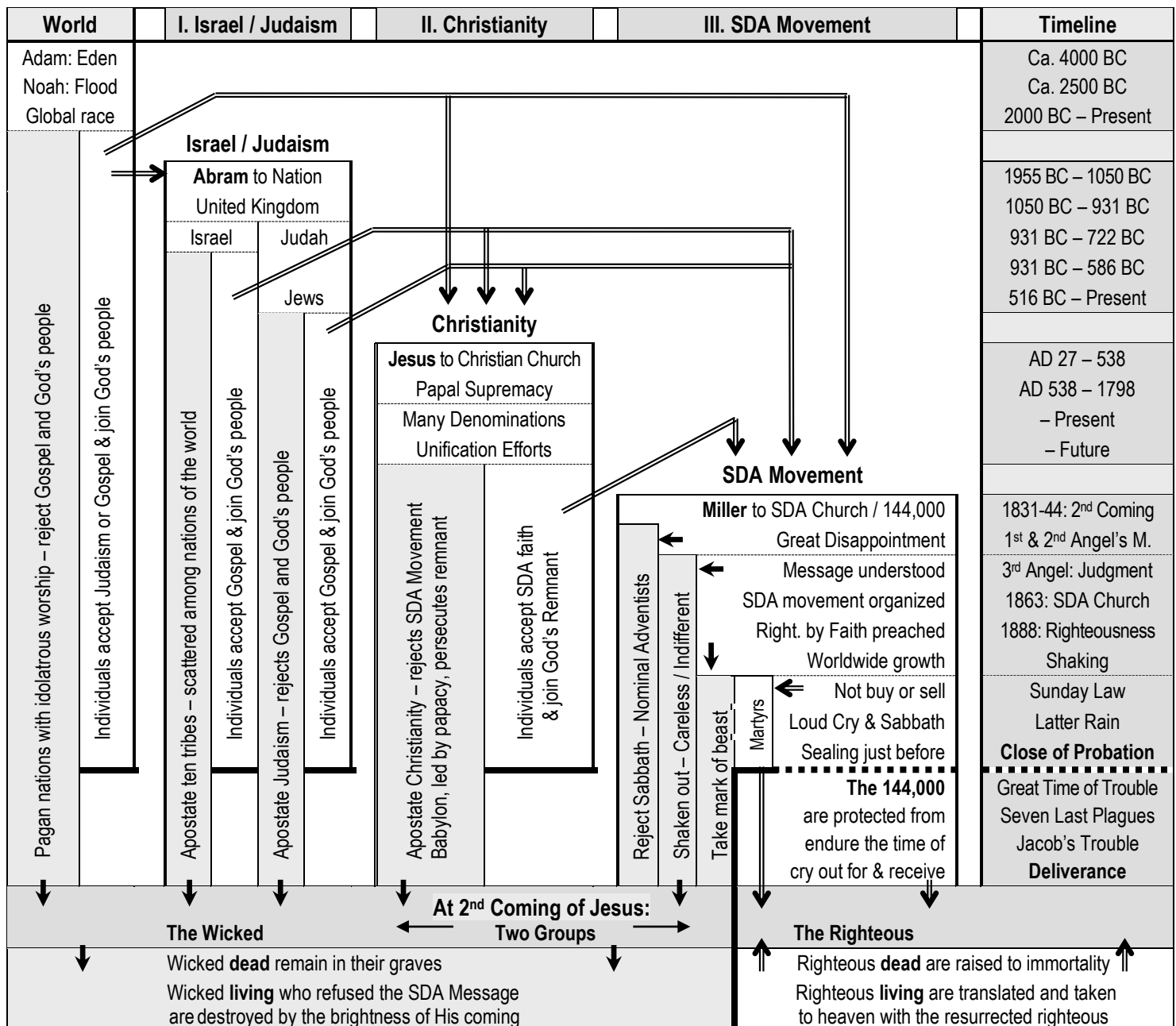
D. Join the Movement – 1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity – 105. Chart of the History of God's People

SUMMARY: As the SDA messages are God's last offer of **mercy** and final **warning** to an evil world, you accept our **calling** to be faithful unto death.

God's plan of salvation to completely free this dark planet from sin and sinners involves three movements of sinful human beings, each of which are called to bring progressive revelations of present truth to the world. All three movements of God's people have a history of apostasy, but also a faithful remnant, through which God reflects His true character and carries out His plan of salvation (Mt 16:18; Rev 12:11).

While world events signal the soon close of human probation, the SDA movement, God's end-time remnant, is called to bring His last offer of mercy and warning to the lost race. As the three angels' messages spread around the planet, individuals as well as groups from Pagan, Israelite, Jewish, and Christian backgrounds join the movement, while many of the members forsake their faith under test (LDE 173-178).

Once probation closes, only the faithful ones who have been sealed (Mt 24:13; Rev 2:10; 7:3), will be protected from the seven last plagues and be translated when Jesus comes. They are the final, global remnant of God's people – the 144,000 (Rev 7:1-8; 14:1-5).



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D. Join the Movement – 1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity – 106. The Calling and Character of the 144,000

SUMMARY: Since we are to be faithful amidst apostasy, you **accept** our calling to **strive** to be among, and **reveal** the character of, the 144,000.

John the Revelator sees the 144,000 being sealed on the earth (Rev 7:1-8), then standing with the Lamb on mount Zion and before the throne of God (14:1-5), and on the sea of glass singing the song of Moses and the Lamb (15:1-3).

It is not crucial to know whether their number is literal or symbolic (7BC 783), how they relate to the great multitude (Rev 7:9-17; 7BC 784/5), and who is to compose them (MS 26, 1901; 7BC 978). Scripture portrays them as a special group with an experience unique in the history of God's people (Rev 14:3), in fact, of this world and the universe. Therefore, the important questions are:

1. What features characterize the 144,000 (7BC 783)?
2. What is their role during the time of the end and before the throne of God?
3. What may motivate us, and/or hinder us, to be numbered among them?

We are admonished, "Let us strive with all the power that God has given us to be among the hundred and forty-four thousand" (Mar 241). Are we striving with all this divine power? And what is it that we should be striving for?

	The Scriptures		The Meaning	
	1. During the Time of the End			
1	They (also)* are washing their robes to make them white in the blood of the Lamb.	Rev 7:14; 1:5 1 Jn 1:9	They allow Christ to cleanse them from all their sins and they receive His righteousness.	GC 649 7BC 785
2	They do not get defiled with women because they are virgins (that is, both men and women).	Rev 14:4; 18:4	They leave or stay away from the apostate church coalition in fidelity to God's truth.	18MR 27-28 7BC 826
3	They follow the Lamb wherever He leads them, not only in eternity but even now.	Rev 14:4; Jn 12:24-26	They are followers of Christ in conformity to His will, regardless of consequences.	GC 649 7BC 978
4	They become guileless and faultless prior to standing before the throne of God (Eph 5:27).	Rev 14:5; 1 Pet 2:22	They completely manifest Christ's character of truthfulness and sinlessness on the earth.	Lt 55, 1886 7BC 827
5	They (also) faithfully keep God's commandments and the faith of Jesus (Lk 18:8).	Rev 14:12 Joel 2:32	They are the remnant, which endures to the end and will be delivered/saved (Mt 24:13).	AA 535-536 7BC 832-833
6	They (also) get the victory over the beast, that is, over his image, his mark and his number.	Rev 15:2; 14:12	They remain true to the Sabbath despite the pressures of Sunday law and persecution.	GC 648 GC 605, 607, 615
7	They (also) are the angel who, with great power, is lightening the earth with his glory.	Rev 18:1-4; Joel 2:28-29	They give, in the power of the Latter Rain, the last warning to the world, the Loud Cry.	GC 603, 606, 611 7BC 860, 861
8	They receive the seal of the living God just before the four winds of the earth blow.	Rev 7:1-3; Ez 9:1-6	They are protected from the plagues during the time of trouble and secured for heaven.	Mar 240-242 7BC 783
9	They (also) come out of great tribulation, such as never was in history or ever will be.	Rev 7:14; Mt 24:21, 22	They experience the anguish of the time of Jacob's trouble - death decree (Dan 12:1).	GC 649 7BC 785
10	They are the righteous survivors who rejoice to see Jesus coming in the clouds of heaven.	Is 25:8-9 Rev 1:7	After false Christs (Mt 24:24) and Satan's deception (GC 624) they greet the true One.	GC 644 4BC 201
11	They are redeemed from among people as firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.	Rev 14:4; 1 Thess 4:17	They will be translated at the return of Jesus as the firstfruits from among the living.	GC 648-649 7BC 826-827
	2. Before the Throne of God			
12	They have the name of the Father and of the Lamb written in their foreheads.	Rev 14:1; 3:12; 22:4	They bear the signet of heaven, reflect God's image, are full of His light and glory.	AA 590 7BC 978, 760
13	They sing the song, which only they could learn, the song of Moses and the Lamb.	Rev 14:3; 15:2-4	This is the testimony of their experience, such as no other company has ever had.	GC 649 7BC 826, 836
14	They continue throughout eternity to follow the Lamb wherever He leads them.	Rev 14:4 Jn 12:26	They will have a special privilege, the details concerning which are not revealed.	AA 591 7BC 826, 978
15	They (also) are before God's throne, serve Him day and night, and He dwells with them.	Rev 7:15; 22:3; 21:3	They are with God, love to do His will, and are never deprived of His presence & favor.	GC 649 7BC 785, 895
16	They (also) hunger and thirst no more; the Lamb feeds them and leads them to water.	Rev 7:16-17; 22:1-2, 17	Their endurance of earthly hunger and thirst is replaced with joy of heavenly abundance.	GC 649 7BC 785, 895
17	God wipes all tears (also) from their eyes; there will be no more death, sorrow or pain.	Rev 7:17b; 21:4	The causes and the presence of these results of sin will forever be completely removed.	GC 649 7BC 785, 890

* Where "(also)" is added, the 144,000 are not explicitly mentioned in Scripture, but included in the EGW and/or BC references.

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D. Join the Movement – 2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs – 201. The Four Landmarks or Pillars

SUMMARY: You take **step 5** in the discipling process, as you **grasp** our four landmark beliefs, and **affirm** them with meaningful **conviction**.

The Seventh-day Adventist movement clearly distinguishes itself from general Christianity by four unique, while true and orthodox Biblical beliefs. "By early 1848 the Sabbatarian Adventist leaders, through extensive and intensive Bible study, had come to basic agreement on at least four points of doctrine....Sabbatarian Adventists, and later Seventh-day Adventists, came to see those teachings as 'landmarks' or 'pillar' doctrines. Together they set this branch of Adventism off from not only other Millerites, but from Christians in general....The so-called landmark doctrines formed the nonnegotiable core of the movement's theology." (George R. Knight, *Lest We Forget*, Review and Herald 2008, p. 102).

"No line of truth that has made the Seventh-day Adventist people what they are is to be weakened. We have the old landmarks of truth, experience, and duty, and we are to stand firmly in defense of our principles, in full view of the world." (6T 17). Will we prove faithful?

The Four Landmarks or Pillars		I affirm it hardly → totally
1	1. The Second Coming of Jesus – Fundamental Belief 25	
2	The second coming of Christ is the blessed hope of the church, the grand climax of the gospel. The Savior's coming will be literal, personal, visible, and worldwide. When He returns, the righteous dead will be resurrected, and together with the righteous living will be glorified and taken to heaven, but the unrighteous will die. The almost complete fulfillment of most lines of prophecy, together with the present condition of the world, indicates that Christ's coming is imminent. The time of that event has not been revealed, and we are therefore exhorted to be ready at all times. (Tit 2:13; Heb 9:28; Jn 14:1-3; Ac 1:9-11; Mt 24:14; Rev 1:7; Mt 24:43, 44; 1 Th 4:13-18; 1 Co 15:51-54; 2 Th 1:7-10; 2:8; Rev 14:14-20; 19:11-21; Mt 24; Mk 13; Lk 21; 2 Ti 3:1-5; 1 Th 5:1-6.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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9	2. Christ's Ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary – Fundamental Belief 24	
10	There is a sanctuary in heaven, the true tabernacle which the Lord set up and not man. In it Christ ministers on our behalf, making available to believers the benefits of His atoning sacrifice offered once for all on the cross. He was inaugurated as our great High Priest and began His intercessory ministry at the time of His ascension. In 1844, at the end of the prophetic period of 2300 days, He entered the second and last phase of His atoning ministry. It is a work of investigative judgment, which is part of the ultimate disposition of all sin, typified by the cleansing of the ancient Hebrew sanctuary on the Day of Atonement. In that typical service the sanctuary was cleansed with the blood of animal sacrifices, but the heavenly things are purified with the perfect sacrifice of the blood of Jesus. The investigative judgment reveals to heavenly intelligences who among the dead are asleep in Christ and therefore, in Him, are deemed worthy to have part in the first resurrection. It also makes manifest who among the living are abiding in Christ, keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and in Him, therefore, are ready for translation into His everlasting kingdom. This judgment vindicates the justice of God in saving those who believe in Jesus. It declares that those who have remained loyal to God shall receive the kingdom. The completion of this ministry of Christ will mark the close of human probation before the Second Advent. (Heb 8:1-5; 4:14-16; 9:11-28; 10:19-22; 1:3; 2:16, 17; Da 7:9-27; 8:13, 14; 9:24-27; Nu 14:34; Eze 4:6; Lev. 16; Rev 14:6, 7; 20:12; 14:12; 22:12.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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24	3. The Seventh-day Sabbath – Fundamental Belief 20	
25	The beneficent Creator, after the six days of Creation, rested on the seventh day and instituted the Sabbath for all people as a memorial of Creation. The fourth commandment of God's unchangeable law requires the observance of this seventh-day Sabbath as the day of rest, worship, and ministry in harmony with the teaching and practice of Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath. The Sabbath is a day of delightful communion with God and one another. It is a symbol of our redemption in Christ, a sign of our sanctification, a token of our allegiance, and a foretaste of our eternal future in God's kingdom. The Sabbath is God's perpetual sign of His eternal covenant between Him and His people. Joyful observance of this holy time from evening to evening, sunset to sunset, is a celebration of God's creative and redemptive acts. (Ge 2:1-3; Ex 20:8-11; Lk 4:16; Isa 56:5, 6; 58:13, 14; Mt 12:1-12; Ex 31:13-17; Eze 20:12, 20; Dt 5:12-15; Heb 4:1-11; Lev 23:32; Mk 1:32.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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34	4. Death and Resurrection – Fundamental Belief 26	
35	The wages of sin is death. But God, who alone is immortal, will grant eternal life to His redeemed. Until that day death is an unconscious state for all people. When Christ, who is our life, appears, the resurrected righteous and the living righteous will be glorified and caught up to meet their Lord. The second resurrection, the resurrection of the unrighteous, will take place a thousand years later. (Rom 6:23; 1 Ti 6:15, 16; Ecc 9:5, 6; Ps 146:3, 4; Jn 11:11-14; Col 3:4; 1 Co 15:51-54; 1 Th 4:13-17; Jn 5:28, 29; Rev 20:1-10.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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D. Join the Movement – 2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs – 202. The 28 Fundamental Beliefs – Overview

SUMMARY: You also affirm with meaningful conviction **all** 28 fundamental beliefs, as they have been **expressed** in the **history** of our movement.

The official introduction to the current 28 Fundamental Beliefs states: "Seventh-day Adventists accept the Bible as their only creed and hold certain fundamental beliefs to be the teaching of the Holy Scriptures. These beliefs, as set forth here, constitute the church's understanding and expression of the teaching of Scripture. Revision of these statements may be expected at a General Conference Session when the church is led by the Holy Spirit to a fuller understanding of Bible truth or finds better language in which to express the teachings of God's Holy Word."

According to "Seventh-day Adventists Believe...", Review and Herald, 1988, iv, the history of the Fundamental Beliefs can be described as follows: While Seventh-day Adventists have always been reluctant to formalize a creed, they have found it necessary to summarize their beliefs. In 1872 the church published a "synopsis of our faith" in 25 propositions, which were then expanded to 28 in the Yearbooks of 1889, and 1905 through 1914. A new statement encompassing 22 "principle features" of belief as they "may be summarized," was first printed in 1931.

The 1980 General Conference session replaced the statement with a similar but more comprehensive summary in 27 paragraphs, published under the title "Fundamental Beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists." At the 2005 General Conference session, a 28th fundamental belief, "Growing in Christ", was inserted as #11 as a statement on spiritual warfare, and the 2015 Session voted on the rewording of some beliefs.

The 28 Fundamental Beliefs			I affirm it hardly → totally
1	Truths About God	Details	
2	1. The Holy Scriptures	Inspired by God, infallible revelation of His will, only rule of faith and life.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	2. The Trinity	One God as three co-eternal Persons, immortal, revealed Himself to man.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	3. The Father	Sovereign of all creation, His character of love revealed in Son and Spirit.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	4. The Son	Became man in Jesus Christ, is Creator, Messiah, Savior, Intercessor.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	5. The Holy Spirit	Inspired Scripture, convicts and transforms people, empowers with gifts.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Truths About Humanity		
8	6. Creation	Heaven and earth in six literal days, man in God's image, Sabbath day.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	7. The Nature of Humanity	In God's image, freedom of choice, fallen nature after sin, called to love.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	Truths About Salvation		
11	8. The Great Controversy	Satan's rebellion against God's character and law, man assisted by Spirit.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	9. The Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ	Atonement by perfect obedience, substitutionary expiation, intercession.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	10. The Experience of Salvation	Repentance, faith in Christ as Lord and Savior, justification, reconciliation.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	11. The Growing in Christ	Sanctification, victory over sin, restoration of divine image, active mission.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	Truths About the Church		
16	12. The Church	Body and bride of Christ, called to worship, instruction, witness, service.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	13. The Remnant and Its Mission	Called to keep law and faith of Jesus, proclaims three angels' messages.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	14. Unity in the Body of Christ	All members are equal and one in fellowship, faith, hope, and service.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	15. Baptism	Symbol of union with Christ, contingent on conversion, by immersion.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	16. The Lord's Supper	Follows foot washing, expresses faith in and proclaims death of Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	17. Spiritual Gifts and Ministries	Bestowed on all members for loving ministry, maturity, and orthodoxy.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	18. The Gift of Prophecy	Identifying mark of the remnant, manifested in ministry of Ellen G. White.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	Truths About the Christian Life		
24	19. The Law of God	Ten Commandments, loving obedience not means but fruit of salvation.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	20. The Sabbath	Seventh day of week, forever valid, sign of God's covenant, rest in Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	21. Stewardship	Responsible and faithful use of God's entrusted gifts for the benefit of all.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	22. Christian Behavior	In harmony with character and will of God, brings purity, health, and joy.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	23. Marriage and the Family	Heterosexual, lifelong commitment, reflects love of Christ to His church.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
29	Truths About Last Things		
30	24. Christ's Ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary	Mediates benefits of His death, since 1844 cleanses it, judges His people.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	25. The Second Coming of Christ	Is imminent, time not revealed, will be literal, personal, visible, worldwide.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
32	26. Death and Resurrection	Death unconscious sleep in grave, first resurrection at Christ's coming.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
33	27. The Millennium and the End of Sin	Wicked dead judged, earth desolate; then wicked resurrected, destroyed.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
34	28. The New Earth	Perfect home of redeemed, eternal life, love, and joy in God's presence.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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D. Join the Movement – 2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs – 203. Fundamentals 1 to 3

SUMMARY: You **affirm** with meaningful conviction our fundamental beliefs 1 to 3 about the **word** of God and the **nature** of God.

The end-time remnant of God's people has been entrusted with comprehensive Biblical truth as it is in Jesus. "A complete system of faith has been revealed, and correct rules for practice in our daily life have been made known." (RH 07-22-1890). This includes **1.** known truth held in common with other Christian groups, **2.** lost truth that has now been recovered, and **3.** present truth that is especially pertinent for the last days. Among the known truths are the divine inspiration of the Scriptures and the triune nature of the Godhead.

However, even regarding the truths held in common with other Christians, Seventh-day Adventism differs in several particulars. For instance, we understand the Bible to be thought inspired, not verbally dictated. "The writers of the Bible were God's penmen, not His pen....It is not the words of the Bible that are inspired, but the men that were inspired." (1SM 21). Furthermore, the authority of the Bible is not regarded as lower than or even equal with tradition, but as the highest and final authority in matters of doctrine and practice.

	Introduction To the Fundamentals	I affirm it hardly → totally	Notes and Comments About Unclear Statements
1	Seventh-day Adventists accept the Bible as their only creed	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
2	and hold certain fundamental beliefs to be the teaching of the Holy Scriptures.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	These beliefs, as set forth here, constitute the church's understanding and	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	expression of the teaching of Scripture.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Revision of these statements may be expected at a General Conference session	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	when the church is led by the Holy Spirit to a fuller understanding of Bible truth	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	or finds better language in which to express the teachings of God's Holy Word.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Truths About God Fundamentals 1 to 3	I affirm it hardly → totally	Notes and Comments About Unclear Statements
8	1. The Holy Scriptures		
9	The Holy Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, are the written Word of God,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
10	given by divine inspiration. The inspired authors spoke and wrote	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. In this Word,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12	God has committed to humanity the knowledge necessary for salvation.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	The Holy Scriptures are the supreme, authoritative,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
14	and the infallible revelation of His will.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15	They are the standard of character, the test of experience,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16	the definite revealer of doctrines,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17	and the trustworthy record of God's acts in history.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
18	(Ps 119:105; Prov 30:5-6; Isa 8:20; Jn 17:17; 1 Thess 2:13; 2 Tim 3:16-17; Heb		
19	4:12; 2 Pet 1:20-21).		
20	2. The Trinity		
21	There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
22	a unity of three coeternal Persons.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
23	God is immortal, all-powerful, all-knowing, above all, and ever present.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24	He is infinite and beyond human comprehension,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
25	yet known through His self-revelation. God, who is love,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
26	is forever worthy of worship, adoration, and service by the whole creation.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
27	(Gen 1:26; Deut 6:4; Isa 6:8; Mt 28:19; Jn 3:16; 2 Cor 1:21-22; Eph 4:4-6; 1 Pet 1:2).		
28	3. The Father		
29	God the eternal Father is the Creator, Source, Sustainer,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
30	and Sovereign of all creation.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
31	He is just and holy, merciful and gracious, slow to anger,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
32	and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
33	The qualities and powers exhibited in the Son and the Holy Spirit	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
34	are also those of the Father.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
35	(Ge 1:1; Deut 4:35; Ps 110:1, 4; Jn 3:16; 14:9; 1 Cor 15:28; 1 Tim 1:17; 1 Jn 4:8; Rev 4:11).		

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D. Join the Movement – 2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs – 204. Fundamentals 4 and 5

SUMMARY: You **affirm** with meaningful conviction our fundamental beliefs 4 and 5 about God's **Son** and the Holy **Spirit**.

Seventh-day Adventists hold as present truth some aspects of the work of Jesus Christ, which other Christian groups have not yet discovered, misjudge regarding their significance, or deny altogether. We understand that God calls for the worship of Jesus Christ as the Creator, which implies the acknowledgment of the Seventh-day Sabbath as the Biblical day of worship (Rev 14:7; Fundamental Beliefs 6 and 24). We understand that Christ's atonement includes not only His death on the cross, but also His ongoing intercession in the heavenly sanctuary, and His pre-Advent judgment of all professed Christians, which He began in 1844 (Heb 7:25; Da 8:14; Fundamental Belief 24).

As Seventh-day Adventists, we understand the Holy Spirit to be, not a divine force, but a person of the Godhead (Jn 15:26), Who can be vexed, fill individuals, teach, guide into and remind of truth, seal believers, and be grieved (Isa 63:10; Lk 4:1; Ac 2:4; Jn 14:26; 16:13; Eph 1:13; 3:5; 4:30). Also, we hold that the Holy Spirit has not ceased to give spiritual gifts as during the apostolic age, as some churches teach, but rather that He continues to extend these gifts to the church until the end of the world (Fundamental Beliefs 17 and 18).

In fact, as Seventh-day Adventists we expect a special outpouring of gifts during the time of the global reformatory movement (9T 126) and the latter rain (Joel 2:23), both of which overlap. We understand that just as Christ sent the Holy Spirit and filled the apostles on the day of Pentecost as the former rain to begin to grow His church (Ac 2:16-18; 19:4-7), so will He in the last days pour out the Holy Spirit as the latter rain to ripen and prepare His church for the return of Jesus and eternity (Rev 10:11; 18:1-4; GC ix; FLB 334; TM 506).

Are we making room in our hearts for these "times of refreshing" (Ac 3:19)?

	Truths about God, cont. Fundamentals 4 and 5	I affirm it hardly → totally	Notes and Comments About Unclear Statements
1	4. The Son		
2	God the eternal Son became incarnate in Jesus Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Through Him all things were created,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	the character of God is revealed,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	the salvation of humanity is accomplished,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	and the world is judged.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	Forever truly God, He became also truly man, Jesus the Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8	He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	He lived and experienced temptation as a human being,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
10	but perfectly exemplified the righteousness and love of God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	By His miracles He manifested God's power	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12	and was attested as God's promised Messiah.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	He suffered and died voluntarily on the cross for our sins and in our place,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
14	was raised from the dead,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15	and ascended to heaven to minister in the heavenly sanctuary in our behalf.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16	He will come again in glory	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17	for the final deliverance of His people and the restoration of all things.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
18	(Isa 53:4-6; Dan 9:25-27; Lk 1:35; Jn 1:1-3, 14; 5:22; 10:30; 14:1-3, 9, 13; Rom		
19	6:23; 1 Cor 15:3-4; 2 Cor 3:18; 5:17-19; Phil 2:5-11; Col 1:15-19; Heb 2:9-18; 8:1-2.)		
20	5. The Holy Spirit		
21	God the eternal Spirit was active with the Father and the Son	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
22	in Creation, incarnation, and redemption.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
23	He is as much a person as are the Father and the Son.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24	He inspired the writers of Scripture.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
25	He filled Christ's life with power.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
26	He draws and convicts human beings;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
27	and those who respond He renews and transforms into the image of God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
28	Sent by the Father and the Son to be always with His children,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
29	He extends spiritual gifts to the church, empowers it to bear witness to Christ,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
30	and in harmony with the Scriptures leads it into all truth.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
31	(Ge 1:1-2; 2 Sam 23:2; Ps 51:11; Isa 61:1; Lk 1:35; Jn 14:16-18, 26; 15:26;		
32	16:7-13; Acts 1:8; 5:3; 10:38; Rom 5:5; 1 Cor 12:7-11; 2 Cor 3:18; 2 Pet 1:21.)		

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D. Join the Movement – 2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs – 205. Fundamentals 6 and 7

SUMMARY: You **affirm** with meaningful conviction our fundamental beliefs 6 and 7 about **creation** and the nature of **humanity**.

Today, a basic assertion is “that classical religious teachings about God are compatible with the modern scientific understanding about biological evolution. In short, theistic evolutionists believe that there is a God, that God is the *creator* of the material universe and (*by consequence*) all life within, and that biological evolution is simply a natural process within that creation. Evolution, according to this view, is simply a tool that God employed to develop human life.” (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theistic_evolution). In other words, God created evolution.

Seventh-day Adventists uphold the Biblical creation and the Sabbath as literal, historical six 24-hour periods, and the Sabbath as a literal day of rest. “The language of the Bible should be explained according to its obvious meaning, unless a symbol or figure is employed.” (GC 599). In other words, “the words ought to be understood literally, that is, in their ordinary historical and grammatical sense, except in those instances where the writer used figurative language.” (10BC 787). We maintain that the “Bible is God’s great lesson book, His great educator. The foundation of all true science is contained in the Bible. Every branch of knowledge may be found by searching the word of God.” (COL 107).

At least two aspects distinguish the Seventh-day Adventist understanding of the nature of the human person from other Christian teachings. First, man is a unified person who is a living soul only as long as body and spirit are together; death as unconscious sleep in the grave is the result of the separation of these two elements. This Biblical concept stands in contrast to the Greek idea that humans can be divided into a mortal body and an immortal soul, which continues conscious life after death. Secondly, while all humans receive the consequences of Adam’s sin, that is, a fallen nature and mortality, none of them inherit Adam’s guilt, except as they participate in his sin as individuals (PP 306).

Will the remnant people of God be faithful in the proclamation of these crucial truths?

	Truths About Humanity Fundamentals 6 and 7	I affirm it hardly → totally	Notes and Comments About Unclear Statements
1	6. Creation		
2	God has revealed in Scripture the authentic and historical account	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	of His creative activity. He created the universe,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	and in a recent six-day creation the Lord made "the heaven and the earth, the	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	sea, and all that is in them" and rested on the seventh day.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Thus He established the Sabbath as a perpetual memorial of the work He	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	performed and completed in six literal days that together with the Sabbath	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8	Constituted the same unit of time we call a week today.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	The first man and woman were made in the image of God	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
10	as the crowning work of Creation,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	given dominion over the world, and charged with responsibility to care for it.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12	When the world was finished it was “very good,” declaring the glory of God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	(Gen. 1; 2; Ex. 20:8-11; Ps. 19:1-6; 33:6, 9; 104; Isa 45:12, 18; Acts 17:24; Col		
14	1:16; Heb 1:2; 11:3; Rev 10:6; 14:7.)		
15	7. The Nature of Humanity		
16	Man and woman were made in the image of God	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17	with individuality, the power and freedom to think and to do.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
18	Though created free beings,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
19	each is an indivisible unity of body, mind, and spirit,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20	dependent upon God for life and breath and all else.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
21	When our first parents disobeyed God,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
22	they denied their dependence upon Him and fell from their high position.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
23	The image of God in them was marred and they became subject to death.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24	Their descendants share this fallen nature and its consequences.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
25	They are born with weaknesses and tendencies to evil.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
26	But God in Christ reconciled the world to Himself	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
27	and by His Spirit restores in penitent mortals the image of their Maker.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
28	Created for the glory of God,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
29	they are called to love Him and one another, and to care for their environment.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
30	(Gen 1:26-28; 2:7, 15; 3; Ps 8:4-8; 51:5, 10; 58:3; Jer 17:9; Acts 17:24-28; Rom		
31	5:12-17; 2 Co 5:19, 20; Eph 2:3; 1 Thess 5:23; 1 Jn 3:4; 4:7, 8, 11, 20.)		

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D. Join the Movement – 2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs – 206. Fundamentals 8 and 9

SUMMARY: You **affirm** with meaningful conviction our fundamental beliefs 8 and 9 about the great **controversy** and the **life** of Christ.

God's original purpose for the world, the rise of the great controversy, and the work of redemption is the "grand central theme" of the Bible (*Ed* 190). The Seventh-day Adventist understanding of the great controversy between Christ and Satan is present truth, an integrating world view that traces and accounts for ongoing rebellion against God from angelic and human perfection past and lost (Isa 14; Eze 28; Ge 1-3), via earth's sinful history, to the future perfection eternally restored (Rev 21 & 22), made possible through the work of Jesus on earth and in heaven.

The parties and battles of this controversy are the major features in the prophecies of the war in heaven and of the actions of secular and religious powers against God's people (Daniel 2, 7-12; Revelation 12-19). This battle took its most violent form and decisive turn in Jesus' life and death on the cross (Ge 3:15; Isa 53), where He achieved the ultimate victory for all humanity (Heb 9:11-15). Will you participate?

	Truths about Salvation Fundamentals 8 and 9	I affirm it hardly → totally	Notes and Comments About Unclear Statements
1	8. The Great Controversy		
2	All humanity is now involved in a great controversy between Christ and Satan	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	regarding the character of God, His law, and His sovereignty over the universe.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	This conflict originated in heaven when a created being,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	endowed with freedom of choice,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	in self-exaltation became Satan, God's adversary,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	and led into rebellion a portion of the angels.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8	He introduced the spirit of rebellion into this world	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	when he led Adam and Eve into sin.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
10	This human sin resulted in the distortion of the image of God in humanity,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	the disordering of the created world,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12	and its eventual devastation at the time of the global flood,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	as presented in the historical account of Genesis 1-11.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
14	Observed by the whole creation, this world became the arena of the universal	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15	conflict, out of which the God of love will ultimately be vindicated.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16	To assist His people in this controversy,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17	Christ sends the Holy Spirit and the loyal angels	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
18	to guide, protect, and sustain them in the way of salvation.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
19	(Gen 3; 6-8; Job 1:6-12; Isa 14:12-14; Eze 28:12-18; Rom 1:19-32; 3:4; 5:12-21;		
20	8:19-22; 1 Cor 4:9; Heb 1:14; 1 Pet 5:8; 2 Pet 3:6; Rev 12:4-9.)		
21	9. The Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ		
22	In Christ's life of perfect obedience to God's will,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
23	His suffering, death, and resurrection,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24	God provided the only means of atonement for human sin,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
25	so that those who by faith accept this atonement may have eternal life,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
26	and the whole creation may better understand	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
27	the infinite and holy love of the Creator.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
28	This perfect atonement vindicates the righteousness of God's law	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
29	and the graciousness of His character;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
30	for it both condemns our sin and provides for our forgiveness.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
31	The death of Christ is substitutionary and expiatory,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
32	reconciling and transforming.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
33	The bodily resurrection of Christ proclaims God's triumph over the forces of evil,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
34	and for those who accept the atonement	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
35	assures their final victory over sin and death.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
36	It declares the Lordship of Jesus Christ,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
37	before whom every knee in heaven and on earth will bow.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
38	(Gen 3:15; Ps 22:1; Isa 53; Jn 3:16; 14:30; Rom 1:4; 3:25; 8:3-4, 20-22; 2		
39	Cor 5:14-15, 19-21; Phil 2:6-11; Col 2:15; 1 Pet 2:21-22; 1 Jn 2:2; 4:10.)		

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D. Join the Movement – 2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs – 207. Fundamentals 10 and 11

SUMMARY: You **affirm** with meaningful conviction our fundamental beliefs 10 and 11 about the experience of **salvation** and **growing** in Christ.

	Truths about Salvation, cont. Fundamentals 10 and 11	I affirm it hardly → totally	Notes and Comments About Unclear Statements
1	10. The Experience of Salvation		
2	In infinite love and mercy	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	God made Christ, who knew no sin, to be sin for us,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	so that in Him we might be made the righteousness of God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Led by the Holy Spirit we sense our need,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	acknowledge our sinfulness, repent of our transgressions,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	and exercise faith in Jesus as Lord and Christ, Substitute and Example.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8	This saving faith comes through the divine power of the Word	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	and is the gift of God's grace.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
10	Through Christ we are justified, adopted as God's sons and daughters,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	and delivered from the lordship of sin.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12	Through the Spirit we are born again and sanctified;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	the Spirit renews our minds, writes God's law of love in our hearts,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
14	and we are given the power to live a holy life.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15	Abiding in Him we become partakers of the divine nature	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16	and have the assurance of salvation now and in the judgment.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17	(Gen 3:15; Isa 45:22; 53; Jer 31:31-34; Eze 33:11; 36:25-27; Hab 2:4; Mk 9:23-		
18	24; Jn 3:3-8, 16; 18:8; Rom 3:21-16; 8:1-4, 14:17; 5:6-10; 10:17; 12:2; 2 Cor		
19	5:17-21; Gal 1:4; 3:13-14, 26; 4:4-7; Eph 2:4-10; Col 1:13-14; Tit 3:3-7; Heb 8:7-		
20	12; 1 Pet 1:23; 2:21-22; 2 Pet 1:3-4; Rev 13:8.)		
21	11. Growing in Christ		
22	By His death on the cross Jesus triumphed over the forces of evil.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
23	He who subjugated the demonic spirits during His earthly ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24	has broken their power and made certain their ultimate doom.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
25	Jesus' victory gives us victory over the evil forces that still seek to control us,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
26	as we walk with Him in peace, joy, and assurance of His love.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
27	Now the Holy Spirit dwells within us and empowers us.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
28	Continually committed to Jesus as our Savior and Lord,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
29	we are set free from the burden of our past deeds.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
30	No longer do we live in the darkness, fear of evil powers,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
31	ignorance, and meaninglessness of our former way of life.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
32	In this new freedom in Jesus,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
33	we are called to grow into the likeness of His character,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
34	communing with Him daily in prayer, feeding on His Word,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
35	meditating on it and on His providence,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
36	singing His praises, gathering together for worship,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
37	and participating in the mission of the Church.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
38	We are also called to follow Christ's example by compassionately ministering	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
39	to the physical, mental, social, and spiritual needs of humanity.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
40	As we give ourselves in loving service to those around us	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
41	and in witnessing to His salvation,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
42	His constant presence with us through the Spirit	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
43	transforms every moment and every task into a spiritual experience.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
44	(2 Chr 29:11; Ps 1:1-2; 23:4; 77:11-12; Mt 20:25-28; 25:31-46; Lk 10:17-20; Jn		
45	20:21; Rom 8:38-39; 2 Cor 3:17-18; Gal 5:22-25; Eph 5:19-20; 6:12-18; Phil 3:7-14;		
46	Col 1:13-14; 2:6, 14-15; 1 The 5:16-18; Heb 10:25; Js 1:27; 2 Pet 2:9; 3:18; 1 Jn 4:4.)		

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D. Join the Movement – 2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs – 208. Fundamentals 12 and 13

SUMMARY: You **affirm** with meaningful conviction our fundamental beliefs 12 and 13 about the **church** and the **mission** of the remnant.

Seventh-day Adventists have a balanced view of the church: **1.** The church is a community of believers in Jesus which is called out from the world (1 Pe 2:9), therefore not of the world (Jn 8:36), yet is living and working in the world (Jn 17:15), whether or not this is valued by the world (Ac 4:18-20). **2.** The church is a body united by truths and values that separate her from the surrounding communities (2 Co 6:17), but is also called to share these truths, and therefore to mingle with the people in those communities (Mt 28:18-20). **3.** The church is a body of believers joined in local congregations (Ac 2:42-47), but also a divinely planned, regional and global institution guided by pastoral servant leaders (Ac 15:6-29).

4. The church has been called out from the world in order to gather and grow under Jesus as her head (Eph 4:11-16), but also in order to scatter and call others out of Babylon (Rev 18:1-4) back to Jesus as Creator (Rev 14:6-12). This is specifically the purpose of the remnant church (Rev 10:11). The power of this message lies in the everlasting gospel of the love of God and His plan to save humanity from eternal ruin (Rev 14:6). The urgency of this message lies in present truth of the current divine judgment of all who profess to be Christians (1 Pe 4:17; Rev 14:7).

	Truths About the Church Fundamentals 12 and 13	I affirm it hardly → totally	Notes and Comments About Unclear Statements
1	12. The Church		
2	The church is the community of believers	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	In continuity with the people of God in Old Testament times,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	we are called out from the world;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	and we join together for worship, for fellowship,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	for instruction in the Word,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8	for the celebration of the Lord's Supper,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	for service to all humanity,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
10	and for the worldwide proclamation of the gospel.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	The church derives its authority from Christ,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12	who is the incarnate Word revealed in the Scriptures.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	The church is God's family;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
14	adopted by Him as children, its members live on the basis of the new covenant.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15	The church is the body of Christ,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16	a community of faith of which Christ Himself is the Head.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17	The church is the bride for whom Christ died	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
18	that He might sanctify and cleanse her.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
19	At His return in triumph, He will present her to Himself a glorious church,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20	the faithful of all the ages, the purchase of His blood,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
21	not having spot or wrinkle, but holy and without blemish.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
22	(Gen 12:1-3; Ex 19:3-7; Mt 16:13-20; 18:18; 28:19-20; Acts 2:38-43; 7:38; 1 Cor		
23	1:2; Eph 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 3:8-11; 5:23-27; Col 1:17-18; 1 Pet 2:9.)		
24	13. The Remnant and Its Mission		
25	The universal church is composed of all who truly believe in Christ,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
26	but in the last days, a time of widespread apostasy,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
27	a remnant has been called out	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
28	to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
29	This remnant announces the arrival of the judgment hour,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
30	proclaims salvation through Christ,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
31	and heralds the approach of His second advent.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
32	This proclamation is symbolized by the three angels of Revelation 14;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
33	it coincides with the work of judgment in heaven	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
34	and results in a work of repentance and reform on earth.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
35	Every believer is called to have a personal part in this worldwide witness.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
36	(Dan 7:9-14; Isa 1:9; 11:11; Jer 23:3; Mic2:12; 2 Cor 5:10; 1 Pet 1:16-19; 4:17; 2		
37	Pet 3:10-14; Jude 3, 14; Rev 12:17; 14:6-12; 18:1-4.)		

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D. Join the Movement – 2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs – 209. Fundamentals 14 to 16

SUMMARY: You **affirm** with meaningful conviction our fundamental beliefs 14 to 16 about **unity** in the church, **baptism**, and the Lord's **Supper**.

The church, one body with a diversity of members and gifts, keeps her unity by one Spirit and by accepting one baptism and one Lord (Eph 4:1-7). She celebrates this unity in diversity as she frequently renews her commitment to mutual service in foot washing and the Lord's Supper.

	Truths About the Church, cont. Fundamentals 14 to 16	I affirm it hardly → totally	Notes and Comments About Unclear Statements
1	14. Unity in the Body of Christ		
2	The church is one body with many members,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	called from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	In Christ we are a new creation;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	distinctions of race, culture, learning, and nationality,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	and differences between high and low, rich and poor, male and female,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	must not be divisive among us.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8	We are all equal in Christ,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	who by one Spirit has bonded us into one fellowship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
10	with Him and with one another;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	we are to serve and be served without partiality or reservation.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12	Through the revelation of Jesus Christ in the Scriptures	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	we share the same faith and hope, and reach out in one witness to all.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
14	This unity has its source in the oneness of the triune God,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15	who has adopted us as His children.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16	(Ps 133:1; Mt 28:19-20; Jn 17:20-23; Acts 17:26-27; Rom 12:4-5; 1 Cor 12:12-		
17	14; 2 Cor 5:16-17; Gal 3:27-29; Eph 2:13-16; 4:3-6, 11-16; Col 3:10-15.)		
18	15. Baptism		
19	By baptism we confess our faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20	and testify of our death to sin and of our purpose to walk in newness of life.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
21	Thus we acknowledge Christ as Lord and Savior, become His people,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
22	and are received as members by His church.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
23	Baptism is a symbol of our union with Christ, the forgiveness of our sins,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24	and our reception of the Holy Spirit.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
25	It is by immersion in water	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
26	and is contingent on an affirmation of faith in Jesus	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
27	and evidence of repentance of sin.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
28	It follows instruction in the Holy Scriptures	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
29	and acceptance of their teachings.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
30	(Mt 28:19-20; Acts 2:38; 16:30-33; 22:16; Rom 6:1-6; Gal 3:27; Col 2:12-13.)		
31	16. The Lord's Supper		
32	The Lord's Supper is a participation in the emblems	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
33	of the body and blood of Jesus	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
34	as an expression of faith in Him, our Lord and Savior.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
35	In this experience of communion Christ is present	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
36	to meet and strengthen His people.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
37	As we partake, we joyfully proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
38	Preparation for the Supper includes	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
39	self-examination, repentance, and confession.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
40	The Master ordained the service of foot washing to signify renewed cleansing,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
41	to express a willingness to serve one another in Christlike humility,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
42	and to unite our hearts in love.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
43	The communion service is open to all believing Christians.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
44	(Mt 26:17-30; Jn 6:48-63; 13:1-17; 1 Cor 10:16-17; 11:23-30; Rev 3:20.)		

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D. Join the Movement – 2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs – 210. Fundamentals 17 and 18

SUMMARY: You **affirm** with meaningful conviction our fundamental beliefs 17 and 18 about spiritual **gifts** and ministries, incl. **prophecy**.

The Seventh-day Adventist understanding of spiritual gifts differs from other Christians in several respects: **1.** We hold that the Holy Spirit has not limited His gifts to the apostolic age, but that He will bestow them on the church according to His own wisdom until the end of the world (1 Co 13:8-13). **2.** Since we believe in the priesthood of all believers, that all members belong to the *laos* or people of God, we do not make a great distinction between “clergy” and “laity,” though we recognize that special leadership gifts require ordination (Eph 4:11; Ac 13:1-3; 1 Ti 4:14). **3.** We believe that the best evidence for the infilling with the Holy Spirit is a changed life of loving obedience to God’s commandments (Eze 36:27; Jn 14:15; Rom 8:1-4; Eph 5:15-20), whether or not it is accompanied by specific gifts such as speaking in tongues or prophecy (Ac 19:6).

Seventh-day Adventists are very aware of Jesus’ warning of false end-time prophets (Mt 24:24). But noticing the implication that there is also true prophecy in the last days, they value the exercise of this gift within their movement in the ministry of Ellen White. They understand that her ministry was similar to the prophetic gift exercised by individuals in Biblical times, whose messages did not become part of the Scriptures (1 Chr 29:29; Act 11:27; 13:1; 21:9). They recognize that the writings of Ellen White do not add to, update, or supersede God’s Word, but rather help them see its true meaning through divinely inspired clarifications and applications to the faith, life and calling of the remnant church.

	Truths About the Church, cont. Fundamentals 17 and 18	I affirm it hardly → totally	Notes and Comments About Unclear Statements
1	17. Spiritual Gifts and Ministries		
2	God bestows upon all members of His church in every age spiritual gifts	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	that each member is to employ in loving ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	for the common good of the church and of humanity.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Given by the agency of the Holy Spirit,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	who apportions to each member as He wills,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	the gifts provide all abilities and ministries needed by the church	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8	to fulfill its divinely ordained functions.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	According to the Scriptures, these gifts include such ministries as	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
10	faith, healing, prophecy, proclamation, teaching, administration, reconciliation,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	compassion, and self-sacrificing service and charity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12	for the help and encouragement of people.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	Some members are called of God and endowed by the Spirit for functions	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
14	recognized by the church	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15	in pastoral, evangelistic, apostolic, and teaching ministries	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16	particularly needed to equip the members for service,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17	to build up the church to spiritual maturity,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
18	and to foster unity of the faith and knowledge of God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
19	When members employ these spiritual gifts	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20	as faithful stewards of God's varied grace,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
21	the church is protected from the destructive influence of false doctrine,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
22	grows with a growth that is from God,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
23	and is built up in faith and love.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24	(Acts 6:1-7; Rom 12:4-8; 1 Cor 12:7-11, 27-28; Eph 4:8; 11-16; 1 Tim 3:1-13;		
25	1 Pet 4:10-11.)		
26	18. The Gift of Prophecy		
27	The Scriptures testify that one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is prophecy.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
28	This gift is an identifying mark of the remnant church	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
29	and we believe it was manifested in the ministry of Ellen. G. White.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
30	Her writings speak with prophetic authority	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
31	and provide comfort, guidance, instruction, and correction to the church.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
32	They also make clear that the Bible is the standard	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
33	by which all teaching and experience must be tested.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
34	(Num 12:6; 2 Chr 20:20; Amos 3:7; Joel 2:28-29; Acts 2:14-21; 2 Tim 3:16-17;		
35	Heb 1:1-3; Rev 12:17; 19:10; 22:8-9.)		

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D. Join the Movement – 2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs – 211. Fundamentals 19 and 20

SUMMARY: You **affirm** with meaningful conviction our fundamental beliefs 19 and 20 about the **law** of God, incl. the **Sabbath**.

Seventh-day Adventists differ in three respects from a popular view of the law in other Christian circles: **1.** They understand that the law of God was given, not only in Ten Commandments to Israel, but already to man in the garden of Eden at creation, and is therefore valid for all humanity. **2.** They know that the law reflects God's character, making it eternally valid; therefore the cross of Jesus did not destroy but rather fulfill it (Mt 5:17-19). **3.** They maintain that keeping the law is not legalism as a means of salvation, but rather loving obedience as evidence of salvation (Ex 20:6; Dt 30:6; Jn 14:15; 1 Jn 5:2-3). Salvation by faith and keeping God's commandments are therefore not mutually exclusive, but the first is expressed in the second.

Seventh-day Adventists proclaim the lost truth of God's Sabbath as the distinguishing sign of God's faithful people (Ex 31:13-17; Rev 14:7).

	Truths About the Christian Life Fundamentals 19 and 20	I affirm it hardly → totally	Notes and Comments About Unclear Statements
1	19. The Law of God		
2	The great principles of God's law are embodied in the Ten Commandments	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	and exemplified in the life of Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	They express God's love, will, and purposes	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	concerning human conduct and relationships	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	and are binding upon all people in every age.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	These precepts are the basis of God's covenant with His people	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8	and the standard in God's judgment.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	Through the agency of the Holy Spirit	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
10	they point out sin and awaken a sense of need for a Savior.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	Salvation is all of grace and not of works,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12	but its fruit is obedience to the Commandments.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	This obedience develops Christian character	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
14	and results in a sense of well-being.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15	It is an evidence of our love for the Lord	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16	and our concern for our fellow human beings.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17	The obedience of faith demonstrates the power of Christ to transform lives,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
18	and therefore strengthens Christian witness.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
19	(Ex 20:1-17; Deut 28:1-14; Ps 19:7-14; 40:7-8; Mt 5:17-20; Jn 14:15; 15:7-10;		
20	Rom 8:3-4; Eph 3:8-10; 1 Jn 2:3; 5:3; Rev 12:17; 14:12.)		
21	20. The Sabbath		
22	The gracious Creator, after the six days of Creation,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
23	rested on the seventh day and instituted the Sabbath	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24	for all people	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
25	as a memorial of Creation.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
26	The fourth commandment of God's unchangeable law	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
27	requires the observance of this seventh-day Sabbath	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
28	as the day of rest, worship, and ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
29	in harmony with the teaching and practice of Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
30	The Sabbath is a day of delightful communion with God and one another.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
31	It is a symbol of our redemption in Christ,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
32	a sign of our sanctification,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
33	a token of our allegiance,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
34	and a foretaste of our eternal future in God's kingdom.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
35	The Sabbath is God's perpetual sign	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
36	of His eternal covenant between Him and His people.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
37	Joyful observance of this holy time from evening to evening, sunset to sunset,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
38	is a celebration of God's creative and redemptive acts.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
39	(Gen 2:1-3; Ex 20:8-11; 31:13-17; Lev 23:32; Deut 5:12-15; Isa 56:5-6; 58:13-		
40	14; Eze 20:12, 20; Mt 12:1-12; Mk 1:32; Lk 4:16; Heb 4:1-11.)		

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D. Join the Movement – 2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs – 212. Fundamentals 21 and 22

SUMMARY: You **affirm** with meaningful conviction our fundamental beliefs 21 and 22 about **stewardship** and Christian **behavior**.

Seventh-day Adventists understand that as the Creator and Preserver, God has ownership of the earth and all that is therein (Ex 19:5; Dt 10:14; Ne 9:6; Ac 14:14), and has given humanity responsibility for the proper care and use of the earth and their lives (Ge 1:26-28; 2:15; 1 Co 6:19-20; 3 Jn 2), holding them accountable as stewards of His physical resources (Mt 25:14-30; Lk 12:42-48) and His spiritual gifts (1 Co 4:2, 1 Pe 4:10).

As stewards, Seventh-day Adventists also uniquely emphasize a behavior that aims at complete spiritual, emotional, and physical health through godly conduct, lifestyle, and appearance (Tit 2:11-14; 2 Pe 3:11), so they glorify God both in their bodies and in their spirits (1 Co 6:20).

	Truths About the Christian Life, cont. Fundamentals 21 and 22	I affirm it hardly → totally	Notes and Comments About Unclear Statements
1	21. Stewardship		
2	We are God's stewards,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	entrusted by Him with time and opportunities, abilities and possessions,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	and the blessings of the earth and its resources.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	We are responsible to Him for their proper use.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	We acknowledge God's ownership by faithful service to Him	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	and our fellow human beings,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8	and by returning tithes and giving offerings	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	for the proclamation of His gospel	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
10	and the support and growth of His church.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	Stewardship is a privilege given to us by God for nurture in love	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12	and the victory over selfishness and covetousness.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	The steward rejoices in the blessings that come to others	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
14	as a result of his faithfulness.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15	(Gen 1:26-28; 2:15; 1 Chr 29:14; Hag 1:3-11; Mal 3:8-12; Mt 23:23; Rom 15:26-		
16	27; 1 Cor 9:9-14; 2 Cor 8:1-15; 9:7.)		
17	22. Christian Behavior		
18	We are called to be a godly people who think, feel, and act	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
19	in harmony with biblical principles in all aspects of personal and social life.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20	For the Spirit to recreate in us the character of our Lord	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
21	we involve ourselves only in those things	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
22	which will produce Christlike purity, health, and joy in our lives.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
23	This means that our amusement and entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24	should meet the highest standards of Christian taste and beauty.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
25	While recognizing cultural differences,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
26	our dress is to be simple, modest, and neat,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
27	befitting those whose true beauty does not consist of outward adornment	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
28	but in the imperishable ornament of a gentle and quiet spirit.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
29	It also means that because our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
30	we are to care for them intelligently.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
31	Along with adequate exercise and rest,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
32	we are to adopt the most healthful diet possible	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
33	and abstain from the unclean foods identified in the Scriptures.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
34	Since alcoholic beverages, tobacco,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
35	and the irresponsible use of drugs and narcotics are harmful to our bodies,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
36	we are to abstain from them as well.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
37	Instead, we are to engage in whatever brings our thoughts and bodies	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
38	into the discipline of Christ,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
39	who desires our wholesomeness, joy, and goodness.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
40	(Gen 7:2; Ex 20:15; Lev 11:1-47; Ps 106:3; Rom 12:1-2; 1 Cor 6:14-7:1; 10:5;		
41	Eph 5:1-21; Phil 2:4; 4:8; 1 Tim 2:9-10; Tit 2:11-12; 1 Pet 3:1-4; 1 Jn 2:3; 3 Jn 2.)		

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D. Join the Movement – 2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs – 213. Fundamental 23

SUMMARY: You **affirm** with meaningful conviction our fundamental belief 23 about Biblical **marriage** and the **family**.

In the midst of the confusing and conflicting voices in contemporary culture about the meaning and purpose of marriage and family, Seventh-day Adventists uphold the Biblical concept of a lifelong heterosexual companionship and of parenthood (Ge 1:28) as gifts from God to man to find maturity in loving relationship, ensure the procreation of our race, and reflect the close and holy love relationship between Jesus and His church.

In view of the ongoing great controversy between Christ and Satan, Seventh-day Adventists are called to warn humanity that Satan is trying to destroy God's creation gifts of both marriage and the Sabbath, in order to disrupt the stability of society and the church, and hinder all true disciples of Jesus to worship Him as Creator (Rev 14:7) and find in Him the soul rest that humanity needs but cannot give (Mt 11:28-30; Heb 4:9-16).

	Truths About the Christian Life, cont. Fundamental 23	I affirm it hardly → totally	Notes and Comments About Unclear Statements
1	23. Marriage and the Family		
2	Marriage was divinely established in Eden and affirmed by Jesus	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	to be a lifelong union between a man and a woman in loving companionship.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	For the Christian a marriage commitment is to God as well as to the spouse,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	and should be entered into only between partners who share a common faith.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Mutual love, honor, respect, and responsibility are the fabric of this relationship,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	which is to reflect the love, sanctity, closeness, and permanence	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8	of the relationship between Christ and His church.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	Regarding divorce, Jesus taught that the person who divorces a spouse,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
10	except for fornication,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	and marries another, commits adultery.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12	Although some family relationships may fall short of the ideal,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	a man and a woman who fully commit themselves to each other in Christ	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
14	through marriage may achieve loving unity through the guidance of the Spirit	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15	and the nurture of the church.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16	God blesses the family	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17	and intends that its members shall assist each other toward complete maturity.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
18	Increasing family closeness is one of the earmarks of the final gospel message.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
19	Parents are to bring up their children to love and obey the Lord.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20	By their example and their words they are to teach them	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
21	that Christ is a loving, tender, and caring guide	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
22	who wants them to become members of His body, the family of God	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
23	which embraces both single and married persons.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24	(Ge 2:18-25; Ex 20:12; Deut 6:5-9; Prov 22:6; Mal 4:5-6; Mt 5:31-32; 19:3-9, 12;		
25	Mk 10:11-12; Jn 2:1-11; 1 Cor 7:7; 2 Cor 6:14; Eph 5:21-33; 6:1-4.)		

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D. Join the Movement – 2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs – 214. Fundamentals 24 and 25

SUMMARY: You **affirm** with meaningful conviction our fundamental beliefs 24 and 25 about Christ's heavenly **ministry** and second **coming**.

Seventh-day Adventists emphasize the present truth of Jesus' mediatory and judgment ministry in the heavenly sanctuary, leading to the end of probation for all humanity, as a necessary preparation for His return to earth to take the faithful into His eternal kingdom.

	Truths About Last Things Fundamentals 24 and 25	I affirm it hardly → totally	Notes and Comments About Unclear Statements
1	24. Christ's Ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary		
2	There is a sanctuary in heaven,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	the true tabernacle that the Lord set up and not humans.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	In it Christ ministers on our behalf, making available to believers	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	the benefits of His atoning sacrifice offered once for all on the cross.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	At His ascension, He was inaugurated as our great high priest	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	and began His intercessory ministry, which was typified	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8	by the work of the high priest in the holy place of the earthly sanctuary.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	In 1844, at the end of the prophetic period of 2300 days,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
10	He entered the second and last phase of His atoning ministry, which was typified	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	by the work of the high priest in the most holy place of the earthly sanctuary.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12	It is a work of investigative judgment, which is part of the ultimate disposition of all sin,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	typified by the cleansing of the ancient Hebrew sanctuary on the Day of Atonement.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
14	In that typical service the sanctuary was cleansed	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15	with the blood of animal sacrifices,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16	but the heavenly things are purified with the perfect sacrifice of the blood of Jesus.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17	The investigative judgment reveals to heavenly intelligences	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
18	who among the dead are asleep in Christ and therefore, in Him,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
19	are deemed worthy to have part in the first resurrection.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20	It also makes manifest who among the living are abiding in Christ,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
21	keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
22	and in Him, therefore, are ready for translation into His everlasting kingdom.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
23	This judgment vindicates the justice of God	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24	in saving those who believe in Jesus.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
25	It declares that those who have remained loyal to God	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
26	shall receive the kingdom.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
27	The completion of this ministry of Christ	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
28	will mark the close of human probation before the Second Advent.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
29	(Lev 16; Num 14:34; Eze 4:6; Dan 7:9-27; 8:13-14; 9:24-27; Heb 1:3; 2:16-17;		
30	4:14-16; 8:1-5; 9:11-28; 10:19-22; Rev 8:3-5; 11:19; 14:6-7; 20:12; 14:12; 22:11-12.)		
31	25. The Second Coming of Christ		
32	The second coming of Christ is the blessed hope of the church,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
33	the grand climax of the gospel.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
34	The Savior's coming will be literal, personal, visible, and worldwide.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
35	When He returns, the righteous dead will be resurrected,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
36	and together with the righteous living will be glorified and taken to heaven,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
37	but the unrighteous will die.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
38	The almost complete fulfillment of most lines of prophecy,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
39	together with the present condition of the world,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
40	indicates that Christ's coming is near.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
41	The time of that event has not been revealed,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
42	and we are therefore exhorted to be ready at all times.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
43	(Mt 24; Mk 13; Lk 21; Jn 14:1-3; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Cor 15:51-54; 1 Thess 1:7-10;		
44	2:8; 2 Tim 3:1-5; Tit 2:13; Heb 9:28; Rev 1:7; 14:14-20; 19:11-21.)		

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D. Join the Movement – 2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs – 215. Fundamentals 26 to 28

SUMMARY: You **affirm** with meaningful conviction our fundamental beliefs 26 to 28 about **death, resurrection, the millennium, and the new earth.**

In contrast to those who teach the immortality of the soul, Seventh-day Adventists hold to the Biblical view of death as unconscious sleep in the grave (Ecc 9:5; Ac 2:29). This brings special significance to the coming of Jesus, since on that last day, when He raises the dead (Jn 6:39, 40, 44, 54), it will not mean that He reunites immortal souls with dead bodies, but that He will resurrect to new immortal life, those who had truly been dead (1 Co 15:53-54). Without this first resurrection, there would be no life for the dead, not even life of disembodied souls.

Again in contrast to other Christian groups, Seventh-day Adventists understand the Millennium to be a time of Christ's reign with the resurrected saints in heaven, not on the earth. They also recognize that the wicked are dead and will be judged during this time, then come to temporary life in the second resurrection, to receive their verdict and be destroyed in hell fire on earth (Rev 20:9). Since they kept their mortality, the wicked will not burn in an eternal fire, but be destroyed forever. The fire will be eternal only in its effects, but not in its duration (Jude 7).

Seventh-day Adventists understand this fire to be the end of all sin and sinners, and therefore of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. Heaven will then literally be on the renewed earth where God and Jesus dwell with their faithful people forever.

	Truths About Last Things, cont. Fundamentals 26 to 28	I affirm it hardly → totally	Notes and Comments About Unclear Statements
1	26. Death and Resurrection		
2	The wages of sin is death.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	But God, who alone is immortal, will grant eternal life to His redeemed.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	Until that day death is an unconscious state for all people.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	When Christ, who is our life, appears,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	the resurrected righteous and the living righteous	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	will be glorified and caught up to meet their Lord.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8	The second resurrection, the resurrection of the unrighteous,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	will take place a thousand years later.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
10	(Job 19:25-27; Ps 146:3-4; Eccl 9:5-6, 10; Dan 12:2, 13; Isa 25:8; Jn 5:28-29;		
11	11:11-14; Rom 6:23; 1 Cor 15:51-54; Col 3:4; 1 Thess 4:13-17; 1 Tim 6:15; Rev 20.)		
12	27. The Millennium and the End of Sin		
13	The millennium is the thousand-year reign of Christ with His saints in heaven	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
14	between the first and second resurrections.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15	During this time the wicked dead will be judged;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16	the earth will be utterly desolate, without living human inhabitants,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17	but occupied by Satan and his angels.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
18	At its close	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
19	Christ with His saints and the Holy City will descend from heaven to earth.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20	The unrighteous dead will then be resurrected,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
21	and with Satan and his angels will surround the city;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
22	but fire from God will consume them and cleanse the earth.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
23	The universe will thus be freed of sin and sinners forever.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24	(Jer 4:23-26; Eze 28:18-19; Mal 4:1; 1 Cor 6:2-3; Rev 20; 21:1-5.)		
25	28. The New Earth		
26	On the new earth, in which righteousness dwells,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
27	God will provide an eternal home for the redeemed	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
28	and a perfect environment for everlasting life, love, joy,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
29	and learning in His presence.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
30	For here God Himself will dwell with His people,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
31	and suffering and death will have passed away.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
32	The great controversy will be ended, and sin will be no more.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
33	All things, animate and inanimate, will declare that God is love;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
34	and He shall reign forever.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
35	Amen.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
36	(Isa 35; 65:17-25; Mt 5:5; 2 Pet 3:13; Rev 11:15; 21:1-7; 22:1-5.)		

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D. Join the Movement – 3. Order Your Life as a Steward – 301. The Seven Areas of Stewardship

SUMMARY: You take **step 6** in the discipling process, as you commit yourself to faithfully **ordering** your life in all seven areas of **stewardship**.

We recognize that because He created humanity and our world (Isa 42:5; Jn 1:1-3; Col 1:16; Rev 10:6), "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein" (Ps 24:1). Our Lord was also well pleased with all His creation (Ge 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31; PP 47). He who owns and places the highest value on everything we are and have, has entrusted humanity with the treasures of this planet (Ge 1:26) and holds us accountable for their proper care and use according to our abilities and means (Mt 25:14-20; Lk 12:42; 1 Co 4:2).

"It is an honor bestowed upon man that God should entrust to his keeping the riches of earth, and it is done that he may co-operate with God by using these precious gifts in advancing the Lord's work in the earth... He has given to every man his work, and he trusts men as his stewards with treasures of wealth and of intellect. Whatever you render to God is, through his mercy and generosity, placed to your account as a faithful steward. But ever bear in mind, 'Of thine own have we given thee.' This is not a work of merit on man's part." (RH 08-24-1905).

Stewardship of life is therefore more than a theoretical concept. It is rather a total lifestyle involving the practical, everyday realities of health, time, talents, environment, relationships, spirituality, and finances. These seven areas are grouped in this Guide under the term "STEWARD" as an acronym: **S** = Spirituality, **T** = Talents, **E** = Environment, **W** = Wellbeing, **A** = Assets (Finances), **R** = Relationships, **D** = Days (Time). God will reward our fidelity with greater ways to serve Him, a share in His joy, and co-inheritance of Jesus' kingdom (Mt 25:21, 23, 34; COL 3:61).

	Seven Areas of Stewardship Personal Specifics	I practice it hardly → daily	Room for Involvement or Improvement Ideas and Plans / Needs and Questions
1	1. Spirituality (conversion, faith, Bible study, meditation, prayer, worship, character building, obedience, witnessing, etc.)		
2		□ □ □ □	
3		□ □ □ □	
4		□ □ □ □	
5	2. Talents (Stewardship of the mysteries and grace of God [1 Co 4:1; 1 Pe 4:10]: spiritual gifts, dedicated natural abilities, etc.)		
6		□ □ □ □	
7		□ □ □ □	
8		□ □ □ □	
9	3. Environment (Creation Care: organic gardening, recycling, careful use of natural resources, upkeep of home, car, etc.)		
10		□ □ □ □	
11		□ □ □ □	
12		□ □ □ □	
13	4. Wellbeing (Implement the 8 Laws of Health: nutrition, exercise, water, sunshine, temperance, air, rest, trust in God)		
14		□ □ □ □	
15		□ □ □ □	
16		□ □ □ □	
17	5. Assets (Money Management or Budget: tithe, offerings, helping others, debt, purchases, savings, investments, etc.)		
18		□ □ □ □	
19		□ □ □ □	
20		□ □ □ □	
21	6. Relationships (God, family, church, relatives, neighbors, colleagues, acquaintances, strangers, enemies, etc.)		
22		□ □ □ □	
23		□ □ □ □	
24		□ □ □ □	
25	7. Days of Life (Time Management: proper balance between spiritual time, work, sleep, mission work, vacation, etc.)		
26		□ □ □ □	
27		□ □ □ □	
28		□ □ □ □	

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D. Join the Movement – 3. Order Your Life as a Steward – 302. The Three Levels of Preparation

SUMMARY: You also **commit** yourself to faithfully **ordering** your life on the three **levels** of preparation for the last days.

We know we live in the time of preparation for the final events. "The work of the people of God is to prepare for the events of the future, which will soon come upon them with blinding force." (2SM 142). "Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise." (8T 28). This means then, "Unless we understand the importance of the moments that are swiftly passing into eternity, and make ready to stand in the great day of God, we shall be unfaithful stewards. The watchman is to know the time of night." (6T 407).

This urgency of God's call is based on the intensity of the end-time events, as we approach earth's last great crisis. "In the great final conflict, Satan will employ the same policy, manifest the same spirit, and work for the same end as in all preceding ages. That which has been, will be, except that the coming struggle will be marked with a terrible intensity such as the world has never witnessed. Satan's deceptions will be more subtle, his assaults more determined. If it were possible, he would lead astray the elect. Mark 13:22" (GC xi). "It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is not true of the crisis before us. The most vivid presentation cannot reach the magnitude of the ordeal." (GC 622).

This urgency and intensity are not meant to frighten God's people, but to awaken them to the dire need of swift preparation. "I see the necessity of making haste to get all things ready for the crisis.—Letter 90, 1897." (CL 21). This is true for the little time of trouble. However, for the advancement of the cause of present truth, and in preparation for the great time of trouble, God's people will sacrifice and sell their properties as the Lord will direct each household (EW 56-57). It is then, and during the great time of trouble, that the faithful remnant shall trust wholly in God, and He will sustain them as He fed the Israelites and His prophet Elijah in the wilderness. He promised that our bread and water shall be sure (Isa 33:16; EW 56).

The Lord is calling His remnant to make spiritual preparations through revival of faith and godliness. Are God's people inquiring of Him how to make their respective financial and physical preparations, as single households, but also as local congregations and as a global church?

	Three Levels of Preparation Personal Specifics	I practice it hardly → daily	Room for Involvement or Improvement Ideas and Plans / Needs and Questions
1	1. Spiritual Level (<i>Get Ready! Training Course</i>)		
2	Be converted to Jesus as Savior and Lord.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Be rooted in the faith and love of Jesus.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	Obey all of His commandments from love.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Daily seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Exercise all your spiritual gifts and talents.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	Help spread the Three Angels' Messages.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8	Be equipped to remain faithful to the end.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
10		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	2. Financial Level (<i>Scripture & G. Edward Reid</i>)		
12	Put God first (Pr 3:5-10; Mal 3:6-12; Ps 24:1).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	Have a spending plan (Pr 27:23; Lk 14:28).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
14	Avoid or eliminate debt (Pr 22:7; Ps 37:21).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15	Save some from each income (Pr 6:6-8).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16	Beware of get-rich-quick schemes (1 Ti 6:9).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17	Store up treasures in heaven (Mt 6:19-20).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
18		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
19		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20	3. Physical Level (<i>Country Living & LDE 95-122</i>)		
21	Leave the cities for country (CL 10, 21, 25-28).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
22	Raise your own provisions (CL 9, 17, 21, 24).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
23	Teach healthful habits to children (CL 21).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24	Learn to be medical missionaries (7T 59).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
25	Sell all your property in due time (EW 56-57).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
26	Trust God for the great time of trouble (EW 56).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
27		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
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D. Join the Movement – 401. Commitment

Summary: Knowing now **how** you acquire the **2nd** mark of discipleship, **complete self-denial**, you commit to **implementing** it in your daily life.

Upon working and praying through this theme I commit and pledge allegiance to the following, by the grace of God and according to His will:

My Commitment Pledge of Allegiance	I make it hesitantly → decidedly
D1. Accept our Prophetic Identity	
I commit to understanding the history and purpose, and to fulfilling the message and mission of God's remnant movement. I commit to striving "with all the power that God has given us to be among the hundred and forty-four thousand." (Mar 241).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
D2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs	
I commit to understanding and affirming the four landmark beliefs of the remnant, and to allowing them to shape my life. I commit to understanding and affirming the 28 fundamental beliefs of the remnant, and to allowing them to shape my life.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
D3. Order Your Life as a Steward	
I commit to ordering my life in accordance with all aspects of the seven areas of responsible and faithful stewardship. I commit to ordering my life in accordance with all aspects of the three areas of preparation for the coming time of trouble.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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Steps to Victory and Ministry for Last Day Disciples

*Discover and do YOUR part
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III. Our “Great Necessity:”
REFORMATION
of End-Time Lifestyle and Ministry

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E. Grow in Grace – 001. Overview

SUMMARY: Theme E shows **how** you acquire the **3rd** mark of discipleship, **perpetual abiding** in Jesus, by taking steps **7 to 9** in the discipling process.

Theme Details

- E1. Let Jesus Form Within**
- Three Steps in Sanctification
 - Restoration into His Image
- E2. Study the Word of God**
- How God Speaks to Us
 - Four Steps in Bible Study
- E3. Pray According to God's Will**
- The Purpose and Power of Prayer
 - The Provisions of Prayer

Purpose

- To help participants**
experience progress in sanctification as illustrated in the Holy Place of the Sanctuary:
- 1. Develop** moral purity and spiritual maturity through the active presence of Christ.
 - 2. Study** and meditate on God's Word seeking to know and do His will faithfully.
 - 3. Commune** with God and intercede for each other under the inspiration of the Spirit.

PHASE / Section	Need I: REVIVAL – Apostolic Faith and Godliness				
	1st Level: Calling the Church – Why God Calls Disciples = Requires the Marks				I have / do it hardly → daily
	This	Theme	Need	Response	
Awareness and Decision		A. Sound the Trumpet	1st – 3rd Mark of Discipleship		
		1. Awake to Our Present Time	1. win the final battle	1. absolute loyal love	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Stand on the Side of Truth	2. guard against deception	2. complete self-denial	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Preparedness and Precision		3. Qualify for the Seal of God	3. be secure in Jesus	3. perpetual abiding	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		B. Hear the Call	4th – 6th Mark of Discipleship		
		1. Join the Revival and Reformation	4. work with members	4. mutual agape love	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Fulfill the Divine Commission	5. use talents effectively	5. fruit-bearing ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Be Ready to Stand at Last	6. be fully equipped	6. overcoming witness	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	2nd Level: Growing the Church – How We Make Disciples = Acquire the Marks				
	This	Theme	Step	Result	
PHASE 1: Courtyard “Come to Me” = Pardon (Look back to His life & sacrifice) Message → Member (Gather / Gaining) (Reach up)		C. Come to Life	1st Mark of Discipleship: absolute loyal love		
		1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus	(1) believe Gospel	(1) grateful surrender	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Receive Justification by Faith	(2) receive justification	(2) truthful conversion	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Obey Jesus from Love	(3) love commandments	(3) joyful obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		D. Join the Movement	2nd Mark of Discipleship: complete self-denial		
		1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity	(4) accept identity	(4) purposeful membership	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
PHASE 2: Holy Place “Learn of Me” = Purity (Look up for His presence & Spirit) Member → Maturity (Grow / Training) (Reach Across)		2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs	(5) grasp teaching	(5) meaningful conviction	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Order Your Life as a Steward	(6) (re)order life	(6) faithful stewardship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		Need II: REFORMATION – End-Time Lifestyle and Ministry			
	►	E. Grow in Grace	3rd Mark of Discipleship: perpetual abiding		
	►	1. Let Jesus Form Within	(7) form Jesus	(7) spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	►	2. Study the Word of God	(8) study Word	(8) doctrinal purity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
PHASE 3: Most Holy Place “Go for Me” = Power (Look forward to His work & return) Maturity → Ministry (Go / Retaining) (Reach out)	►	3. Pray According to God's Will	(9) pray in the Spirit	(9) personal worship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		F. Share the Love	4th Mark of Discipleship: mutual agape love		
		1. Exercise Christlike Love	(10) practice love	(10) effectual unity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Contribute to Church Meetings	(11) value groups	(11) communal worship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Help with Practical Support	(12) serve needs	(12) practical support	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		G. Bear much Fruit	5th Mark of Discipleship: fruit-bearing ministry		
		1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents	(13) recognize talents	(13) doubtless certainty	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Organize and Combine All Talents	(14) organize talents	(14) classless teamwork	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Utilize and Commend All Talents	(15) utilize talents	(15) selfless service	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		H. Tell the World	6th Mark of Discipleship: overcoming witness		
		1. Enable Latter Rain Power	(16) enable power	(16) boundless light	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Reflect the Character of Jesus	(17) reflect Jesus	(17) spotless life	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus	(18) spread Gospel	(18) fearless fight	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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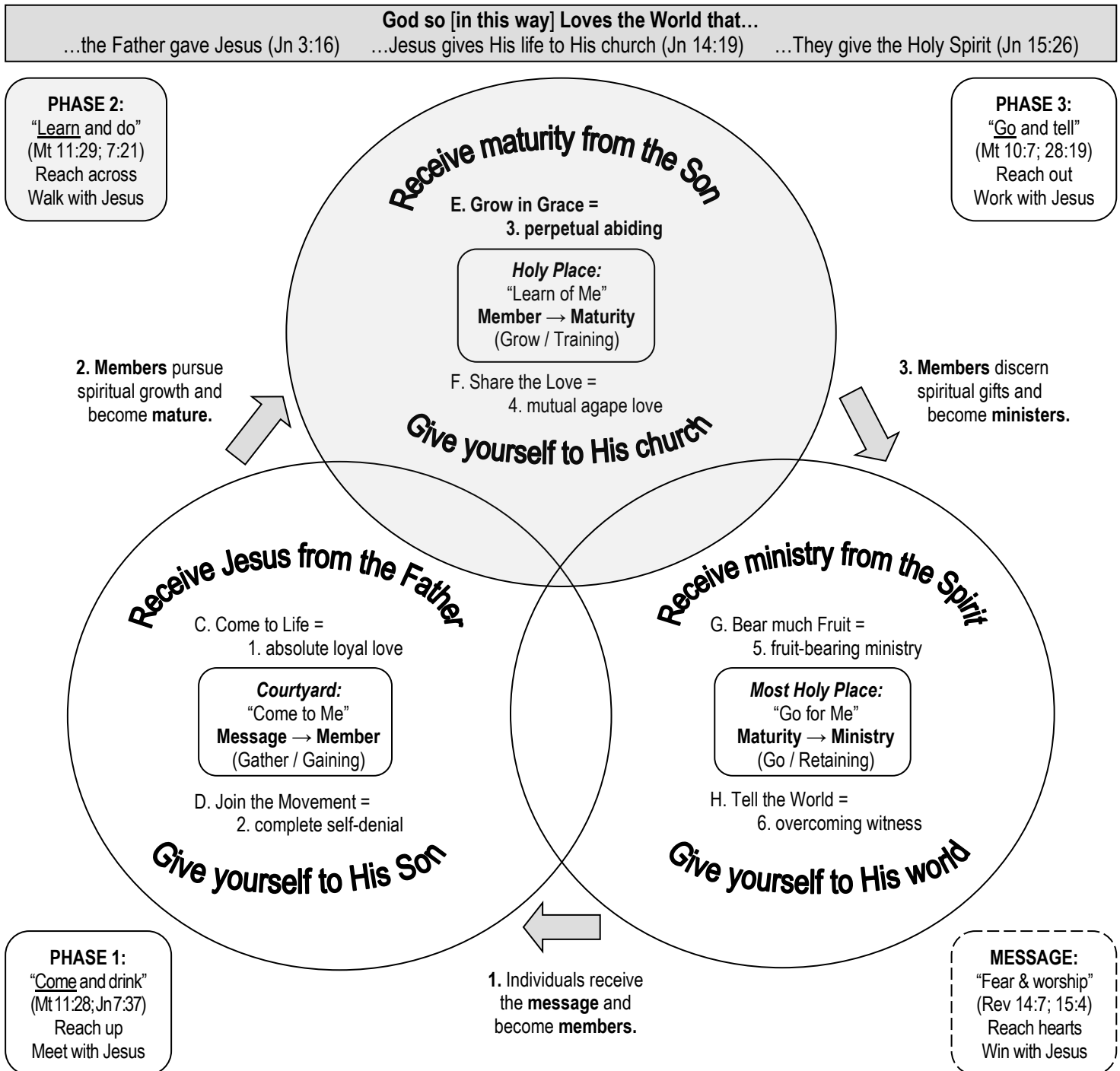
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E. Grow in Grace – 002. Dynamic Circles of Love

SUMMARY: Consider and appreciate now the **receiving** side of that circle of love, which forms **phase 2** in the discipling process.

The first theme and mark of discipleship in each phase cover the receiving side of the relationship, the second theme and mark the giving side. Jesus said, "Come to Me, Learn of Me." (Mt 11:28-30); then, "Go for Me into all the world." (Mk 16:15; Mt 28:20). So the three circles of love together form the process by which Jesus builds His church (Mt 16:18): **1.** He calls her to Himself (Mt 16:24), **2.** grows her into His full stature (Eph 4:13; 5:27), and **3.** sends her to complete her number (Rom 11:25-26). Then He will return to take His beloved bride home into God's eternal glory (Jn 14:1-3).



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E. Grow in Grace – 1. Let Jesus Form Within – 101. The Three Parts of Sanctification

SUMMARY: As a result of justification by faith, you **enter** into the second stage of salvation, **sanctification** by faith according to its three **parts**.

Sanctification is the second stage in God's restoration of humanity into His image, the likeness of His Son Jesus, by grace through faith (Eph 2:8). The righteousness of Jesus is imparted, He is formed within the believer by the indwelling of His Spirit (1 Co 3:16; Gal 4:19; Col 1:27; 3:10; 2 Pe 1:4). This "work of a lifetime" (AA 560) is illustrated by the three pieces of furniture in the Holy Place of the sanctuary.

The lampstand brings continuous light into the dark room. It symbolizes Jesus as the light of the world, and His church which reflects His light as He lives within them. The seven lamps filled with oil represent the whole Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit and understood, followed, and proclaimed in the Spirit's power by God's people. They are also being trimmed or freed from obstacles to reflect Jesus better.

The showbread is continuously kept on its table before God. It symbolizes Jesus as ever living mediator before His Father, and so the bread of life. The two stacks of bread represent the temporal food and spiritual blessings Jesus provides for His people so they grow into His likeness. The priests eating the bread typify all the believers who commune with Jesus, the living Word, and feed on His written Word.

The altar of incense is used to burn incense continuously. It symbolizes Jesus as the intercessor for His people, presenting His merits to the Father on their behalf. The offer of the lamb at the time of the incense illustrated that Jesus' merits are His perfect purity and His precious blood shed for all. Believers pray at the time of the incense knowing that Jesus' merits make their prayers acceptable to the Father.

Will God's remnant church utilize the divine means that make her ready for the marriage supper (Rev 19:7)?

Three Parts		The Type or Symbols: Furniture in Holy Place (Ex 40:22-27; Heb 9:2)		The Antitype or Reality: Sanctification by Faith (Col 2:5-7; Heb 10:38)		I see / do this hardly → daily
I. Lamp Stand Light of the world Christ and church	1	The lamp stand with seven lamps illumines the holy place day and night, without interruption.	Ex 27:20-21; Ex 30:7-8; Lev 24:1-4; PP 348	Jn 1:4, 9; 8:12; 9:5; 12:46; Mt 5:14-16; Php 2:12-16; Rev 1:12, 20; 2:5	Believers recognize Jesus as the true light of the world. Believers hear Jesus' call to be the light of the world, individually and corporately as a church.	<div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div>
	2	The high priest trims the lamps by cleaning or cutting the wick before He refills them with oil.	Ex 25:38; Ex 30:7-8	Eph 4:22-24, 30; 1 Jn 1:9; COL 420; TM 510; Eph 5:26; Da 12:3; Rev 18:1	Believers daily surrender all that hinders Jesus to sanctify His church, so she can reflect Him and shine in the Spirit's power.	<div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div>
	3	The high priest fills the lamps with fresh oil and lights them every morning and evening, so they never go out.	Ex 27:20; 30:8; Lev 24:2; Zec 4:2-7, 12; Eph 5:18	Ps 119:105, 130; 2 Pe 1:19; Zec 4:6; Jn 14:26; 16:13; 17:17; COL 408; Mt 3:11; Eph 5:18	Believers know they need the Word of God as lamp and light. They seek the Holy Spirit to understand it, be transformed by it, and so be filled with the Spirit.	<div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div>
II. Show- Bread Bread of Life	4	Bread is perpetually kept before God as “bread of the presence.”	Ex 25:30; PP 354	Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25; PP 354	Believers trust Jesus as their constant mediator before God.	<div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div>
	5	Bread is continually placed on the table in two stacks of six cakes.	Ex 25:30; Lev 24:6-7	Mt 6:11, 31-34; Lk 11:3; Jn 6:48-63; PP 354; DA 660	Believers acknowledge constant dependence on Him for temporal food and spiritual blessings.	<div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div>
	6	Only the priests are to prepare and eat the bread.	Lev 24:9; 1 Ch 9:32; Mt 12:3-4	Jn 6:31-63; 1 Pe 2:2-9; PP 354	Believers, as royal priests, feed on the living and the written Word.	<div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div>
III. Altar of Incense Friend Of Sinners Christ and church	7	The high priest offers incense looking by faith to the mercy seat, every morning and evening as a perpetual incense.	Ex 30:7-9; PP 353	Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25; PP 353	Believers look by faith to Jesus as their high priest Who, in their behalf, is continuously pleading His merits before God's throne.	<div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div>
	8	At each time of the incense, a continual burnt offering is made of a lamb without blemish. Blood of sin offerings is put on horns.	Ex 29:38-42; Nu 28:3-8; Lev 4:7, 18; PP 352	1 Pe 1:19; Heb 9:22; 10:19; Eph 5:27; Rom 12:1; PP 352	Believers know Jesus is that lamb, His merits, only basis for pardon, being His purity and shed blood. Believers hear call to be like Him.	<div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div>
	9	At each time of the incense and the sacrifice, worshipers gather at the tabernacle, or turn toward it, to seek pardon and request blessings.	Ps 141:2; Lk 1:10; 1SM 344; PP 353-354	Rev 5:8; 8:3-4; Heb 4:15-16; Jn 14:13-14; DA 667; TM 512	Believers know, only as Jesus mingles their prayers, inspired by His Spirit, with His purity, do they become acceptable to God.	<div><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/><input type="checkbox"/></div>

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E. Grow in Grace – 1. Let Jesus Form Within – 102. The Image of God – Overview

SUMMARY: This second stage of salvation, as you **grow** in grace, means you let Jesus **form** within you in **all** aspects of His person and calling.

God created us in His image (Ge 1:26), Jesus (Heb 1:3), and He wants to restore it in us, so we become like Jesus in all aspects of His person and life (Rom 8:29; 1 Jn 3:2). "Every phase of the Christian life is to be a representation of the life of Christ." (RH 10-17-1899). Christ is to live in us (Jn 17:23); He is shapes life now and is our only "hope of glory" (Col 1:5, 27). "In every soul wherein Christ, the hope of glory, dwells, His words are reechoed, 'I delight to do Thy will, O My God, yea, thy law is within my heart.' Psalm 40:8." (MB 109). "Without the life of Christ in us, we cannot withstand the storms of temptation. Our eternal safety depends upon our building upon the sure foundation." (DA 599).

How does Jesus form in us? 1. He comes by the Holy Spirit (Jn 14:15-18); as we ask for and are filled with His Spirit (Lk 11:13; Eph 5:18), we are one with Him and one another (Jn 17:23). 2. Jesus forms within us, as we behold Him by daily and prayerfully studying and reflecting on His Word, for it is only by beholding Him that we become changed (2 Co 3:18). "We need a more intimate knowledge of Christ. We should sit at his feet, and learn of him....As we behold and dwell upon his love, we shall see matchless charms in his character. He was perfect in all things....He was all that the law required; but what the law demanded of Christ, it demands of all humanity. We must be Christ-like, and give an example to the world that is worthy of imitation. In this way we shall honor God. And the Lord says, 'Them that honor me, I will honor.'" (RH 05-07-1889).

3. Jesus forms within us as we commune with Him in constant earnest prayer (Lk 18:1; 1 Th 5:17-18). "He who feels most deeply his need of divine aid will plead for it; and the Holy Spirit will give unto him glimpses of Jesus that will strengthen and uplift the soul. From communion with Christ he will go forth to work for those who are perishing in their sins. He is anointed for his mission; and he succeeds." (DA 436).

4. As Jesus forms in us we do His works, for "without me ye can do nothing." (Jn 15:5). "The most talented worker can do little unless Christ is formed within, the hope and strength of the life" (RH 08-19-1902). Therefore, "I can do all things through Christ which strenghteneth me." (Php 4:13). As we abide in him, we bear fruit and do His works (Jn 15:4; 14:12). "He who abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked." (1 Jn 2:6). It also works the other way. "In order for us to develop a character like Christ's, we must share in His work." (AG 335).

Will God's people avail themselves of the opportunities and ways to let Jesus form within them?

	Aspects of Jesus' Person								
1	1. Physical		2. Spiritual		3. Relational		4. Vocational		
2	Form and Immortality		Holiness and Lowliness		Oneness, Fruit and Gifts		Calling and Ministry		
3	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples	
4	Ed 20;	PP 45;	Lk 1:35;	2 Co 7:1;	Jn 1:1-2;	Jn 17:21-23;	Lk 4:18-21;	Mt 10:1;	
5	Heb 1:3;	1 Co 15:51-55;	2 Co 5:21;	1 Pe 1:15-16;	Lk 4:1;	Col 1:27;	Jn 6:40;	Jn 14:12;	
6	Php 3:21;	Rom 2:7;	Rom 11:33-34;	2 Pe 3:14;	Jn 3:34;	1 Jn 1:3, 7;	Jn 16:5	Jn 17:18;	
7	1 Ti 6:16	Php 3:21	1 Co 2:16;	Heb 12:14;	Jn 1:33;	Ac 1:8; 2:4;		Jn 20:21	
8			Mt 11:29;	Rom 12:2;	Mt 28:20;	Gal 5:22-23;			
9			Php 2:5-8	Php 2:1-5	Jn 17:21;	1 Co 12 & 13			
10					Jn 14:18			Details:	
	Aspects of Jesus' Calling								
11	1. Preaching,		2. Suffering		3. Prophet		4. Priest		5. King
12	Teaching, and Healing		and Glory		and Friend		and High Priest		of Heaven and Earth
13	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus	Disciples	Jesus
14	Mt 4:23;	Mt 10:1,7-8;	Isa 53;	Ac 5:41;	Mt 13:57;	Ac 11:27;	Eph 5:2;	Ex 19:6;	Mt 2:2;
15	Mt 9:35;	Mt 28:20;	Php 2:8-11;	1 Pe 1:6-7;	Ac 3:22;	1 Co 12:28;	7BC 733;	1 Pe 2:9;	Jn 12:12-15;
16	Mk 1:33-39;	Mk 3:13-15;	Heb 2:9-11;	4:12-13;	Ac 3:37;	1 Co	1 Ti 6:15;	Rev 1:6;	Jn 18:37;
17	Lk 4:18	Lk 9:1-2, 6;	Isa 53:3-6;	Rom 8:18;	Rev 3:22;	14:29-31	Rev 17:14;	Rev 5:10;	1 Ti 6:15;
18		Ac 5:42;	Mt 27:46	2 Co 4:17;	Jn 14:1-3;		Rev 19:16;	Rev 20:6	Rev 15:3;
19		Ac 28-31;		Jas 1:2-4;	Jn 15:15		Rev 15:3	Rev 17:14;	Rev 20:6
20		Rev 10:11		DA 624				Rev 19:6	
	Aspects of Jesus' Priesthood								
21	1. Offer Sacrifices				2. Make Intercession				
22	Jesus		Disciples		Jesus		Disciples		
23	Lev 1:5-8;		Ps 107:22;		Isa 53:12; Jn 17;		Eph 6:18; Jas 5:14-18;		
24	Heb 5:1; 7:27; 9:14, 26		Heb 13:15; 1 Pe 2:5; Rom 12:1		Lk 22:32; 23:34; Rom 8:34		Mt 5:44; Ac 7:60; 1 Ti 2:1-2		

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E. Grow in Grace – 1. Let Jesus Form Within – 103. Aspects of His Person and Calling

SUMMARY: As you **let** Jesus form His life within you, you become more and more **like** Him and **represent** His own person and calling in your life.

God created us in His image (Ge 1:26), Jesus (Heb 1:3), and He wants to restore it in us, so we become like Jesus in all aspects of His person and life (Rom 8:29; 1 Jn 3:2). "Every phase of the Christian life is to be a representation of the life of Christ." (*RH 10-17-1899*). Christ in us is His goal (Jn 17:23); He shapes our whole life now and is our only "hope of glory" (Col 1:5, 27). "In every soul wherein Christ, the hope of glory, dwells, His words are reechoed, 'I delight to do Thy will, O My God, yea, thy law is within my heart.' Psalm 40:8." (*MB 109*). "Without the life of Christ in us, we cannot withstand the storms of temptation. Our eternal safety depends upon our building upon the sure foundation." (*DA 599*).

Jesus forms in us, **1.** when we are filled with His Spirit (Eph 5:18); **2.** as we behold Him in His Word (2 Co 3:18); **3.** as we commune with Him in effective prayer (Jn 15:7); and **4.** as we abide in Him obeying His word, and bear fruit doing His works (Jn 15:10, 5; 14:12).

Aspects of Jesus' Person		I desire it hardly → greatly
1	1. Physical Aspects	
2	In His beautiful appearance (<i>Ed 20</i>), He is God's express image (Heb 1:3); we shall be like Him (1 Co 15:51-54; 1 Jn 3:2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	He has a glorious and immortal body (Php 3:21; 1 Ti 6:16); He will give us one too (Rom 2:7; 1 Co 15:51-55; Php 3:21).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	2. Spiritual Aspects	
5	He is holy and sinless (Lk 1:35; 2 Co 5:21; Heb 4:15; 7:26); so shall we be (2 Co 7:1; 1 Pe 1:15-16; 2 Pe 3:14; Heb 12:14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	He has a wise, humble mind (Rom 11:33-34; 1 Co 2:16; Mt 11:29); we need the same (Rom 12:2; Php 2:3-8; 1 Pe 4:1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	3. Relational Aspects	
8	He is one with the Father (Jn 1:1-2; 10:30; 14:10-11); so are we called to be one with God (Jn 17:21-23; Col 1:27; 1 Jn 1:3).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	He is full of the Holy Spirit (Lk 4:1; Jn 3:34; 1:33); so need we be (Ac 1:8; 2:4; Eph 5:18; Gal 5:22-25, fruit; 1 Co 12, gifts).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	He is one with His people (Mt 28:20; Jn 17:21; 14:18); so are we with Him & one another (Jn 17:21; Rom 12:5; 1 Jn 1:3, 7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	4. Vocational Aspects (<i>For details, see Aspects of Jesus' Calling, below</i>)	
12	He was sent with a calling (Lk 4:18-21; Jn 6:40; 16:5); He sends us with a similar one (Mt 10:1; Jn 14:12; 17:18; 20:21).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Aspects of Jesus' Calling		
10	1. Preaching, Teaching, and Healing	
11	He went about preaching the kingdom, teaching in synagogues, and healing many (Mt 4:23; 9:35; Mk 1:33-39; Lk 4:18).	
12	He commissioned His disciples to do the same (Mt 10:1, 7-8; 28:20; Mk 3:13-15; Lk 9:1-2, 6; Ac 5:42; 28:31; Rev 10:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	2. Suffering and Glory	
14	He suffered before going to glory (Isa 53; Php 2:8-11; Heb 2:9-11); we follow Him in both (Ac 5:41; 1 Pe 1:6-7; 2:19-23).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	He suffered separation from God for our sins (Isa 53:3-6; Mt 27:46); we only suffer in joy to mature (Rom 5:2-5; Jas 1:2-4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	3. Prophet and Friend	
17	He is the prophet we must hear (Mt 13:57; Lk 13:33; Ac 3:22; 3:37); we may have the prophetic gift (Ac 11:27; 1 Co 12:28).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	He prophesied to cheer & befriend His disciples (Jn 14:1-3; 15:15); we too prophesy to encourage others (1 Co 14:29-31).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	4. Priest and High Priest (<i>For details, see Aspects of Jesus' Priesthood, below</i>)	
17	He was a priest, the offerer and offering (Eph 5:2; <i>7BC 733</i>), and now is our sympathetic High Priest (1 Ti 2:5; Heb 4:14-15).	
18	He made us a royal priesthood unto our God, a holy nation, a peculiar people (Ex 19:6; 1 Pe 2:9; Rev 1:6; 5:10; 20:6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	5. King of Heaven and Earth	
17	He is the king of glory (Ps 24:7-10), of Israel (Mt 2:2; Jn 12:12-15), of truth (Jn 18:37), of kings (1 Ti 6:15; Rev 17:14; 19:16).	
18	He is the king of saints (Rev 15:3); we are a kingdom of priests & will reign with Him (Ex 19:6; 1 Pe 2:9; Rev 1:6; 5:10; 20:6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Aspects of Jesus' Priesthood		
19	1. Offer Sacrifices	
20	As priest and high priest, He offered Himself on earth, and now His blood in heaven (Lev 1:5-8; Heb 5:1; 7:27; 9:14, 26).	
21	We offer spiritual sacrifices: thanks & praise (Ps 107:22; Heb 13:15; 1 Pe 2:5), and ourselves as living sacrifices (Rom 12:1).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	2. Make Intercession	
23	He makes intercession for sinners (Isa 53:12; Jn 17; Lk 22:32; 23:34; Rom 8:34) and for those who obey Him (Jn 14:16).	
24	We intercede for one another (Eph 6:18), for the sick (Jas 5:14-16), for enemies (Mt 5:44; Ac 7:60), and for all (1 Ti 2:1-2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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E. Grow in Grace – 1. Let Jesus Form Within – 104. Developing Jesus' Character

SUMMARY: You take **step 7** of the discipling process, as you let Jesus **form** in you and live out His life by His **Spirit**, typified by the **lampstand**.

Jesus' character develops in us, **1.** when we are filled with His Spirit (Eph 5:18) and walk in the Spirit bearing His fruit (Gal 5:16, 22-23); **2.** as we behold Him by studying and reflecting on His Word (2 Co 3:18); and **3.** as we commune with Him in constant prayer (Lk 18:1).

Aspects of Jesus' Character		I desire this hardly→greatly
1	1. The Glory / Character of God (Ex 34:6-7; Nu 4:18) [* and ** same as under 2.]	
2	He is merciful, that is, <i>pitying, compassionate, reconciling</i> (Ex 34:6-7; Eph 2:4); so are we called to be (Lk 6:36; Col 3:12).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	He is gracious, that is, <i>considerate, charming, benevolent</i> (Ex 34:6; Lk 4:22); so do we need to be (Ecc 10:12; Col 4:6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	*He is longsuffering, that is, <i>patient, forbearing, slow to anger</i> (Ex 34:6; 2 Pe 3:9, 15); so are we to be (Eph 4:2; Col 3:12).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	**He is abundant in goodness, that is, <i>fair, upright, agreeable</i> (Ex 34:6; Rom 2:4); we need to be the same (Rom 15:14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	He is abundant in truth, that is, <i>right, faithful, firm, objective</i> (Ex 34:6; Jn 1:14; 14:6); so are we to be (Eph 4:15, 25).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	He forgives all iniquity, that is, <i>bears, covers, takes it away</i> (Ex 34:7; Mt 12:31); so do we need to do (Lk 6:37; Eph 4:32).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	He does not clear the guilty, is <i>just, not condoning sin</i> (Ex 34:7; Rev 3:19); neither should we (Mt 18:15-17; Jas 5:19-20).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	2. The Fruit / Effect of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23) [* and ** same as under 1.]	
10	He has love, that is, <i>"agape" – self-sacrificing love</i> (Jn 3:16; 15:3); we need to have it too (Jn 13:34; Mt 5:44; Rom 13:8).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	He has joy, that is, <i>satisfaction, holy pleasure</i> (Lk 15:7; Jn 17:13; Mt 25:21); it can be ours (Lk 10:20; Jn 15:12; Php 4:4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	He has and makes peace, that is, <i>completeness, harmony</i> (Jn 14:27; Col 1:20); so need we (Jn 16:33; Rom 5:1; Mt 5:9).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	*He is longsuffering, that is, <i>patient, forbearing, slow to anger</i> (Nu 14:18; Ps 86:15; 1 Ti 1:16); we also (Col 1:11; 2 Ti 4:2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	He has gentleness, that is, is <i>mild, kind, reasonable</i> (2 Co 10:1); we need to exhibit it too (2 Ti 2:24; Tit 3:2; Jas 3:17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	**He has goodness, that is, is <i>fair, upright, agreeable</i> (Ps 25:7-8; 2 Th 1:11); so are we called to be (Rom 15:14; Eph 2:10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	He is faithful, that is, <i>loyal, dependable</i> (Hos 2:20; Heb 2:17; Rev 3:14); so do we need to be (Mt 25:21; Rev 2:10; 17:14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	He has meekness, that is, is <i>humble, submissive, patient</i> (Mt 11:29; 21:5); He wants us to have it too (Col 3:12; Jas 1:21).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	He has temperance, that is, <i>moderation, self-control</i> (Lk 7:33-35; Mt 26:59-63); we need it also (1 Co 9:25; 2 Pe 1:6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	3. The Attributes of Jesus' Life (New Testament) [* specifically for Laodiceans]	
20	He was holy and sinless, that is, <i>set apart, blameless</i> (Lk 1:35; Heb 4:15); so do we need to become (1 Th 5:23; 2 Pe 3:14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	He was always full of the Holy Spirit (Jn 1:32; 3:34; Eph 1:23); so do we need to be filled with His Spirit (Eph 3:19; 5:18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	He lived and overcame by the Word of God (Mt 4:1-11; 21:12-13; 26:24); this is also our victory (Eph 6:17; Rev 12:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	He was in constant communion with His Father (Lk 6:12; 11:1; Jn 5:19); we need the same connection (Lk 18:1; 1 Th 5:17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	He kept God's commandments, incl. Sabbath (Lk 4:17; Jn 8:29; 15:10); so do we in love (Jn 14:15; 1 Jn 5:2; Rev 12:17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	He was meek and lowly in heart (Mt 11:29; 21:5; 2 Co 10:1); He wants us to learn from Him (Mt 11:29; Gal 5:23; Eph 4:2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	He lived not to be served, but to serve and die (Mt 20:28; Lk 12:37); so shall we serve others (Mt 23:11; Jn 13:12-17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	He never ceased to love God's people (Jn 13:1, 34; 15:13); neither must our love have limits (Jn 13:34; 15:13; 1 Co 13:8).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	He prayed for His followers and His enemies (Jn 17:20; Lk 23:34); we need to do the same (Eph 6:18; 1 Ti 2:1; Mt 5:44).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
29	He suffered without reviling and threatening (Mt 27:39-44; 1 Pe 2:23); we are called to do so also (1 Co 4:12; 1 Pe 2:20-23).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	He humbled Himself and was obedient unto death (Mt 20:25-28; Php 2:5-8); so shall we be (Heb 12:4; Rev 2:10; 12:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	*He offers His faith and love tested by fiery trials (Rev 3:18); we need them (Jas 1:2-4, 12; 1 Pe 1:7; 4:12-14; Rev 2:10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
32	*He offers His pure victorious righteousness (Heb 4:15; Rev 3:5, 18); we cannot do without it (Heb 12:14; Rev 7:13-17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
33	*He offers His spiritual discernment and wisdom (Jas 1:5; Rev 3:18); we must have it (2 Co 13:5; 1 Co 2:14; 1 Jn 4:1).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
34	4. The Ten Commandments (Ex 20:1-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 22:37-40; 19:18; Rom 13:9-10)	
35	1. He only obeyed His Father as His God (Jn 7:17; 15:10); so are we to keep Jesus' commandments (Jn 14:15; 15:10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
36	2. He never prayed before images (Mt 14:23; Mk 1:35; Lk 5:16); we don't worship them either (Da 3:16-18; Rev 15:2; 20:4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
37	3. He always referred to His Father respectfully (Lk 2:49; Mt 7:21; 26:39); so do we (Mt 6:7-9; Lk 11:2; Ac 4:24, 29; 7:59).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
38	4. He kept the Sabbath (Lk 4:16), even in death (Lk 23:52-54); we keep it (Mt 24:20; Ac 18:4), even in heaven (Isa 66:23).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
39	5. He honored His parents (Lk 2:48-51; Jn 19:26-27); so do we (Mk 19:19), unless Jesus calls us (Mk 8:21-22; GC 612).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
40	6. He never showed unrighteous anger, but forgave evildoers (Lk 23:34; Jn 8:11); so do we need to (Mt 5:21-22, 38-48).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
41	7. He had pure encounters with women, healing them (Jn 4:7-25; Mk 16:9); we must not lust even in thought (Mt 5:27-28).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
42	8. He had and took nothing for Himself, but received support (Mt 8:20; 27:55-56); we should do honest work (Eph 4:28).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
43	9. He always witnesses truthfully (Mt 10:32; Lk 12:8; Jn 18:23; Rev 3:5, 14); nor must we speak evil (Eph 4:31; Jas 4:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
44	10. He was poor by choice (Mt 8:20; Lk 9:58); we should be content and help the needy (1 Ti 6:8; Heb 13:5; Ac 2:45; 4:32).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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E. Grow in Grace – 2. Study the Word of God – 201. How God Speaks to Us

SUMMARY: You take **step 8** in the discipling process, as you hear Him **speak** to you, especially in His **word**, so you become and stay doctrinally **pure**.

God had spoken with Adam and Eve face to face (Ge 1:28; 2:16-17), but sin made this impossible (Ge 3:23; 1SP 7; GC v). Ever since Eden, God has communicated with people individually and corporately in various indirect ways (Rom 1:18-20; Heb 1:1-2; Rev 14:6; 18:1), so He may reach every single person. How we respond to Him, is our free decision and responsibility. "Hear His voice." (Jn 10:1-5; Heb 3:7; 4:7).

God speaks to us most clearly in His written Word (Ps 119:105; Jn 17:17; 2 Ti 3:16). "All whom God is leading will manifest a high regard for the Scriptures in which His voice is heard." (5BC 1147). Soon we will commune with Him again face to face (1 Jn 3:2; Rev 22:4).

Are God's remnant people allowing themselves to hear the Lord's voice and to heed it (Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22)?

	Divine Ways of Communication	References Scripture / EGW	God (spoke) speaks to me		I hear(d) Him never → daily	I obey(ed) hardly → always
			through	telling me		
1	1. Our Families (from outside)					
2	Parent(s)	Dt 6:6-7; Lk 2:47-52			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	Grandparent(s)	2 Ti 1:5			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	Sibling(s)	Ge 37:5-9; Mt 12:46-50			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Relative(s)	Ex 18:12-27			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	Spouse	Mt 27:19; Lk 1:59-64			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	2. Many Others (from outside)					
8	Teacher(s)	Mt 9:35; 28:20; Ac 13:1-3			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	Believer(s)	Mt 18:15-18; Ac 9:6; 10:6			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	Preacher(s)	Mk 1:38; 6:12; Ac 8:4			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Prophet(s)	Heb 1:1; Ac 13:1; 15:32			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	Angel(s)	Da 8:15-26; Lk 2:8-14			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	God’s audible voice	Ge 3:8-10; Ac 10:13-20			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	God in human form	Ge 18:1-2; Jn 1:14-15			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	3. Visible Creation (Rom 1:18-20)					
16	Heavens	Ps 8:3-9; 19:1-6			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	Flowers	Mt 6:28-30; RH 11-08-1898			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	Animals	Pr 6:6; Mt 10:28-31			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	4. Circumstances (from outside)					
20	Providential	Jer 32:6-9; Ac 10:9-48			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	Requested	Ge 24:12-32; 2 Ki 20:8-11			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	5. The Word of God (heard or read)					
23	Characters / Events	Joseph, Exodus, Gospels			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	Laws / Instructions	Moral Law, Jesus, Paul			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	Promises / Warnings	To Noah, Israel, Christians			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	Symbols / Prophecies	Daniel, Joel, Revelation			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	6. The Human Mind (from inside)					
28	Conscience	Jn 8:9; Rom 2:15; 9:1			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
29	Memory	Mt 26:75; Jn 14:26			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	Impression/Desire	Ge 2:18 ff.; CS 315; DA 172			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	Understanding	Ps 73:3, 17; Da 12:10			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
32	Still small voice	1 Ki 19:12; 2T 189; TM 345			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
33	Spirit-led prayer	Jn 17:1-26; 2MR 36			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
34	Dream (asleep)	Ge 37:5-7; Mt 1:18-25			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
35	Vision (awake)	Ge 15:1-21; Ac 10:9-17, 28			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
36	Talent/Spiritual Gift	1 Co 4-11; 1 Pe 4:8-11				

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E. Grow in Grace – 2. Study the Word of God – 202. “Behold the Lamb of God”

SUMMARY: As you **behold** Jesus in His word or feed on Him, typified by the **showbread**, you grow in grace while He **restores** His image in you.

At conversion we put off the old man of sin and put on the man of holiness, even Jesus Christ Himself through the indwelling of His Holy Spirit (Eph 4:22-24; Col 3:9-10; Gal 2:20; Col 1:27; Jn 14:16-18; 1 Co 6:19). However, subsequent progress in sanctification depends on the daily beholding of God in Jesus who then changes us more and more into His likeness through His Spirit (2 Co 3:18; 4:6). We become transformed by the renewing of our mind as we heed the call to “behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” (Rom 12:1-2; Jn 1:29, 36).

We behold the Lamb of God when we study Jesus in His Word, and earnestly strive to be like Him (2 Ti 3:14-17; 6BC 1098). “Those who study the Redeemer’s wonderful sacrifice grow in grace and knowledge.” (5BC 1137). In this way, “The contemplation of this sacrifice will be the glory of those who, as the fruit of it, will live through the eternal ages.” (DA 623). But while we are still here, are we not called to “send the bright beams of the Sun of righteousness into all the dark places of the earth? To be a Christian is to be Christlike.” (6BC 1097). Are we heeding the call?

The Process of Beholding		I experience it hardly → daily
1	1. The Focus	
2	NOT: Our sins and faults, or how to overcome them in order to be saved (SC 71).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	BUT: The salvation of the Lord (Ex 14:13; 2 Ch 20:17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	The glory or character of God (Ex 33:18; 34:5-7), especially as revealed in the person and life of Christ (Jn 1:18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	God as Savior in Christ (Nu 21:8-9; Jn 3:14-18); the magnitude and meaning of His sacrifice (5BC 1133; DA 660-661, 687).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	The “manner of love the Father that bestowed upon us” by giving the sacrifice of “the lamb of God” (1 Jn 1:3; Jn 1:29, 36).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Jesus as the author and finisher of our faith (Heb 12:2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Jesus in His attractive loveliness, His matchless charms and love (6BC 1097; OHC 216; DA 661).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	2. The Method	
10	Studying the life of Christ as given in His Word (6BC 1098).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Contemplating His life and death in faith during the Communion service (DA 661).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	Beholding Him for the purpose of becoming like Him (6BC 1098).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	Continuing to behold His charms (OHC 216; 7T 94; SC 72).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	3. The Effect	
15	With regard to God:	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	We discern God’s hatred for sin, but also His love for sinners (5BC 1133).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	We bow our head and worship (Ex 34:8).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	We are attracted to Him (6BC 1097).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	We delight in beholding God in Christ (ST 10-03-1895).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	Praise to God and the Lamb is in our hearts and on our lips (DA 661).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	With regard to ourselves:	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	We see our unworthiness and inability, but the Lord calls us to ministry (Ex 3:6-12; Ac 9:3-9).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	We abhor ourselves and repent, but the Lord restores us (Job 42:6, 10; Mt 26:57; Jn 21:15-19).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	We realize that we are undone and unclean, but the Lord cleanses us (Isa 6:5-7; 1 Jn 1:9).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	We fall down in weakness, but the Lord lifts us up and strengthens us (Da 10:8-10; Rev 1:17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	We confess our sinfulness, and the Lord calls us to serve Him (Lk 5:8-10; 1 Ti 1:12-16).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	We are humbled by our own deficiency, but also filled with love and admiration (SC 73).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	We feel utter abhorrence for our sins, but also an intense longing and thirsting for Christ’s righteousness (OHC 58).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
29	We discover our serious defects and unlikeness to Christ, but also see the necessity of radical changes in our lives, and	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	desire to become like our great Example (6BC 1098).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	4. The Agent	
32	Christ Himself does this work of change (Eph 5:26-27) through His Spirit (2 Co 3:18; 6BC 1097; OHC 58).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
33	We cannot change ourselves (Jer 13:23), but must be born again (Jn 3:7) and sanctified (2 Th 2:13).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
34	In this way, Jesus can live in us (Gal 2:20), our only hope of glory (Col 1:27), to God’s glory (1 Co 6:20).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
35	5. Summary	
36	We do not focus on ourselves, our faults and shortcomings, but on God in Jesus, His character and His work in us.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
37	However, beholding makes us aware of our defects; we desire that He change us, which He longs to do (Eph 5:25-27).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
38	We may not notice the change (OHC 58), but we cooperate with Him by loving, following, and depending on Him (SC 7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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E. Grow in Grace – 2. Study the Word of God – 203. The Four Steps of Bible Study

SUMMARY: You **benefit** from studying Jesus' word and beholding Him in it only to the **extent**, to which you **follow** these four essential **steps**.

Fundamental Belief 1 summarizes the SDA view of the Bible: "The Holy Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, are the written Word of God, given by divine inspiration through holy men of God who spoke and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. In this Word, God has committed to man the knowledge necessary for salvation. The Holy Scriptures are the infallible revelation of His will. They are the standard of character, the test of experience, the authoritative revealer of doctrines, and the trustworthy record of God's acts in history. (2 Peter 1:20, 21; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Ps. 119:105; Prov. 30:5, 6; Isa. 8:20; John 17:17; 1 Thess. 2:13; Heb. 4:12.)" (GC website).

The study of and obedience to God's word are extremely crucial in these last days. "Those who endeavor to obey all the commandments of God will be opposed and derided. They can stand only in God. In order to endure the trial before them, they must understand the will of God as revealed in His word; they can honor Him only as they have a right concept of His character, government, and purposes, and act in accordance with them. None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict. To every soul will come the searching test: Shall I obey God rather than men? The decisive hour is even now at hand.

"Are our feet planted on the rock of God's immutable word? Are we prepared to stand firm in defense of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus?...The events connected with the close of probation and the work of preparation for the time of trouble, are clearly presented. But multitudes have no more understanding of these important truths than if they had never been revealed. Satan watches to catch away every impression that would make them wise unto salvation, and the time of trouble will find them unready....When the testing time shall come, those who have made God's word their rule of life will be revealed...will stand firm as a rock." (GC 593-594, 602).

"The truth and the glory of God are inseparable; it is impossible for us, with the Bible within our reach, to honor God by erroneous opinions. Many claim that it matters not what one believes, if his life is only right. But the life is molded by the faith. If light and truth is within our reach, and we neglect to improve the privilege of hearing and seeing it, we virtually reject it; we are choosing darkness rather than light. 'There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.' Proverbs 16:25. Ignorance is no excuse for error or sin, when there is every opportunity to know the will of God...[to] know for ourselves what He requires of us." (GC 597).

Are God's people "rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Ti 2:15)? First, we want to honor God; secondly, our "soul's salvation is at stake" (GC 598). Bible study that yields reliable truth and a firm faith follows four essential steps:

The Four Steps		I believe / do it hardly → daily
1	<u>1. Recognize the True Authority of Scripture</u>	
2	Only God's word is truth (Jn 17:17), as revealed in Jesus (Jn 1:14) and inspired by the Spirit of truth (Jn 16:13; 2 Pe 1:21).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	So all evidence for the truth of every point of faith needs to come from the Scriptures alone (Isa 8:20; Mt 4:1-11; GC 595).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	We must never rely on fallible sources, which claim authority to teach truth and try to control our consciences. Examples:	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Opinions of learned men, creeds and decisions of church councils, deductions of science, or the majority (GC 595-597).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	Instead, we must search the Scriptures for ourselves, as we are to answer for ourselves before God (Ac 17:11; GC 598).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	<u>2. Have the Proper Attitude toward Bible Study</u>	
8	We must ever pray that the Holy Spirit open our eyes to discern spiritual things spiritually (Ps 119:18; 1 Co 2:14; GC 599).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	Thus, we guard against skepticism, scientific objections, philosophical reasoning, distrust or contempt of Scripture (GC 600).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	"We should exert all the powers of the mind...and task the understanding to comprehend, as far as mortals can." (GC 599).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Yet, we must not depend on the power of intellect, but search with a single purpose: to practice the truth (GC 599; 4BC 656).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	That is, we must come with the humble, teachable spirit of a true learner, sincerely desiring to know God's will (GC 599).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	<u>3. Use the Common Principles of Interpretation</u>	
14	Before accepting any doctrine, "demand a plain 'Thus saith the Lord'", that is, an actual text (Mt 4:4, 7, 10; Lk 10:26; GC 595).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	Interpret the Bible "according to its obvious [literal] meaning, unless a symbol or figure is employed." (GC 599; 10BC 787).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	Interpret each text in the light of its own context (4BC 656), and each word according to its usage in the original language.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	Interpret each text in harmony with all related texts or the whole Bible, as it does not contradict itself (Isa 8:20; 4BC 656).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	Let the Bible interpret itself: compare Scripture texts, allowing clear ones to explain less clear ones (GC 598; 4BC 656).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	<u>4. Show the Right Response to New Learning</u>	
20	Let God's word charm you with its beauty, admonish you by its warnings, and strengthen you by its promises (GC 600).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	Walk in its light, experience its truth (Mal 3:10; Jn 7:17; GC 599), and encourage others to follow your example (GC 598).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	Hide it in your heart and trust that the Holy Spirit will bring it to your mind in times of need (Ps 119:11; Jn 14:26; GC 600).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	Fast, pray, and meditate more on God's word, and sleep not, "for the foe is lurking near" (Ps 119:99; 1 Pe 5:8; GC 601).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	Expect opposition and persecution for the truth, but stand firm in it and bear fruit (Heb 12:3; 2 Ti 3:12; Jas 1:12; GC 601).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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E. Grow in Grace – 3. Pray According to God's Will – 301. The Purpose and Process of Effectual Prayer

SUMMARY: You take **step 9** in the discipling process, as you worship God by **praying** according to His will, typified by the altar of **incense**.

Although pagan gods do not see, hear, or know (Da 5:23; Rev 9:20), occultists use "curious arts" (Ac 19:19), magic practices, to communicate with them (AA 288). Their petitioners try to solicit their attention and help by flattering titles and many repetitions (1 Ki 18:26; Mt 6:7). By contrast, the true God created and loves the world and cares for His people (Jn 1:3; 3:16; 1 Pe 5:7). We are to pray to Him in trust and simple words (Lk 11:1-13). But do we still think we need to pray to motivate God to help us? Or do we really believe that God knows all our needs (Mt 6:25-34) and is willing and indeed longing to provide for us even before we ask (Isa 65:24; Mt 6:8; 7:7; Jn 15:7; COL 146; OHC 129)?

The truth is that God wants to motivate and empower us, through His Spirit (Rom 8:26-27), to ask of Him the very things He already has. In this way, at least three purposes of prayer are fulfilled: First, God is glorified, that is, His true character of love, justice and mercy is revealed. God is glorified through Jesus as He answers our prayers (Jn 14:13-14); God is glorified through His church, as His answers enable us to bear much fruit (Jn 7-8, 16). Second, our answered prayers supply us with all the help we need, such as forgiveness and healing (Heb 4:16; 2 Ch 7:14; 1 Jn 1:9). Third, as our answered prayers confirm God's goodness, our joy in knowing Him becomes full (Jn 16:22-24).

How crucial it is, therefore, that God's people understand and take their place within the divine process of effectual prayer! Evidently, such prayer requires the close cooperation of four parties: God the Father Who initiates it, the Holy Spirit Who empowers it, God's people who express it, and the Lord Jesus Who purifies it to make it acceptable to God. While the three divine parties are always in complete agreement, the "weak link" in the chain of events is that as humans we are by nature unaware of our true needs and unable to pray for them "as we ought". We are therefore in constant and dire need of the prompting and empowering of the Holy Spirit so we will pray correctly (Rom 8:26).

Will we avail ourselves of the ready and enabling cooperation of the triune God that makes our prayers possible and effectual? As we enter into this 5-step process with Him, we shall give all the credit and praise for answered prayer to God alone.

	God's Part	References	Believer's Part
1	a. <u>God has a plan for every individual & His church:</u> b. He puts His will into our hearts as desires as we remain in His Word and will. c. He then awaits the prayers of His inspired people, as He will not impose His gifts on anyone.	Jer 29:11; Ge 2:18-20; Ps 145:19; Ps 34:4-5; ML 19; Jn 15:7; Mt 7:7; Lk 11:9; Jn 16:24	<i>"Angels of God [are] all ready to impart grace and power to those who feel their need of divine strength. But [the] heavenly messengers will not bestow blessings unless solicited. They have waited for the cry from souls hungering and thirsting for the blessing of God; often have they waited in vain. (OHC 129).</i>
2	a. <u>The Holy Spirit makes us feel our needs:</u> He prompts us to pray according to God's will. b. He helps us to pray "as we ought": He enables us to fulfill the conditions to answered prayer. c. He inspired earnestness and intensity in prayer as a divine pledge for abundant help.	1SM 344; ST 10-03-1892; Rom 8:26; COL 133-149; 6BC 537; COL 147	<i>"The Holy Spirit indites [prompts, composes, expresses] all genuine prayer." (ST 10-03-1892). "The Spirit works upon our hearts, drawing out prayer and penitence, praise and thanksgiving." (1SM 344) "Those who bring their petitions to God, claiming His promise while they do not comply with the conditions, insult Jehovah." (COL 143).</i>
3	<i>"All His gifts are promised on condition of obedience. God has a heaven full of blessings for those who will co-operate with Him." (COL 145). "Oh, that we may have a deeper experience in prayer! With confidence we may come to God, knowing what it is to have the presence and power of His Spirit." (ST 10-03-1892). "Passing through the corrupt channels of humanity, [our prayers] are so defiled that unless purified by blood, they can never be of value with God." (AG 154).</i>	Eph 6:18; COL 133-149; 1 Jn 5:14-15; Heb 4:16; 10:19; 1 Th 5:17; Lk 18:1; Mt 4:6-7; 6:10; Mk 14:36; Mt 26:42; 1SM 344; TMK 75	<u>God's People pray prompted by the Holy Spirit:</u> a. They are able to fulfill the conditions for answered prayer. b. They pray in the name of Jesus, according to God's Word and will. They persevere in claiming His promises by faith or commit their will to His unknown will in full surrender, and without any presumption. c. However, their prayers are offered through the corrupt channels of humanity and are in need of cleansing.
4	<u>Jesus makes our prayers acceptable to God:</u> a. He makes them His own desires. b. He mingles them with His own righteousness. c. Through His intercession they come before God's throne as wholly acceptable to Him.	Rev 8:3-4; DA 667; LHU 190; 6BC 1077-78; Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25; PP 353; AG 154	<i>"[Christ] gathers into this censer the prayers, the praise, and the confessions of His people, and with these He puts His own spotless righteousness. Then, perfumed with the merits of Christ's propitiation, the incense comes up before God wholly and entirely acceptable." (1SM 344).</i>
5	<u>Jesus and the Father answer such prayers:</u> a. They accept the inspired, earnest, and purified prayers of faith expressed by God's people. b. They grant their desires according to Jesus' will. c. They involve angels and the people of faith in answering their own prayers.	Ps 37:3-5; Mt 7:7-8; Lk 11:9; Jn 14:13-14; 15:16; COL 147; OHC 316; 1T 120-121; SC 96; Jn 9:1-7; ML 19	<i>"Ministering angels are waiting about the throne to instantly obey the mandate of Jesus Christ to answer every prayer offered in earnest, living faith." (2SM 377). "After we have offered our petitions, we are to answer them ourselves as far as possible, and not wait for God to do for us what we can do for ourselves." (ML 19).</i>

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E. Grow in Grace – 3. Pray According to God's Will – 302. The Power and Privilege of Effectual Prayer

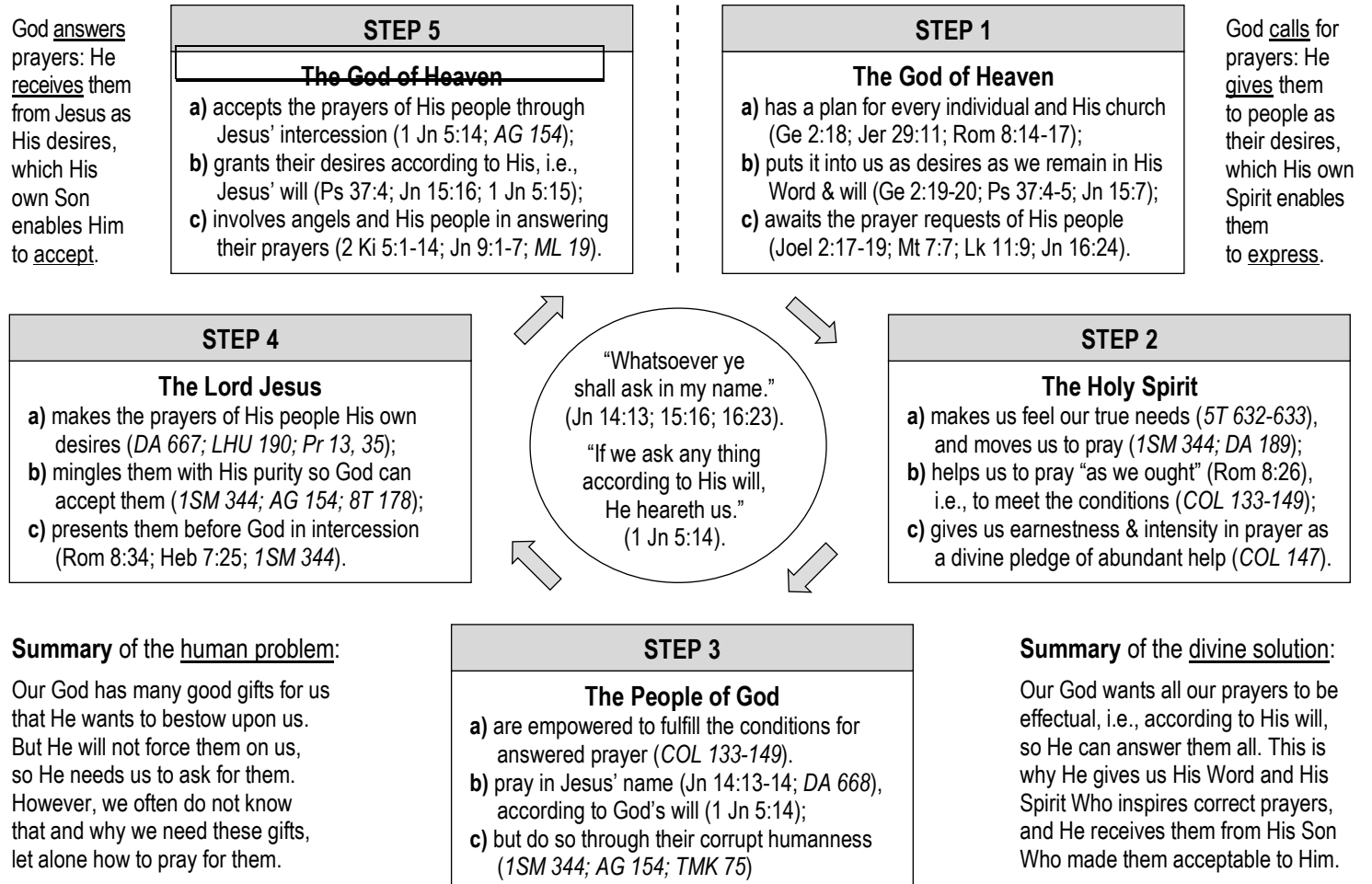
SUMMARY: You will be the more **constant** and **confident** in prayer, the deeper you appreciate the **power** and **privilege** of petition and intercession.

"The glory that rested upon Christ [after His baptism] is a pledge of the love of God for us. It tells us of the power of prayer, -- how the human voice may reach the ear of God, and our petitions find acceptance in the courts of heaven." (DA 113). "It is a wonderful thing that we can pray effectually, that unworthy, erring mortals possess the power of offering their requests to God. What higher power can man desire than this, -- to be linked with the infinite God? Feeble, sinful man has the privilege of speaking to his Maker. We may utter words that reach the throne of the Monarch of the universe. We may speak with Jesus as we walk by the way, and He says, I am at thy right hand." (MYP 250). What a God!

The Lord has always been calling, encouraging, and even waiting for people to speak with Him (Ge 3:9; 4:9-10; 1 Ki 19:9; Eze 22:30; Joel 2:17-19; Mt 7:7; Jn 14:13; 15:7,16; 16:23-24; Heb 4:16; Jas 5:15; DA 667). However, we realize that even as believers, we do not know how or what to pray according to His will, and that for our prayers to be effectual, we totally depend on the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:26; 1SM 344). As we remain in God's Word and will (Ge 2:19-20; Jn 15:7) and walk in His Spirit (Rom 8:1, 14), He impresses us about our true needs (Jn 16:8-11; 5T 632-633) and how to pray (Rom 8:26), and enables us to fulfill every one of the conditions for effectual prayer (COL 133-149).

Therefore, the key to the power of prayer lies in the believers' full reliance on God's Spirit. The Holy Spirit always inspires us according to God's will since He knows it (Rom 8:27; 1 Co 2:10). As He is also the Spirit of Christ (Rom 8:9), the prayers He inspires us to offer are in Christ's name (Jn 14:13; 15:16; 16:23). The secret of their power or success is that Jesus will now make such prayers His own and purify them so they become acceptable to God (AG 154; DA 667-668; 8T 178). As Jesus' disciples pray in His name, or according to God's will, they can have confidence that "God will hear the earnest entreaties of His people. The prayer of faith will move the arm of God." (ST 09-04-1879; 1 Jn 5:14-15).

Are God's remnant people ready and eager to engage in such powerful, effectual, Spirit-led intercession for each other and others (1 Ti 2:1)? Are they willing and committed to be involved, together with holy angels, in God's answer to their prayers in Jesus' name (ML 19; AG 154)? Do we long and are we receptive for the spirit of intercession within our great reformatory movement (8T 251; 9T 126)?



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E. Grow in Grace – 3. Pray According to God's Will – 303. The Provisions and Promises for Effectual Prayer

SUMMARY: Your desire to **abide** in Jesus, to **grow** in grace, increases the closer you follow the divine **science** in prayer and see more **answers**.

Just as our Heavenly Father always heard the prayers of His own Son (Jn 11:41-42; Heb 5:7), so is He committed to answer all our prayers (Mt 21:22; Jn 14:13; 15:16; 16:23; 1 Jn 5:14). He wants us to be confident that He will do so (1 Jn 5:15), if we pray in such a way that He can. These provisions are not arbitrary burdens, but rather conditions which themselves are promises we claim by faith (Eze 36:26-27; COL 333; Ed 126; MB 76). They are not necessary to persuade God to act, but to make us ready to receive what God already has in store for us (Isa 65:24; Mt 6:7-8; 7:7-11). They also justify Him to give to others what we ask of Him on their behalf (1 Ti 2:1).

Once we pray according to God's will we can expect surprises and miracles. He delights to do much more than we can ask or imagine (Eph 3:20). Our God promises and loves to answer all our prayers, when we, "as we ought",...

	Provisions and Promises The “Divine Science in Prayer” (COL 152)	Scriptures OT and NT	I do this hardly → daily	Personal Notes and Comments
1	1. Before We Pray			
2	...in contrition repent of and renounce all evil, and seek reconciliation (SC 95; COL 143-144, 148).	2 Ch 7:14; Ps 34:14-18;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3		Joel 2:12-19; Mt 5:22-24		
4	...forgive those who wronged us (SC 97), in order to pray without wrath and doubting [quarreling].	Mt 5:43-45; 6:12-15;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5		Mk 11:25; 1 Ti 2:8		
6	...walk in (Christ’s) righteousness without any iniquity in our hearts or actions (SC 95).	Ps 66:18; Pr 15:8;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7		Isa 1:15; 59:2; 1 Pe 3:7		
8	...fear the Lord and put our trust in Him, delight in Him and commit our ways to Him.	Ps 34:6-9; 37:3-5;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9		145:19; Mal 3:16-17		
10	...keep or obey all of God’s commandments, please Him out of love for Jesus (COL 143-145).	Ps 34:15; 145:18;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11		Jn 9:31; 1 Jn 3:22		
12	...abide in Christ and His word in us (COL 144), so we bring fruit [character & works] that remains.	Jn 15:4-7, 16;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13		Gal 5:22-23		
14	...fulfill any additional condition(s) given in the context of the respective promise. Examples:	Isa 26:3; Mt 6:33;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15		Php 4:4-7; 1 Jn 1:9		
16	2. As We Pray			
17	...ask anything according to God’s will or Word, with the Spirit’s help (COL 145-148; Ed 257-258).	1 Jn 5:14-15;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
18		Rom 8:26-27		
19	...pray in the name of Jesus, in His character and spirit, doing His works (SC 100-105; DA 668).	Jn 14:13-14;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20		15:7, 16; 16:23-24		
21	...call upon God with our whole heart and soul, an earnest heart (ML 19; 1SM 121; COL 145).	Dt 4:29-31;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
22		Jer 29:12-14		
23	...call upon Him to find help in times of felt need, with longing and boldness (SC 95).	Ex 22:23, 27; Isa 44:3;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24		Heb 4:16; Jas 1:5		
25	...ask the Lord for what we need (SC 95; GC 525) [not just state it] as of a friend (ML 19).	1 Ki 3:5; Mt 7:7-11;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
26		Eph 3:20; Jas 1:5; 4:2		
27	...pray with unselfish motives, ready to give (COL 142), and fervently in [Christ’s] righteousness.	Lk 18:9-14;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
28		Jas 4:3-6; 5:16		
29	...believe that we shall have what we asked for (SC 96). This is not presumption (SC 97). ¹⁾	Mt 8:13; 21:22; Mk 11:24;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
30		Jas 1:6-7; Heb 11:6		
31	...thank and praise God that we have received [before we see it] (SC 51, 97; Ed 258; DA 200).	Php 4:6; Col 4:2;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
32		Eph 5:19-20		
33	...persevere/persist in prayer (COL 145-146, 149) diligently, letting nothing hinder us (SC 97-98).	Lk 11:5-9; 18:1; Rom 12:	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
34		12; Eph 6:18; 1 Th 5:17		
35	3. After We Prayed			
36	...do our part in answering our own prayers before we expect God to do His part (ML 19).	2 Ki 5:1-14;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
37		Lk 17:12-14; Jn 9:1-7		

¹⁾ To guard against presumption, we **first** fulfill all conditions to answered prayer; **secondly**, we trust God to answer as He sees fit:

1. "It is not faith that claims the favor of heaven without complying with the conditions on which mercy is to be granted" (DA 126).

2. "To claim that prayer will always be answered in the very way and for the particular thing that we desire, is presumption" (SC 97).

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E. Grow in Grace – 401. Commitment

Summary: Knowing now **how** you acquire the 3rd mark of discipleship, **perpetual abiding** in Jesus, you commit to **implementing** it in your daily life.

Upon working and praying through this theme I commit and pledge allegiance to the following, by the grace of God and according to His will:

My Commitment – Pledge of Allegiance		hesitantly → decidedly
E1. Let Jesus Form Within		
I commit to daily be more restored into Jesus' image by allowing Him to develop His character traits in me through His Spirit.		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to daily practicing all three parts of sanctification typified by the lampstand, the showbread, and the altar of incense.		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
E2. Study the Word of God		
I commit to daily beholding Jesus' life, character, and calling by studying, contemplating, and implementing His written Word.		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to taking the four steps of Bible study, regarding its authority, a right attitude, method of interpretation, and response.		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
E3. Pray According to God's Will		
I commit to daily taking my proper place as a human intercessor in the divine 5-step process of effectual Spirit-led prayer.		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to daily following the divine provisions made for effectual prayer before, during, and after making my intercessions.		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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F. Share the Love – 001. Overview

SUMMARY: Theme F shows **how** you acquire the **4th** mark of discipleship, **mutual agape love**, by taking steps **10 to 12** in the discipling process.

Theme Details

F1. Exercise Christlike Love

- The Two Commandments
- What Love Looks Like

F2. Contribute to Church Meetings

- Local and Wider Church
- Smaller Groups

F3. Help with Practical Support

- Caring for Church Members
- Caring for the Community/World

Purpose

To help participants

contribute to and benefit from every type of church gathering and activity, both inreach and outreach:

1. **Experience** mutual Christian love and unity and help make it real within the body of believers.
2. **Participate** in worship, spiritual growth, and ministry opportunities through large and small group meetings.
3. **Exercise** loving care by serving practical needs within the church and in the community.

PHASE / Section	Need I: REVIVAL – Apostolic Faith and Godliness				
	1st Level: Calling the Church – Why God Calls Disciples = Requires the Marks				I have / do it hardly → daily
	This	Theme	Need	Response	
Awareness and Decision		A. Sound the Trumpet	1st – 3rd Mark of Discipleship		
		1. Awake to Our Present Time	1. win the final battle	1. absolute loyal love	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Stand on the Side of Truth	2. guard against deception	2. complete self-denial	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Preparedness and Precision		3. Qualify for the Seal of God	3. be secure in Jesus	3. perpetual abiding	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		B. Hear the Call	4th – 6th Mark of Discipleship		
		1. Join the Revival and Reformation	4. work with members	4. mutual agape love	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Fulfill the Divine Commission	5. use talents effectively	5. fruit-bearing ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Be Ready to Stand at Last	6. be fully equipped	6. overcoming witness	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	2nd Level: Growing the Church – How We Make Disciples = Acquire the Marks				
	This	Theme	Step	Result	
PHASE 1: Courtyard “Come to Me” = Pardon (Look back to His life & sacrifice) Message → Member (Gather / Gaining) (Reach up)		C. Come to Life	1st Mark of Discipleship: absolute loyal love		
		1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus	(1) believe Gospel	(1) grateful surrender	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Receive Justification by Faith	(2) receive justification	(2) truthful conversion	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Obey Jesus from Love	(3) love commandments	(3) joyful obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		D. Join the Movement	2nd Mark of Discipleship: complete self-denial		
		1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity	(4) accept identity	(4) purposeful membership	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
PHASE 2: Holy Place “Learn of Me” = Purity (Look up for His presence & Spirit) Member → Maturity (Grow / Training) (Reach Across)		2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs	(5) grasp teaching	(5) meaningful conviction	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Order Your Life as a Steward	(6) (re)order life	(6) faithful stewardship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		E. Grow in Grace	3rd Mark of Discipleship: perpetual abiding		
		1. Let Jesus Form Within	(7) form Jesus	(7) spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Study the Word of God	(8) study Word	(8) doctrinal purity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Pray According to God's Will	(9) pray in the Spirit	(9) personal worship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
PHASE 3: Most Holy Place “Go for Me” = Power (Look forward to His work & return) Maturity → Ministry (Go / Retaining) (Reach out)	►	F. Share the Love	4th Mark of Discipleship: mutual agape love		
	►	1. Exercise Christlike Love	(10) practice love	(10) effectual unity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	►	2. Contribute to Church Meetings	(11) value groups	(11) communal worship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	►	3. Help with Practical Support	(12) serve needs	(12) practical support	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		G. Bear much Fruit	5th Mark of Discipleship: fruit-bearing ministry		
		1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents	(13) recognize talents	(13) doubtless certainty	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Organize and Combine All Talents	(14) organize talents	(14) classless teamwork	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Utilize and Commend All Talents	(15) utilize talents	(15) selfless service	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		H. Tell the World	6th Mark of Discipleship: overcoming witness		
		1. Enable Latter Rain Power	(16) enable power	(16) boundless light	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Reflect the Character of Jesus	(17) reflect Jesus	(17) spotless life	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus	(18) spread Gospel	(18) fearless fight	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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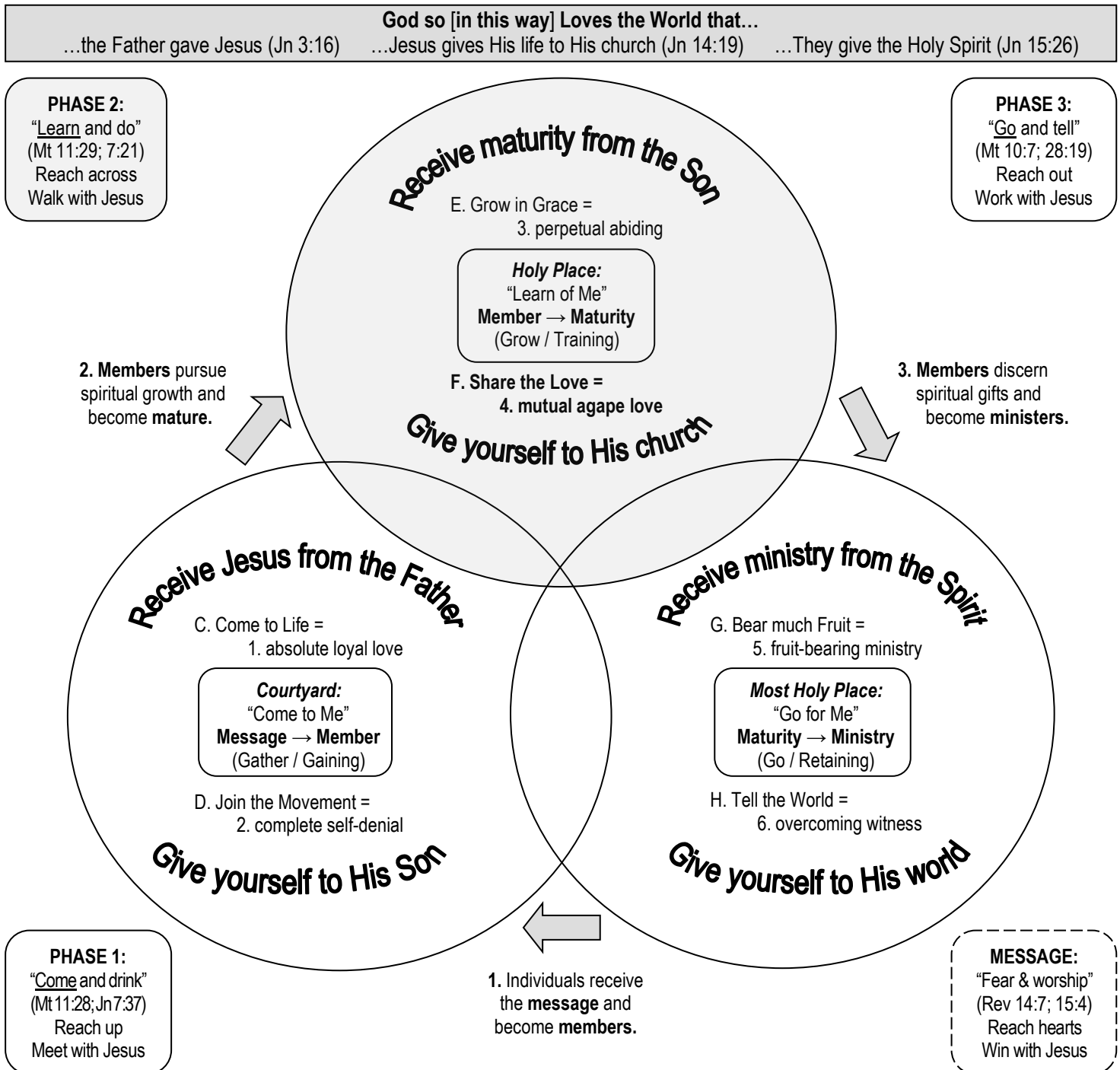
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F. Share the Love – 002. Dynamic Circles of Love

SUMMARY: Consider and appreciate now the **giving** side of that circle of love, which forms **phase 2** in the discipling process.

The first theme and mark of discipleship in each phase cover the receiving side of the relationship, the second theme and mark the giving side. Jesus said, "Come to Me, Learn of Me." (Mt 11:28-30); then, "Go for Me into all the world." (Mk 16:15; Mt 28:20). So the three circles of love together form the process by which Jesus builds His church (Mt 16:18): **1.** He calls her to Himself (Mt 16:24), **2.** grows her into His full stature (Eph 4:13; 5:27), and **3.** sends her to complete her number (Rom 11:25-26). Then He will return to take His beloved bride home into God's eternal glory (Jn 14:1-3).



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F. Share the Love – 1. Exercise Christlike Love – 101. The Two Commandments

SUMMARY: You take **step 10** in the discipling process, as you exercise **love** according to the **great** commandment and the **second** one like it.

An expert of the law asked Jesus, "Which is the great commandment in the law?" (Mt 22:36). The Lord answered by quoting Dt 6:5, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." (v. 37). He confirmed, "This is the first and great commandment." (v. 38). But then Jesus placed another commandment on the same level, quoting from Lev 19:18, "And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (vv. 39-40). The Lord allowed no commandment to be seen as more important than the other. They are both of equal significance as only love fulfills the whole law (Rom 13:8-10; Gal 5:14).

So, what makes the second commandment to be like the first is, that both are based on the great principle of love, and both require the concerted attention and cooperation of our whole being, heart, soul, strength, and mind (Dt 6:5; Lk 10:27). But there is one more aspect of their relationship. In a similar discussion with Jesus earlier (Lk 10:25-28), another lawyer had tried to justify himself by asking a further question, "And who is my neighbor?" (v. 29). In response, the Lord recounted a recent incident of a Samaritan rescuing a Jewish traveler from death who had been wounded on his way to Jericho (vv. 30-35). Jesus ends the story with a definition of *neighbor* that connects both commandments in a yet deeper way.

Jesus concluded with a question, "Which now of these three [priest, Levite, Samaritan], thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves? And he [the lawyer] said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do likewise." (Lk 10:36-37). The lawyer realized that the *neighbor* as defined in Jesus' question was not the one who had a need, but the one who met a need; not the one who required help, but the one who provided it; not the one who depended on mercy, but the one who extended it. The lawyer had asked who qualified to be his neighbors and thus to receive his love. But Jesus challenged the lawyer to qualify to become their neighbor by giving his love to those in need.

So why does Jesus' definition of *neighbor* establish a deeper connection between the first two commandments, to love God and our neighbor? Because Jesus is both our God as the Creator and our foremost and ultimate neighbor as the Savior. "In the story of the good Samaritan, Jesus gave a picture of Himself and His mission. Man had been deceived, bruised, robbed, and ruined by Satan, and left to perish; but the Savior had compassion on our helpless condition. He left His glory to come to our rescue...and made complete provision for us at His own charges." (DA 503-504). In Jesus, we love both our God and our neighbor. Therefore, the first two commandments are alike because they both call us to love Jesus.

Jesus fulfills the various meanings of the word *neighbor* in a unique and preeminent way. Through His incarnation, life, death, resurrection, and intercession, He alone qualified to become our ultimate *rayah* (Hebrew 7455), the "associate, friend, fellow Israelite, brother, companion, husband" of all true believers, and their *plesion* (Greek 4139), "the one near" (Jn 4:5; Heb 8:11). He is near us now through His Holy Spirit, living in us, as a friend who sticks closer than even a brother (Pr 18:24). And throughout eternity He also will be near us physically because then we are where He is (Jn 14:3). Jesus will ever be the nearest and dearest neighbor to His redeemed, both in terms of local proximity and relational closeness.

What then motivates His people to "go, and do likewise" (Lk 10:37), to become a neighbor to those in need as Jesus did? 1. We recognize that we ourselves were and are in need of a neighbor who shows loving compassion on us, a Savior who rescues us from ruin (Rom 5:8; Heb 5:2). 2. As we allow the love of the Savior to rescue us and then to enter us by His Spirit, He moves us to show compassion on others in need (Rom 5:5; 1 Jn 3:17). 3. By lovingly helping to meet needs, our greater goal is to allow Jesus, through us, to show Himself to the needy as their ultimate neighbor (Ac 3:6-26). 4. As the Samaritan and Jesus helped those who despised them, so we also love our enemies (Isa 53:3; Mt 5:44; Rom 12:20).

	Description of the Two Commandments	Scriptures OT and NT	Amplification Mostly from the Bible Commentary	I see / do it hardly → daily
1	1. What Love for God Is			
2	Wholehearted life commitment to the God who loved me first.	Dt 6:5; Mt 22:37; 10:37; Ex 20:2; Jn 3:16; 1 Jn 4:10	True love for God will permeate every aspect of my being. True love for God is a response to His amazing sacrifice.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	2. What It Calls For			
4	Loving obedience and service	Dt 12:10; 30:2; Jn 14:15	Loving obedience has no compulsion or fear (1 Jn 4:18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	3. What Love for Neighbor Is			
6	Loves Jesus who meets all needs.	Mt 18:11; 20:28; Jn 4:42	Sees in the Samaritan Christ as his/her Savior (COL 381).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Has compassion for others in need.	Lev 19:18; Mt 22:39	Seeks the good of all, whatever their race, creed or status.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Helps both friends and foes alike.	Mt 5:43-48; Rom 12:20	Shows God's perfect, that is, impartial and gracious love.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	4. What It Calls For			
10	"Go, and do likewise." (Lk 10:37)	Mt 5:45; Jn 13:15	Jesus is our example and standard to follow in all things.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	5. What Motivates It			
12	I know I also need help from Jesus.	Mk 2:17; Lk 15:7; Rom 3:23	I am a sinner just as anybody else is; Jesus died for us all.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	Jesus' love for others enters me.	Rom 5:5; 1 Jn 3:17-19	A sense of God's love for man leads me to love others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	Jesus wants to love through me.	Mk 6:35-44; Ac 3:6-26	God works through people to meet the needs of people.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	He modeled love for His enemies.	Jn 13:2-5; Lk 23:34; Mt 5:44	Jesus bids me love my enemies, no matter what they do.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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F. Share the Love – 1. Exercise Christlike Love – 102. Love in 1 Corinthians 13

SUMMARY: The love you are **called** to have for others, as **described** in 1 Co 13, is the self-sacrificing divine **agape** love of Jesus Himself.

The word *love* in today's society is used in many different ways, most of which do not reflect its Biblical meaning. The Greek in Bible times knew four distinct words for *love*. These were, in the order of NT usage, *eros*, *storge*, *philia*, and *agape* (5BC 340). **1. Eros** describes the physical, including sexual, aspects and is mostly of a conditional, if not selfish nature. It appears only twice in the Greek OT, in Prov 7:18 and 30:16, but never in the NT. **2. Storge** stands for the affectionate feelings between relatives, especially between children and parents, and spouses. It is used only once in the NT, in Rom 12:10, giving the sense that church members are to regard each other as brothers and sisters.

3. Philia is used in the NT to denote affection to another person, or attraction to things, due to appreciation for the qualities in the other. It describes everything from love of God (2 Ti 3:4) to love of money (1 Ti 6:10). **4. Agape**, rarely used elsewhere, is reserved in the NT to denote the unconditional, selfless, self-sacrificing nature of God's love to humanity, as ultimately shown in the death of His own dear Son on the cross. *Agape* love is not based on unstable feelings, nor is it motivated by any quality in the other person. It is rather an inherent principle in the lover, the unconditional commitment to do, invest, or lose everything, even life itself, to secure or regain the wellbeing of the beloved (Jn 3:16).

This kind of love not only describes God's attitude or actions toward humanity, but His very character; not only does He love, He is love (1 Jn 4:8). For this reason, God's love toward humanity is everlasting (Isa 54:8; Jer 31:3) and will not be retracted (Hos 3:1; 11:8; Jer 31:20; Rom 8:28-39). It can only be hindered by disobedience (Isa 59:2; Jer 7:28-30) and rejection (Mk 6:4-6; Mt 23:37-39). It is nothing less than this divine love that Jesus calls His disciples to have one for another (Jn 13:14, 34-35; 15:12), neighbors, and even enemies (Mt 5:43-48; Rom 12:20). Only in this way can they reveal God's character to the world (Jn 13:35), just as Jesus did (Jn 1:18). Paul defines *agape* love in 1 Co 13.

"It is...deception to suppose that a man can have faith unto life eternal, without possessing Christlike love for his brethren....Christians love those around them as precious souls for whom Christ has died." (MS 133, 1899). When will God's remnant be so filled with His Spirit, the fire of God's love, that the whole earth will be filled with His glory (Rom 5:5; Rev 18:1)? Jesus desires to send it (Lk 12:49).

	Description of Divine Agape Love	Scriptures OT and NT	Amplification Mostly from the Bible Commentary	I have / do it hardly → daily
1	1. What Agape Love Is			
2	Other-focused, self-sacrificing	Jn 3:16; Rom 5:8; 1 Jn 4:10	God so [in this way] loved the world that He gave His Son.	-----
3	2. What Its Source Is			
4	God loves because He is love	Eph 2:4; 1 Jn 4:7, 8, 16	Love is not only God's attitude or action, but His character.	-----
5	3. What It Calls For			
6	To love God wholeheartedly	Dt 6:5; Mt 22:37; Mk 12:30	I love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	To love Jesus in our actions	Jn 14:15-23; 1 Jn 5:1-3	I love Jesus by keeping all His commandments.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	To love others as He loved us	Jn 13:34; 15:12; Mt 5:43-48	I love everyone, friends and foes, as Jesus loved me.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	4. What It Does Do			
10	It makes all other gifts effective	1 Co 13:1-3; Jn 15:4-5	All spiritual gifts are fruitful only with and because of love.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	It suffers long	1 Co 13:4; Ex 34:6; Mt 17:17	Bears long with failings of others, and in suffering wrongs.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	It is kind	1 Co 13:4; Isa 54:8; Eph 2:7	Is gentle, considerate and mild, seeks to do good to others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	It rejoices in the truth	1 Co 13:6; Jn 1:47; Lk 15:7	Is glad for the virtues of others and any progress of truth.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	It bears all things	1 Co 13:7; Ac 17:30; 1 Pe 4:8	Covers, is silent about others' faults as long as is justifiable.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	It believes all things	1 Co 13:7; Jn 17:17; Mt 9:38-40	Trusts God's Word; thinks well of all until contrary evidence.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	It hopes all things	1 Co 13:7; Lk 22:32; Ac 8:22	Trusts in God, hoping all can be well despite appearance.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	It endures all things	1 Co 13:7; Isa 53:7; Heb 12:3	Suffers with sympathy all that God permits and man inflicts.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	It abides and is the greatest	1 Co 13:13; Jer 31:1; 1 Th 5:8	Love is as permanent as, but greater than, faith and hope.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	5. What It Does Not Do			
20	It does not envy	1 Co 13:4; Mt 8:20; Heb 13:5	Is content with one's own goods, position, and influence.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	It does not vaunt [boast] itself	1 Co 13:4; Mt 11:29; Php 2:2-4	Is humble and lowly of mind; praises God for all His gifts.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	It is not puffed up	1 Co 13:4; Jn 5:41; Rev 3:17	Is free of conceit and pride; seeks no flattery from others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	Does not behave itself unseemly	1 Co 13:5; Lk 7:39 ff.; Php 1:27	Acts with courtesy and propriety; avoids offending others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	It does not seek her own	1 Co 13:5; Mt 20:28; Ac 10:38	Sacrifices self to do God's will and serve the good of others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	It is not easily provoked	1 Co 13:5; 1 Pe 2:19-23;	Is free of irritation and resentment; commits situation to God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	It thinks [reckons] no evil	1 Co 13:5; Jn 8:11; 2 Co 5:19	Has no desire to find fault, or charge guilt or wrong motives.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	It does not rejoice in iniquity	1 Co 13:6; Eze 33:11; Ac 5:1-11	Rather than delight in their vices or guilt, it helps all in need.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	It never fails [falls off]	1 Co 13:13; Jn 13:1; Rom 13:8	Is the same, can be relied on at all times and in all situations.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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F. Share the Love – 1. Exercise Christlike Love – 103. “Love One Another”

SUMMARY: You may express such mutual agape love in many **different** forms and situations, as described in both **positive** and **negative** ways.

The NT Scriptures are full of admonition to God's people to love one another (Jn 15:17; Rom 12:10; 1 Th 4:9; 1 Pe 1:22; 3:8; 1 Jn 3:11; 3:23; 2 Jn 5). Six reasons are given: **1.** God loved us (1 Jn 4:7, 11). **2.** Jesus loved us (Jn 13:34; 15:9, 12). **3.** By this the world will know that we are Jesus' disciples (Jn 13:35). **4.** We fulfill the law (Rom 13:8). **5.** God's love is perfected in us (1 Jn 4:2). **6.** That we may be blameless at the coming of Jesus (1 Th 3:13). Jesus is our divine example. He calls us to love one another as He loved us (Jn 13:15, 34; 15:12). How are we doing?

	Description of Mutual Agape Love	Scriptures NT	Amplification Mostly from the Bible Commentary	I have / do it hardly → daily
1	1. What We Must Do			
2	Have peace one with another	Mk 9:50	Refrain from arguments, jealousy, and the spirit of rivalry.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	Wash one another's feet	Jn 13:14	Forget self, place own interests behind and below those of others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	Kindly affectionate one to another	Rom 12:10	Regard each other as sons and daughters of the same Father.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	In honor preferring one another	Rom 12:10	Be eager, not to seek honor, but to show it to others (Php 2:3).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	Of the same mind one toward another	Rom 12:16	Be in touch and harmony with the feelings and desires of others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Edify one another	Rom 14:19	Pursue things that build others up (1 Co 14:26; 1 Th 5:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Receive one another	Rom 15:7	Accept and treat one another as Jesus accepted us (Lk 15:2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	Able to admonish one another	Rom 15:14	Be qualified to exhort, competent to counsel each other.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	Salute [greet] one another	Rom 16:16	Acknowledge one another with appropriate Christian affection.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Tarry [wait] one for another	1 Co 11:33	At meals (here the Lord's Supper) eat in an orderly, unselfish way.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	Have the same care one for another	1 Co 12:25	Identify with all needs or interests without respect of person or gift.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	Serve one another by love	Gal 5:13	Freely help one another rather than taking advantage of each other.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	Bear one another's burdens	Gal 6:2	So we “fulfill the law of Christ” Who bore our burdens (Isa 53:4-6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	Patiently forbearing one another	Eph 4:2	Tolerate each other in our faults and weaknesses (Col 3:13).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	Be kind, tenderhearted one to another	Eph 4:32	Be gentle, gracious, compassionate regarding the needs of others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	Forgive one another as Christ forgave	Eph 4:32	He purchased forgiveness, so we are to extend it freely (Mt 18:35).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	Submit ourselves one to another	Eph 5:21	Cease from feeling superior to or making demands of one another.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	Teach/admonish one another in wisdom	Col 3:16	Help one another understand and apply God's Word, as needed.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	Abound in love one toward another	1 Th 3:12	Christ makes us have ever-deepening, fervent, and genuine love.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	Comfort one another with God's Word	1 Th 4:18	Share consolation from God's Word to encourage each other.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	Take heed...exhort one another daily	Heb 3:12-13	Persuade each other daily to beware of the danger of unbelief.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	Provoke [encourage] one another	Heb 10:24	Be concerned about how to encourage each other to act in love.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	Confess faults one to another	Jas 5:16	A clear conscience enables faith in God and His answer to prayer.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	Pray for one another for healing	Jas 5:16	Fellowship in intercession encourages members and is effective.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	Have compassion one for another	1 Pe 3:8	Identify with suffering members and provide help to relieve them.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	Be hospitable one to another	1 Pe 4:9	Cheerfully provide for persecuted fellow believers seeking refuge.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	Minister gifts one to another	1 Pe 4:10	Share the abilities and means that God has graciously bestowed.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
29	Be subject one to another in humility	1 Pe 5:5	Show your readiness to serve one another by putting on humility.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	Have fellowship one with another	1 Jn 1:7	We walk in unity as we believe in, obey, and serve the same God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	2. What We Must Not Do			
32	Don't betray and hate one another	Mt 24:10	Don't fall away, but keep your first love, and live at peace with all.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
33	Don't seek honor one of another	Jn 5:44	Don't look for approval from men, but to God as your standard.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
34	Don't judge one another	Rom 14:13	Don't criticize one another, for everyone is accountable to God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
35	Are not puffed up one against another	1 Co 4:6-7	Don't boast about one over another, for all owe everything to God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
36	Don't go to law one with another	1 Co 6:7-8	Don't go before civil courts but to the church, or suffer the wrong.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
37	Don't bite and devour one another	Gal 5:15	Don't gossip, slander; “Backbiting is cannibalism” (GCB 4-2-1903).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
38	Don't provoke and envy one another	Gal 5:26	Don't irritate each other through conceit or jealousy; be humble.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
39	Don't lie one to another (Eph 4:25)	Col 3:9	Don't deceive one another; speak truthfully, preserve integrity.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
40	Don't prefer one before another	1 Ti 5:21	Don't base decisions on partiality or favors; satisfy God's justice.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
41	Don't speak evil of one another	Jas 4:11	Stop, or don't start, hurting one another by critical faultfinding.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
42	Don't grudge one against another	Jas 5:9	Don't express impatience toward one another; be long-suffering.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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F. Share the Love – 2. Contribute to Church Meetings – 201. Local and Wider Church

SUMMARY: You take **step 11** in the discipling process, as you show this agape love by **contributing** to meetings of the **local** and **wider** church.

“Those who worship Him in sincerity and truth will be accepted by Him. If church members will put away all self-worship, and will receive in their hearts the love for God and for one another that filled Christ's heart, our heavenly Father will constantly manifest His power through them. Let His people be drawn together with the cords of divine love. Then the world will recognize the miracle-working power of God. (MS 125, 1907).” (7BC 939). Involvement with Christlike love in church meetings are forms of worship, as members contribute to the service of God and their fellow believers (Rom 12:1-13). “Unselfish devotion and a spirit of sacrifice have always been and always will be the first requisite of acceptable service.” (PK 65).

Moreover, “The convocations of the church, as in camp meetings, the assemblies of the home church, and all occasions where there is personal labor for souls, are God's appointed opportunities for giving the early and the latter rain.--TM 508 (1897).” (LDE 188). We need both rains!!

	Type of Meeting Personal Specifics	I practice it hardly → daily	Room for Involvement or Improvement Ideas and Plans / Needs and Questions
1	1. Sabbath School (Superintendent, classes: age group, teaching, music, mission story, helper, etc.)		
2		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	2. Worship Service (platform chairperson, song leader, special music, pianist, organist, prayers, Scripture, children's story, etc.)		
6		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	3. Prayer Meeting (choosing songs, comments during study, contributing prayer requests, praying out loud, etc.)		
10		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	4. Leadership Staff / Board Meeting (attendance, contributing to discussion, voting, team cooperation, implementation of plans, etc.)		
14		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17	5. Business Meeting (attendance, contributing to discussion, voting, team cooperation, implementation of plans, etc.)		
18		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
19		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
21	6. Outreach / Evangelistic Meeting (attendance, greeter, distributing material, fellowship with guests, financial support, etc.)		
22		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
23		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
25	7. Other Local Church Meeting (social meetings, short term programs, work bees, outdoor activities, etc.)		
26		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
27		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
28		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
29	8. Wider Church Meeting (camp meetings, workshops, training meetings, business meetings, ministry programs, etc.)		
30		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
31		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
32		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	

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F. Share the Love – 2. Contribute to Church Meetings – 202. Smaller Groups (Church or Home)

SUMMARY: You also express such love, as you make **contributions** to the life and ministry of **smaller** groups, meeting at church or in homes.

“Those who worship Him in sincerity and truth will be accepted by Him. If church members will put away all self-worship, and will receive in their hearts the love for God and for one another that filled Christ's heart, our heavenly Father will constantly manifest His power through them. Let His people be drawn together with the cords of divine love. Then the world will recognize the miracle-working power of God, and will acknowledge that He is the Strength and the Helper of His commandment-keeping people (MS 125, 1907).” (7BC 939).

Involvement with Christlike love in any and all church meetings can be forms of worship, as members give God His proper place in their lives, and invest their spiritual gifts, natural talents, and physical resources in the service of their fellow believers (Rom 12:1-13). “Unselfish devotion and a spirit of sacrifice have always been and always will be the first requisite of acceptable service.” (PK 65).

	Type of Meeting Personal Specifics	I practice it hardly → daily	Room for Involvement or Improvement Ideas and Plans / Needs and Questions
9	1. Church Committee (Personnel, Worship, Finance, Building, Maintenance, Music, etc.)		
10		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	2. Church Ministries (Personal, Family, Health, Outreach, Social, Visitation of Members, etc.)		
10		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	3. Church School (board members, teachers, sending own children, participating in activities, financial support, etc.)		
14		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	4. Church Club (Junior Youth, Youth, Pathfinder, Adventurer, etc.)		
14		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
1	5. Bible Study Among Members (attendance, teacher, contributing to discussion, providing home and/or food, etc.)		
2		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	6. Bible Study With Non-Members (study material, teacher, assistant, intercessions between studies, friendship, etc.)		
6		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	7. Special Interest / Project Group (Vacation Bible School, Mission Trips, Outings, CHIP Program, etc.)		
14		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17	8. Other Smaller Group (existing groups or new ideas)		
18		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
19		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	

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F. Share the Love – 3. Help With Practical Support – 301. Minister to Members and the World

SUMMARY: You take **step 12** in the discipling process, as you share love by giving **practical** support to church members and the community.

Jesus wants us to care for our fellow believers. Some ministry may be directed to those who suffer for the faith. "In all who suffer for My name, said Jesus, you are to recognize Me. As you would minister to Me, so you are to minister to them. This is the evidence that you are My disciples." (DA 637; Mt 25:31-40). Other ministry should be directed to needy members of the local church. The Jerusalem congregation provided a model for such care, as it created a common fund and chose deacons to meet those needs (Ac 2:44-45; 4:32; 6:1-7).

Other ministry focuses on the needy in the world around us. "Not to any class is Christ's love restricted. He identifies Himself with every child of humanity....His followers are not to feel themselves detached from the perishing world around them. They are a part of the great web of humanity; and Heaven looks upon them as brothers to sinners as well as to saints. The fallen, the erring, and the sinful, Christ's love embraces; and every deed of kindness done to uplift a fallen soul, every act of mercy, is accepted as done to Him." (DA 638).

Consider, "The angels of heaven are sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation. We know not now who they are; it is not yet made manifest who shall overcome, and share the inheritance of the saints in light; but angels of heaven are passing throughout the length and breadth of the earth seeking to comfort the sorrowing, to protect the imperiled, to win the hearts of men to Christ. Not one is neglected or passed by. God is no respecter of persons, and He has an equal care for all the souls He has created." (DA 639).

"As you open your door to Christ's needy and suffering ones, you are welcoming unseen angels....They bring a sacred atmosphere of joy and peace. They come with praises upon their lips, and an answering strain is heard in heaven. Every deed of mercy makes music there. The Father from His throne numbers the unselfish workers among His most precious treasures." (DA 639). "When we love the world as He has loved it, then for us His mission is accomplished. We are fitted for heaven; for we have heaven in our hearts." (DA 641).

	Area of Practical Support Personal Specifics	I practice it hardly → daily	Room for Involvement or Improvement Ideas and Plans / Needs and Questions
1	1. Support of Church Members (the persecuted, handicapped, shut-ins, sick: funds, driving, shopping, maintenance on property, etc.)		
2		□ □ □ □ □	
3		□ □ □ □ □	
4		□ □ □ □ □	
5		□ □ □ □ □	
6	2. Support of Community / World (thrift store, disaster relief, individual emergencies, community programs, mission trips, etc.)		
7		□ □ □ □ □	
8		□ □ □ □ □	
9		□ □ □ □ □	
10		□ □ □ □ □	

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F. Share the Love – 401. Commitment

Summary: Knowing now **how** you acquire the 4th mark of discipleship, **mutual agape love**, you commit to **implementing** it in your daily life.

Upon working and praying through this theme I commit and pledge allegiance to the following, by the grace of God and according to His will:

My Commitment Pledge of Allegiance	I make it hesitantly → decidedly
F1. Exercise Christlike Love	
I commit to obeying the two great commandments to love God with all my heart and mind, and to love my neighbors as myself. I commit to exercising love as described in 1 Co 13, and to loving my fellow believers as Jesus and the apostles instruct us.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
F2. Contribute to Church Meetings	
I commit to making unselfish, even sacrificial, contributions to the meetings of my local congregation and the wider church. I commit to making unselfish, even sacrificial, contributions to the meetings of smaller ministry groups of my local congregation.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
F3. Help with Practical Support	
I commit to ministering to needy church members in my local congregation and anywhere, according to my ability and means. I commit to ministering to needy members of the local community and around the world, according to my ability and means.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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G. Bear much Fruit – 001. Overview

SUMMARY: Theme G shows **how** you acquire the 5th mark of discipleship, **fruit-bearing ministry**, by taking steps **13 to 15** in the discipling process.

Theme Details

G1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents

- The Discovery of Spiritual Gifts
- Recognize All Other Talents

G2. Organize and Combine All Talents

- The Categories of Spiritual Gifts
- Organize All Other Talents

G3. Utilize and Commend All Talents

- Develop Your Mission Strategy
- Schedule Feedback and Evaluation

Purpose

To help participants

discover their ministry potential and plan a mission strategy using all available talents:

1. **Identify** all available talents and motivate members to invest them in ministry.
2. **Assign** functions to all talents in accordance with the ministry areas they cover.
3. **Plan** the mission strategy and schedule time to evaluate and learn from the experience.

PHASE / Section	Need I: REVIVAL – Apostolic Faith and Godliness				
	1st Level: Calling the Church – Why God Calls Disciples = Requires the Marks				I have / do it hardly → daily
	This	Theme	Need	Response	
Awareness and Decision		A. Sound the Trumpet	1st – 3rd Mark of Discipleship		
		1. Awake to Our Present Time	1. win the final battle	1. absolute loyal love	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Stand on the Side of Truth	2. guard against deception	2. complete self-denial	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Preparedness and Precision		3. Qualify for the Seal of God	3. be secure in Jesus	3. perpetual abiding	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		B. Hear the Call	4th – 6th Mark of Discipleship		
		1. Join the Revival and Reformation	4. work with members	4. mutual agape love	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Fulfill the Divine Commission	5. use talents effectively	5. fruit-bearing ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Be Ready to Stand at Last	6. be fully equipped	6. overcoming witness	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	2nd Level: Growing the Church – How We Make Disciples = Acquire the Marks				
	This	Theme	Step	Result	
PHASE 1: Courtyard “Come to Me” = Pardon (Look back to His life & sacrifice) Message → Member (Gather / Gaining) (Reach up)		C. Come to Life	1st Mark of Discipleship: absolute loyal love		
		1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus	(1) believe Gospel	(1) grateful surrender	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Receive Justification by Faith	(2) receive justification	(2) truthful conversion	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Obey Jesus from Love	(3) love commandments	(3) joyful obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		D. Join the Movement	2nd Mark of Discipleship: complete self-denial		
		1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity	(4) accept identity	(4) purposeful membership	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
PHASE 2: Holy Place “Learn of Me” = Purity (Look up for His presence & Spirit) Member → Maturity (Grow / Training) (Reach Across)		2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs	(5) grasp teaching	(5) meaningful conviction	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Order Your Life as a Steward	(6) (re)order life	(6) faithful stewardship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		E. Grow in Grace	3rd Mark of Discipleship: perpetual abiding		
		1. Let Jesus Form Within	(7) form Jesus	(7) spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Study the Word of God	(8) study Word	(8) doctrinal purity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Pray According to God's Will	(9) pray in the Spirit	(9) personal worship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
PHASE 3: Most Holy Place “Go for Me” = Power (Look forward to His work & return) Maturity → Ministry (Go / Retaining) (Reach out)		F. Share the Love	4th Mark of Discipleship: mutual agape love		
		1. Exercise Christlike Love	(10) practice love	(10) effectual unity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Contribute to Church Meetings	(11) value groups	(11) communal worship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Help with Practical Support	(12) serve needs	(12) practical support	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		G. Bear much Fruit	5th Mark of Discipleship: fruit-bearing ministry		
		1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents	(13) recognize talents	(13) doubtless certainty	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Organize and Combine All Talents	(14) organize talents	(14) classless teamwork	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Utilize and Commend All Talents	(15) utilize talents	(15) selfless service	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		H. Tell the World	6th Mark of Discipleship: overcoming witness		
		1. Enable Latter Rain Power	(16) enable power	(16) boundless light	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Reflect the Character of Jesus	(17) reflect Jesus	(17) spotless life	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus	(18) spread Gospel	(18) fearless fight	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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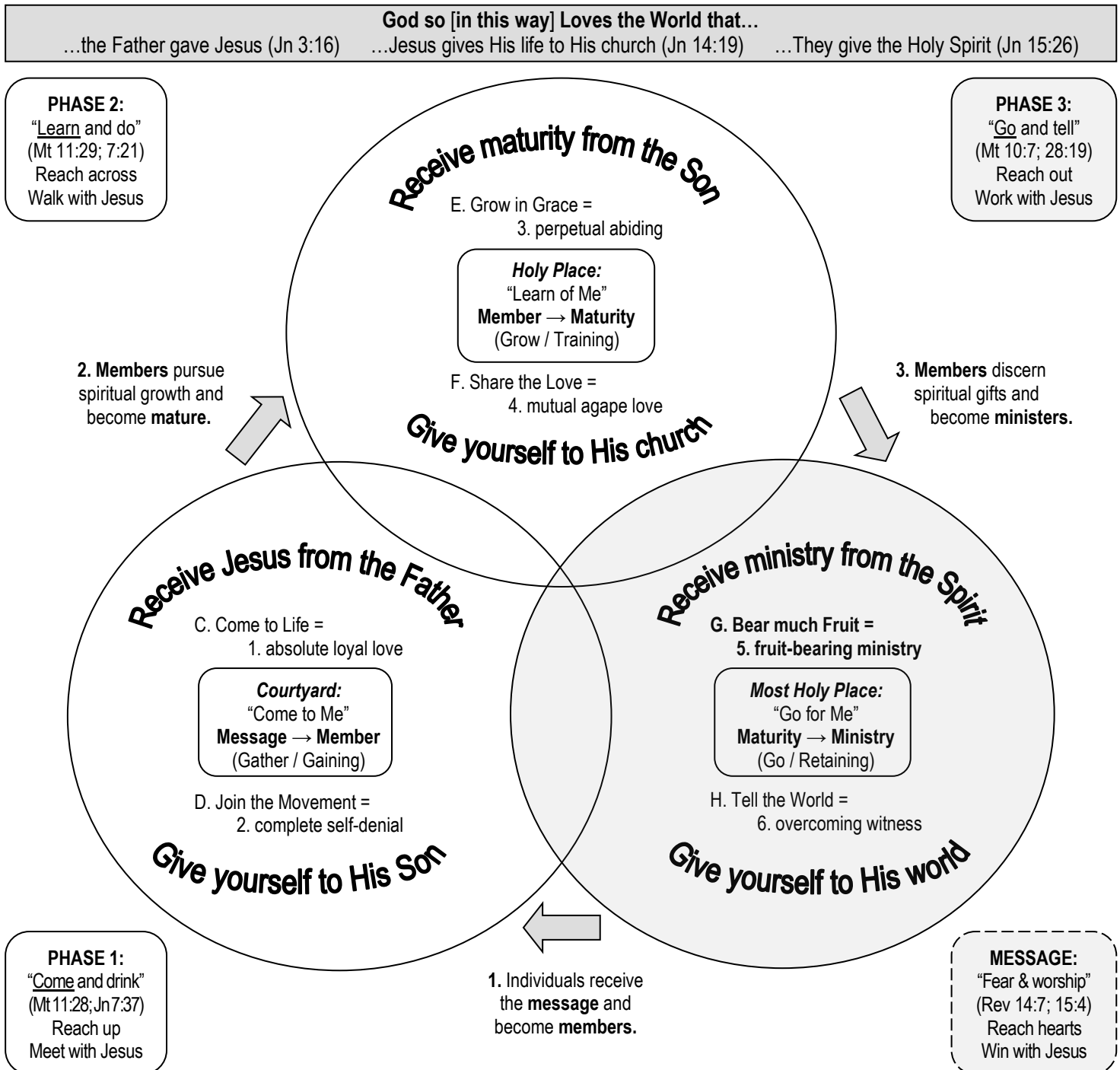
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G. Bear much Fruit – 002. Dynamic Circles of Love

SUMMARY: Consider and appreciate now the **receiving** side of that circle of love, which forms **phase 3** in the discipling process.

The first theme and mark of discipleship in each phase cover the receiving side of the relationship, the second theme and mark the giving side. Jesus said, "Come to Me, Learn of Me." (Mt 11:28-30); then, "Go for Me into all the world." (Mk 16:15; Mt 28:20). So the three circles of love together form the process by which Jesus builds His church (Mt 16:18): **1.** He calls her to Himself (Mt 16:24), **2.** grows her into His full stature (Eph 4:13; 5:27), and **3.** sends her to complete her number (Rom 11:25-26). Then He will return to take His beloved bride home into God's eternal glory (Jn 14:1-3).



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G. Bear much Fruit – 1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents – 101. Importance and Lists of Spiritual Gifts

SUMMARY: You take **step 13** in the discipling process, as you bear fruit by **recognizing** and **confirming** your spiritual gifts and other talents.

The indwelling Holy Spirit brings to every believer a growing obedience and likeness to Jesus, expressed in mutual Christian love and love of all (Rom 5:5; Jn 15:5; 2 Co 3:18; Rom 12:10; Mt 5:44-48). This sanctification of the characters of church members is meant to make them useful in the finishing work of the Lord. "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit: so shall ye be my disciples....I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain." (Jn 14:8, 16). So, "Impress upon all the necessity of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the sanctification of the church, so that they will be living, growing, fruit-bearing trees of the Lord's planting." (6T 86).

"If we realized the solemnity of the time in which we are living, if we realized how greatly the world needs to see Christ's grace revealed in His followers, we would work more earnestly and diligently for the Master. Let those who claim to believe the truth put their belief into practice. Let all unite in carrying out God's will. All are to work in perfect harmony, receiving from the same source their influence and their power." (RH 02-11-1902). "God desires them to become all that He has made it possible for them to be, and to do their very best with the powers He has given them....Precious are [their] opportunities, and earnestly should they be improved." (RH 12-03-1908). God's biddings are enablings (COL 333).

Our heavenly Father is very willing to bestow the Holy Spirit on His remnant people, but He awaits their demand. "Not until through faith and prayer the disciples had surrendered themselves fully for His working was the outpouring of the Spirit received. Then in a special sense the goods of heaven were committed to the followers of Christ. 'When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.' Eph. 4:8. 'Unto every one of us is given grace, according to the measure of the gift of Christ,' the Spirit 'dividing to every man severally as He will.'" Eph. 4:7; 1 Cor. 12:11. The gifts are already ours in Christ, but their actual possession depends upon our reception of the Spirit of God." (COL 327).

"Those only who are constantly receiving fresh supplies of grace, will have power proportionate to their daily need and their ability to use that power. Instead of looking forward to some future time when, through a special endowment of spiritual power, they will receive a miraculous fitting up for soul winning, they are yielding themselves daily to God, that He may make them vessels meet for His use. Daily they are improving the opportunities for service that lie within their reach. Daily they are witnessing for the Master wherever they may be, whether in some humble sphere of labor in the home, or in a public field of usefulness." (AA 55). In short, Jesus' disciples daily seek His gifts and opportunities to exercise them.

They are given to establish and comfort the believers (Rom 1:11-12); to benefit, edify, and spiritually and numerically grow the church (1 Co 12:7; Eph 4:12-16); and through these functions to bring glory to God (1 Pe 4:11), as they are being exercised in love (1 Co 13:1-3; 1 Pe 4:8). The New Testament explicitly mentions a number of spiritual gifts in three different and partial lists; others are alluded to elsewhere.

Spiritual Gift Lists – New Testament			
Romans 12:6-8	1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28	Ephesians 4:11	Allusions
Prophecy Ministry (here: Service, Ac 6:2) Teaching Exhortation Giving Ruling (Administration) Showing Mercy	Wisdom Word of Knowledge Faith Healing Miracles Prophecy Discerning of Spirits Tongues Interpretation of Tongues Apostle Teacher Helps (Service) Government (Administration)	Prophecy Evangelism Pastor Teacher	Intercession (Ac 12:12) Missionary (Rom 11:13) Hospitality (1 Pe 4:9)

"The special gifts of the Spirit are not the only talents represented in the parable [of Mt 25:13-30]. It includes all gifts and endowments, whether original or acquired, natural or spiritual. All are to be employed in Christ's service. In becoming His disciples, we surrender ourselves to Him with all we are and have. These gifts He returns to us purified and ennobled, to be used for His glory in blessing our fellow men." (COL 328).

Other Talents – Personal List

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G. Bear much Fruit – 1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents – 102. Spiritual Gifts Evaluation Sheet 1

SUMMARY: You recognize your spiritual gifts, as you **identify** and **evaluate** your experiences with them or carefully **estimate** your giftedness.

The following three Spiritual Gifts Evaluation Sheets serve to identify what spiritual gifts you did or do exercise, and/or perceive to have; they are not meant to reflect any ideas or desires you may have for the future. Nor is this evaluation a test but simply a tool to help you discover your unique set of spiritual abilities. The more honest your answers, the more useful this evaluation will be.

Also, the level of your spiritual maturity is not determined by the mere number or the kinds of gifts you may have, but rather whether or not you exercise them with divine love and in obedience to the Lord Jesus (1 Co 13:1-3; Mt 7:21-23). Your evaluation will allow you and your church to find opportunities for you to contribute to the Lord's work according to His own plan (1 Co 12:11).

As you read each statement, score from 0 to 3 according to how much it describes you.

	I experience(d) satisfaction when I...	OR: I believe I am gifted to...		not at all → much				
1	...recruit fellow Christians and give them work according to their spiritual gifts.		1	0	1	2	3	
2	...clearly perceive the difference between truth and error.		2	0	1	2	3	
3	...share Jesus with others in such a way that they sense their need of Him.		3	0	1	2	3	
4	...tactfully redirect complacent or wayward Christians to face reality.		4	0	1	2	3	
5	...believe that God will do great things in a situation when others are uncertain.		5	0	1	2	3	
6	...willingly lower my standard of living in order to benefit God's work.		6	0	1	2	3	
7	...willingly take on church jobs that appear routine or boring to others.		7	0	1	2	3	
8	...greatly enjoy having visitors in my home.		8	0	1	2	3	
9	...pray for others believing that God will draw especially close to them because of my prayer.		9	0	1	2	3	
10	...distinguish important facts and key concepts of Scripture.		10	0	1	2	3	
11	...provide assistance to new or straying Christians.		11	0	1	2	3	
12	...develop a close friendship with someone of a different cultural background.		12	0	1	2	3	
13	...restore people who have wandered away from their Christian communities.		13	0	1	2	3	
14	...speak in such a way that others listen and learn.		14	0	1	2	3	
15	...sense God's leading when making important decisions.		15	0	1	2	3	
16	...set goals and make effective plans to achieve them.		16	0	1	2	3	
17	...make suggestions of who should do a particular work that prove to be a good choice.		17	0	1	2	3	
18	...can identify those who may be receptive to God's Spirit and look for ways to reach them.		18	0	1	2	3	
19	...comfort others who are troubled or suffering.		19	0	1	2	3	
20	...rely on God's faithfulness in difficult situations that look dim.		20	0	1	2	3	
21	...quietly give things or money to my church beyond what is typically expected.		21	0	1	2	3	
22	...look for ways to assist key leaders in the church to relieve them for their essential tasks.		22	0	1	2	3	
23	...invite someone to dinner after church rather than to be alone or just with family.		23	0	1	2	3	

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G. Bear much Fruit – 1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents – 103. Spiritual Gifts Evaluation Sheet 2

SUMMARY: You continue with your individual **evaluation** or **estimation** of your spiritual gifts.

	I experience(d) satisfaction when I...	OR:	I believe I am gifted to...		not at all → much
24	...pray because it is one of my favorite spiritual exercises.			24	0 1 2 3
25	...read and study extensively to learn new Bible truths.			25	0 1 2 3
26	...speak cheerfully and comforting to someone who is lonely, sick, or in prison.			26	0 1 2 3
27	...adapt easily to a culture different from mine.			27	0 1 2 3
28	...enjoy being responsible for the spiritual growth of a group of Christians.			28	0 1 2 3
29	...make difficult Biblical truths clear and understandable to others.			29	0 1 2 3
30	...enjoy working out solutions to complex problems or dilemmas.			30	0 1 2 3
31	...lead a group in making decisions together.			31	0 1 2 3
32	...look below the surface and accurately evaluate people's true motives.			32	0 1 2 3
33	...tell others about my Christian experience in such a way that they want to know more.			33	0 1 2 3
34	...restore backslidden members to a renewed commitment to Christ.			34	0 1 2 3
35	...trust in God's power for things that appear impossible to others.			35	0 1 2 3
36	...feel deeply moved when realizing urgent needs in our worldwide church work.			36	0 1 2 3
37	...volunteer to help someone who needs assistance in a task I am familiar with.			37	0 1 2 3
38	...enjoy and feel at ease with each guest in my home.			38	0 1 2 3
39	...see God consistently answer my prayers in a tangible way.			39	0 1 2 3
40	...discover new truths for myself through personal Bible study.			40	0 1 2 3
41	...assist shut-ins and handicapped people in practical ways.			41	0 1 2 3
42	...adapt my words, appearance, and action in whatever way is most effective to reach someone for Christ.			42	0 1 2 3
43	...guide needy Christians to relevant sections of the Bible and pray with them.			43	0 1 2 3
44	...train Christians to become more effective disciples of Christ.			44	0 1 2 3
45	...judge well between good and bad ideas.			45	0 1 2 3
46	...effectively persuade others to work toward achieving objectives that strengthen the church.			46	0 1 2 3
47	...accurately recognize what spiritual talents another Christian does or doesn't have.			47	0 1 2 3
48	...lead others to the decision to follow Christ as Savior and Lord.			48	0 1 2 3
49	...speak to a spiritually apathetic church member in a challenging and strengthening way.			49	0 1 2 3
50	...anticipate real miracles to happen in my life when there is no other solution.			50	0 1 2 3

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G. Bear much Fruit – 1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents – 104. Spiritual Gifts Evaluation Sheet 3

SUMMARY: You complete your individual **evaluation** or **estimation** of your spiritual gifts.

	I experience(d) satisfaction when I...	OR: I believe I am gifted to...		not at all → much
51	...manage my money in such a way that I can give liberally to special church needs.		51	0 1 2 3
52	...enjoy doing church tasks such as setting up a room, running errands, or cleaning up after meetings.		52	0 1 2 3
53	...make strangers feel especially welcome in my home.		53	0 1 2 3
54	...maintain a mental or written prayer list, and pray regularly for those on it.		54	0 1 2 3
55	...acquire and master new principles and facts of Bible truth.		55	0 1 2 3
56	...give and gain a blessing from visiting people in their homes or in hospitals.		56	0 1 2 3
57	...look at life from the perspective of someone from a vastly different ethnic and cultural background.		57	0 1 2 3
58	...sacrificially give myself for young or straying Christians.		58	0 1 2 3
59	...illustrate Biblical concepts in a way that people understand and remember.		59	0 1 2 3
60	...effectively apply Biblical principles to situations or problems I face.		60	0 1 2 3
61	...steer others through difficulties that sometimes arise when doing church-related tasks.		61	0 1 2 3
62	...judge well between what is good and what is poor or evil.		62	0 1 2 3
63	...find it easy to initiate or turn a conversation toward sharing about Jesus.		63	0 1 2 3
64	...counsel with someone who feels confused or guilty.		64	0 1 2 3
65	...believe God will keep His promises despite conflicting circumstances.		65	0 1 2 3
66	...give freely of my resources to the Lord's work.		66	0 1 2 3
67	...find it easy to say "yes" when asked to do some church-related task that I feel comfortable with.		67	0 1 2 3
68	...enjoy providing food and lodging to those in need.		68	0 1 2 3
69	...pray for others at length without thinking about the time.		69	0 1 2 3
70	...spend time reading and studying to better understand God's plan for me.		70	0 1 2 3
71	...work joyfully with people often overlooked or ignored by society.		71	0 1 2 3
72	...relate well to individuals and groups of different ethnic or cultural backgrounds.		72	0 1 2 3
73	...care deeply about those I serve and guide, and they know me well.		73	0 1 2 3
74	...explain the Word of God clearly to others.		74	0 1 2 3
75	...correctly sense long-term implications for right and wrong when an idea is first proposed.		75	0 1 2 3

Your spiritual gifts evaluation is now completed.

You are ready to transfer your scores to the Spiritual Gift Scoring Sheet on the next page.

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G. Bear much Fruit – 1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents – 105. Spiritual Gifts Scoring Sheet

SUMMARY: You fill in the **individual** scores on the scoring sheet and determine the **total** scores for each gift as well as the **ranks** of your gifts.

Transfer your scores from the previous three evaluation sheets:

1. Enter the score for each answer next to the number of each statement.
2. Total the scores for each row.
3. Rank the spiritual gifts according to their highest total score.

The gifts with the highest scores indicate the areas, in which you can probably be of the greatest service to the Lord.

Row	My Scores					Total	Spiritual Gift	Rank
A	1	16	31	46	61		1. Administration (Leadership, Ruling)	
B	2	17	32	47	62		2. Discernment	
C	3	18	33	48	63		3. Evangelist	
D	4	19	34	49	64		4. Exhortation	
E	5	20	35	50	65		5. Faith	
F	6	21	36	51	66		6. Giving	
G	7	22	37	52	67		7. Helps (Service, Ministry)	
H	8	23	38	53	68		8. Hospitality	
I	9	24	39	54	69		9. Intercessory Prayer	
J	10	25	40	55	70		10. Word of Knowledge	
K	11	26	41	56	71		11. Showing Mercy	
L	12	27	42	57	72		12. Missionary	
M	13	28	43	58	73		13. Pastor (Shepherding)	
N	14	29	44	59	74		14. Teacher	
O	15	30	45	60	75		15. Wisdom	

My Notes

You are now prepared to determine your personal spiritual gift set, as you take the steps on the next page.

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G. Bear much Fruit – 1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents – 106. My Spiritual Gift Set

SUMMARY: From the **scoring** sheet, you find out your gift **set** made up of the primary, secondary, and perceived gifts, and seek **confirmation**.

This sheet helps you determine your personal spiritual gift set in six steps:

1. Enter the three spiritual gifts with the highest scores. These are probably your primary gifts.
2. Enter the three spiritual gifts with the next to highest scores, as your possible secondary gifts.
3. Enter up to three spiritual gifts with yet lower scores that you perceive you may also have.

My Own Scores						
	Primary Gifts	Score	Secondary Gifts	Score	Perceived Gifts	Score
1						
2						
3						

4. Ask your pastor and some other believers who know you, for their view of your possible gifts, and list them by name in the scoring columns below.
5. List their average evaluations and your scores in the end result columns; then determine the total rank of all your probable and perceived gifts.

Fellow Believers' Scores (0-15 for each gift)							End Result			
	Name of Fellow Believer →						Their Average	My Scores	Total Average	Total Rank
	Spiritual Gift									
1	Administration (Leadership)									
2	Discernment									
3	Evangelist									
4	Exhortation									
5	Faith									
6	Giving									
7	Helps (Service, Ministry)									
8	Hospitality									
9	Intercessory Prayer									
10	Word of Knowledge									
11	Mercy									
12	Missionary									
13	Pastor (Shepherding)									
14	Teacher									
15	Wisdom									

6. My three highest ranked gifts: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

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G. Bear much Fruit – 1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents – 107. Descriptions of Spiritual Gifts

SUMMARY: Once you have reasonable **assurance** about your gift **set**, you may understand it better by checking the gift **descriptions** here.

1	1. Administration (Leadership, Ruling) (Rom 12:8; 1 Co 12:28; Ac 27:11; 1 Ti 5:17; Tit 1:5; Heb 13:17).	I see it hardly → clearly
2	The ability to set and clearly understand goals according to God's will,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	and to effectively develop and implement plans to achieve the goals by harmoniously working with and through others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	2. Discernment (1 Co 12:10; Ac 5:3; 16:18; 1 Th 5:21; 1 Jn 4:1).	
5	The ability to know with certainty a particular teaching to be truth or error, an attitude or behavior to be good or bad,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	and/or to see in others their gifts and calling to a specific ministry.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	3. Evangelist (Eph 4:11; Ac 8:5-6, 25, 26-40; 14:21; 21:8; 2 Ti 4:5).	
8	The ability to effectively win people to Christ, to persuasively share the Gospel with unbelievers	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	in such a way that they become disciples of Jesus and consecrated members of His body, the church.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	4. Exhortation (Ro 12:8; Ac 11:23; 14:22; 27:22; 1 Ti 4:13; Heb 10:25).	
11	The ability to appeal to the heart and will of people to comfort them under affliction, counsel them in uncertainty,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	and/or stimulate them to action, in a non-offensive, helping and healing way.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	5. Faith (1 Co 12:9; Ac 27:21-26; Rom 4:18-23; Heb 11:1-40).	
14	The ability to recognize with unusual confidence the will and purpose of God in a given, many times difficult, situation,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	and to put trust in Him that He will, and until He does, work out His plans.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	6. Giving (Rom 12:8; Mk 12:41-44; Rom 15:26; 2 Co 8:1-7; 9:8)	
17	The ability to voluntarily, liberally, cheerfully, and sacrificially invest resources in the Lord's work	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	with a purity of motive that understands such giving as simply sharing what God has provided.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	7. Helps (Service, Ministry) (1 Co 12:28; Rom 12:7; Mk 15:40-41; Lk 8:2-3; Ac 6:1-7; 9:36; Rom 16:1; 2 Ti 1:18; Gal 6:10).	
20	The ability to unselfishly use one's talents to meet needs in practical ways	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	so others are free to focus on their own gifts and ministries and thus exercise them more effectively.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	8. Hospitality (1 Pe 4:9; Rom 12:13; 16:23; Heb 13:2; 1 Ti 3:2; Tit 1:8).	
23	The ability to graciously and happily open one's home and welcome those in need of food, lodging, and/or fellowship,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	especially strangers, so that guests are physically and spiritually refreshed.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	9. Intercessory Prayer (Ac 12:12; Mt 5:44; Jn 17:9, 20; Eph 6:18; Col 1:3, 9; 4:12; 1 Ti 2:1; Jas 5:14-16).	
26	The ability to intercede for others regularly and for extended periods of time through faith in God's promises,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	and see much more frequent and specific answers than in the life of other Christians.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	10. Word of Knowledge (1 Co 12:8; Rom 15:14; 1 Co 1:5; 2:14; 2 Co 11:6; Col 1:9; 2:2-3).	
29	The ability, through the study of the Scriptures and/or directly by divine inspiration, to discover, analyze, and clarify	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	spiritual truths and concepts, and to arrange them for convincing presentation to others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	11. Showing Mercy (Rom 12:8; Mt 20:29-34; 25:34-40; Mk 9:41; Lk 10:33-35; Ac 11:28-30).	
32	The ability to feel genuine empathy and compassion with all who are suffering in any way,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
33	and to manifest this sympathy with a cheerful spirit, and in practical ways that encourage and relieve them.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
34	12. Missionary (Rom 11:13; Mt 28:18-20; Mk 16:15-20; Ac 8:4; 13:2-4; 22:21; Rom 10:15).	
35	The ability to minister one's other spiritual gifts and natural talents across cultural and geographical boundaries.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
36	13. Pastor (Shepherding) (Eph 4:11-16; Jn 21:16-17; Ac 20:28-29; 1 Ti 3:1-7; 1 Pe 5:1-3).	
37	The ability to exercise responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a group of believers over a longer period of time,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
38	by guiding, feeding, and protecting them, and encouraging them in the ministry of their own respective spiritual gifts.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
39	14. Teaching (Rom 12:7; 1 Co 12:28; Eph 4:11-16; Mt 28:20; Ac 5:25, 28, 42; 18:24-28; 20:20-21; Col 3:16; 1 Ti 2:24).	
40	The ability to instruct believers, to impress Biblical truths and other knowledge upon their minds by clear exposition,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
41	in such a way that they will learn and come to informed decisions.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
42	15. Word of Wisdom (1 Co 12:8; Ac 6:3, 10; 1 Co 2:1-13; Eph 1:17; Col 1:28; Jas 1:5; 2 Pe 3:15-16).	
43	The ability to receive insight into the nature of a given matter or situation, then into	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
44	how knowledge from God's Word or other sources may best be applied to that situation, and to counsel others accordingly.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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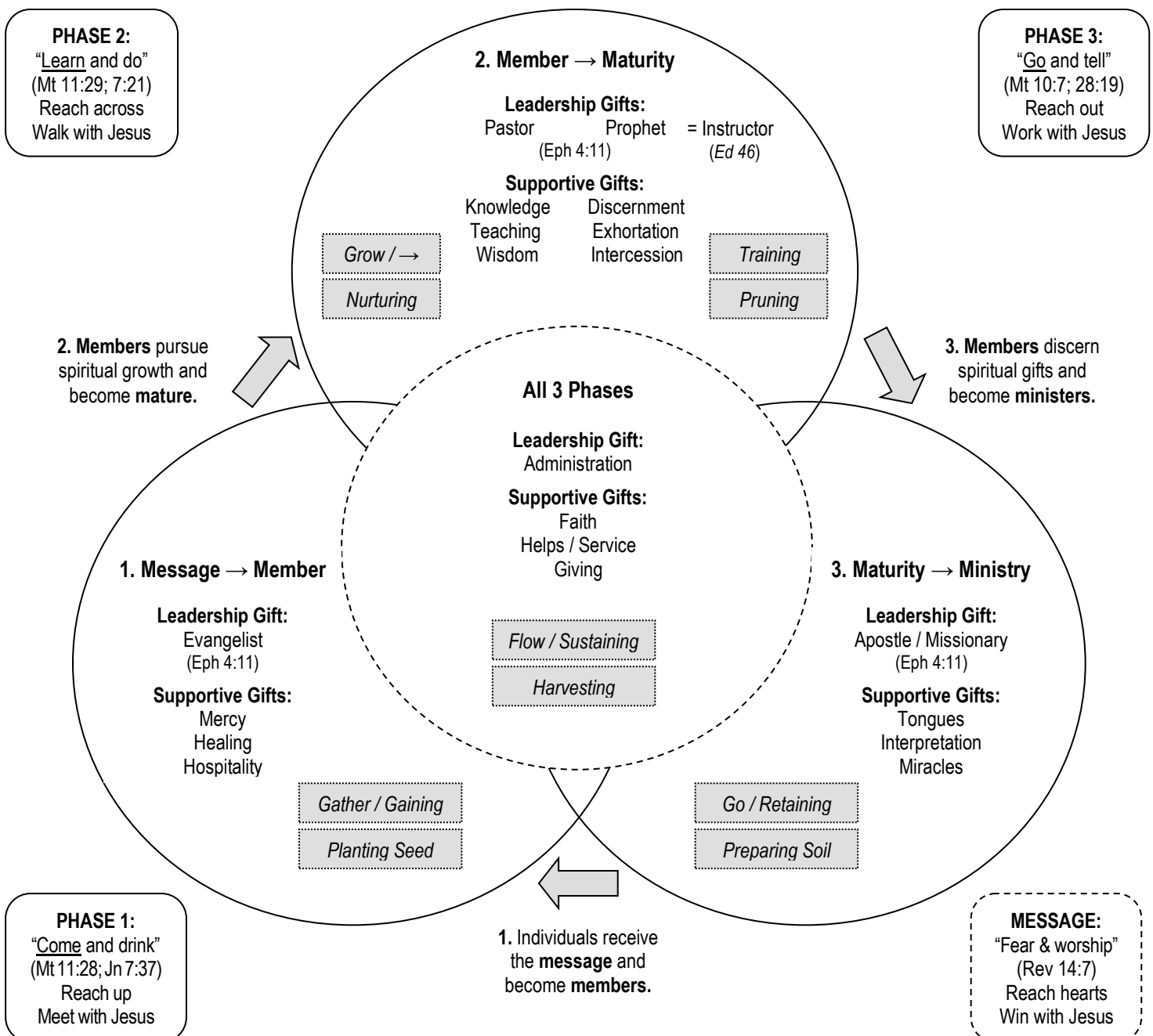
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G. Bear much Fruit – 2. Organize and Combine All Talents – 201. Categories of Spiritual Gifts

SUMMARY: You take **step 14** in the discipling process, as you apply your gift **set** to the gift **categories** to identify your possible ministry **areas**.

- All spiritual gifts serve to profit all (1 Co 12:7), but differently, depending on in which phase they are exercised and on the way they are categorized:
1. They may be gifts of leadership (apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor-teacher), or of support (helps/service, faith, giving, mercy, knowledge, wisdom).
 2. They may help to equip members for service (apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor-teacher), or strengthen them (faith, helps, mercy, knowledge, etc.).
 3. They may promote spiritual growth (pastor, prophet, teacher, knowledge, discernment), or numerical growth (evangelist, missionary, hospitality, etc.).
 4. They may be needed in all three phases to enable/guide the ministry of the members, manage resources, and maintain facilities (administration, etc.).

However they might be categorized, all play a Spirit-given role in the circles of love to enable the fullness of Christ (1 Co 12:11-12; Eph 1:23; 4:13). As members discover and exercise their gifts, the church comes alive and fulfills her calling to reflect the character of Jesus and spread His gospel.



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G. Bear much Fruit – 2. Organize and Combine All Talents – 202. Potential Ministries 1

SUMMARY: You check the lists below to identify **existing** ministries that match your gift **set**, or to describe **new** ministries you wish to start.

Once you have discovered your primary spiritual gift set, that is, your three highest ranked gifts, and received some confirmation from your pastor and/or church members, take a look at the various ministry areas and ministry needs in your church or group of believers, and in the community, which call for your gifts. Identify from the lists on this and the next page, what existing ministries you may like to enter, or whether you may desire to initiate a new ministry in any of the areas of church officers, committees, ministries, or programs. Check the respective column on line 16.

In the blank column on the right, write an existing service of your church not listed here, or a new ministry you wish to initiate.

	1. Area – Officers										
	Spiritual Gifts	(Lay) Pastor	Elder	Deacon /ess	Clerk	Trea- surer	Custo- dian	Greeter	SS Super.	SS Teacher	
1	Administration	X	X		X	X			X		
2	Discernment	X	X								
3	Evangelist										
4	Exhortation	X									
5	Faith										
6	Giving										
7	Helps / Service			X	X		X				
8	Hospitality			X				X			
9	Intercession	X	X								
10	Knowledge	X	X							X	
11	Mercy										
12	Missionary										
13	Pastor	X							X		
14	Teaching	X								X	
15	Wisdom	X	X						X	X	
16	Officer(s)										

	2. Area – Committees										
	Spiritual Gifts	Church Board	Nomi- nating	Build- ing	Finance	School Board	Music, Flower	Audio Visual	Social	Out- reach	
1	Administration	X	X			X					
2	Discernment		X			X					
3	Evangelist									X	
4	Exhortation										
5	Faith	X	X	X	X	X				X	
6	Giving				X						
7	Helps / Service						X	X			
8	Hospitality								X		
9	Intercession										
10	Knowledge										
11	Mercy										
12	Missionary									X	
13	Pastor								X		
14	Teaching										
15	Wisdom	X	X			X					
16	Committee(s)										

Church ministries and programs are listed on the next page.

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G. Bear much Fruit – 2. Organize and Combine All Talents – 203. Potential Ministries 2

SUMMARY: You also check these lists to identify more **existing** ministries that match your gift **set**, or other **new** ministries you desire to start.

Continue with the lists of church ministries and programs. Two blanks are left in each area to indicate other existing or desired services.

3. Area – Ministries											
	<i>Spiritual Gifts</i>	<i>Perso- nal</i>	<i>Youth</i>	<i>Child- ren's</i>	<i>Path- finders</i>	<i>Media</i>	<i>Bible School</i>	<i>Comm. Services</i>	<i>Health</i>		
1	Administration						X				
2	Discernment										
3	Evangelist	X				X	X		X		
4	Exhortation		X	X	X						
5	Faith										
6	Giving							X			
7	Helps / Service					X		X	X		
8	Hospitality										
9	Intercession										
10	Knowledge										
11	Mercy							X			
12	Missionary										
13	Pastor	X									
14	Teaching		X	X	X		X		X		
15	Wisdom										
16	Ministries										

4. Area – Programs											
	<i>Spiritual Gifts</i>	<i>Sabbath School</i>	<i>Give Bible Studies</i>	<i>Member Visit- ation</i>	<i>Visitor Visit- ation</i>	<i>Coun- seling</i>	<i>Vacation Bible School</i>	<i>Church Plant- ing</i>	<i>Cross- cultural outreach</i>		
1	Administration										
2	Discernment										
3	Evangelist	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		
4	Exhortation			X							
5	Faith										
6	Giving										
7	Helps / Service										
8	Hospitality										
9	Intercession			X	X						
10	Knowledge		X								
11	Mercy				X	X					
12	Missionary		X		X		X	X	X		
13	Pastor			X		X		X			
14	Teaching	X	X				X				
15	Wisdom					X		X			
16	Program(s)										

The next page lets you to list the combination of ministries that match your personal gift set, whether existing or desired new ones. Either way, allow yourself to be impressed by the Holy Spirit in answer to your prayers, and on the basis of feedback from other members.

Whenever you begin using your spiritual gifts, the Lord will hone them so will use them ever more effectively, and He may increase them so you have more to offer to the church and the community (see example of Philipp, deacon to evangelist, Ac 6:2-6; 8:5-6; 26-40).

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G. Bear much Fruit – 2. Organize and Combine All Talents – 204. My Preferred Ministry Combination

SUMMARY: Next, you put together from the possible **ministries** matching your gift **set**, what your preferred ministry **combination** might be.

Use this page to write down your preferred ministry combination according to your highest ranked gifts and other primary talents. If you desire to enter new ministries, you seek counsel from the Lord and share your desires with the pastor and church members who are willing to support you.

Once you have completed this form you may make your choices known to the pastor, nomination committee, outreach committee, or the personal ministries leader, or to take whatever the next step is in your church to organize and combine all talents in order to grow them by using them.

My three highest ranked gifts: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

My other primary talents: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

My Preferred Ministry Combination				
	Existing	Desired*	Spiritual Gifts	Other Talents
1	1. Church Officer ([lay] pastor, elder, deacon/ess, clerk, treasurer, SS superintendent, teacher, greeter, custodian, etc.)			
2				
3				
4				
5	2. Church Committee (church board, nominating, building, finance, school board, music, flower, A/V, social, outreach, etc.)			
6				
7				
8				
9	3. Church Ministry (personal, youth, children's, pathfinders, media, music, Bible school, community services, health, etc.)			
10				
11				
12				
13	4. Church Program (Sabbath school, give Bible studies, member and visitor visitation, counseling, VBS, church planting, etc.)			
14				
15				
16				

*Details of Desired Ministries	
17	
18	
19	
20	
21	

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G. Bear much Fruit – 2. Organize and Combine All Talents – 205. All Preferred Ministries – Officers

SUMMARY: You ***share*** your results with your church, so everyone gets an ***overview*** of ***all*** preferred ministries in the area of “***Church Officers***”.

The next four pages can serve as the church's preliminary overview of all existing and desired new ministries, the respective members associated with them, and their respective spiritual gifts and other talents. The lists will also reveal the ministry areas, for which interest, spiritual gifts and/or other talents may be lacking. This summary helps determine, therefore, how to pray for the church, what ministries may be of primary importance to develop, and in what respective capacities the various members may serve most effectively.

All Preferred Ministries – 1. Church Officers				
	Existing	Desired	Members' Names	Spiritual Gifts & Other Talents
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

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G. Bear much Fruit – 2. Organize and Combine All Talents – 206. All Preferred Ministries – Committees

SUMMARY: Your church or group goes through the **same** procedure putting together all **preferred** ministries in the area of “**Church Committees**”.

These four pages can serve as the church's preliminary overview of all existing and desired new ministries, the respective members associated with them, and their respective spiritual gifts and other talents. The lists will also reveal the ministry areas, for which interest, spiritual gifts and/or other talents may be lacking. This summary helps determine, therefore, how to pray for the church, what ministries may be of primary importance to develop, and in what respective capacities the various members may serve most effectively.

All Preferred Ministries – 2. Church Committees				
	Existing	Desired	Members' Names	Spiritual Gifts & Other Talents
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
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9				
10				

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G. Bear much Fruit – 2. Organize and Combine All Talents – 207. All Preferred Ministries – Ministries

SUMMARY: Your church or group goes through the **same** procedure putting together all **preferred** ministries in the area of “**Church Ministries**”.

These four pages can serve as the church’s preliminary overview of all existing and desired new ministries, the respective members associated with them, and their respective spiritual gifts and other talents. The lists will also reveal the ministry areas, for which interest, spiritual gifts and/or other talents may be lacking. This summary helps determine, therefore, how to pray for the church, what ministries may be of primary importance to develop, and in what respective capacities the various members may serve most effectively.

All Preferred Ministries – 3. Church Ministries				
	Existing	Desired	Members’ Names	Spiritual Gifts & Other Talents
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

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SUMMARY: Your church or group goes through the **same** procedure putting together all **preferred** ministries in the area of “**Church Programs**”.

These four pages can serve as the church's preliminary overview of all existing and desired new ministries, the respective members associated with them, and their respective spiritual gifts and other talents. The lists will also reveal the ministry areas, for which interest, spiritual gifts and/or other talents may be lacking. This summary helps determine, therefore, how to pray for the church, what ministries may be of primary importance to develop, and in what respective capacities the various members may serve most effectively.

All Preferred Ministries – 4. Programs				
	Existing	Desired	Members' Names	Spiritual Gifts & Other Talents
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

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G. Bear much Fruit – 3. Utilize and Commend All Talents – 301. Mission Statement and Strategy

SUMMARY: You take **step 16** in the discipling process, as you help your church formulate a mission **statement** and plan a mission **strategy**.

This page may be reproduced for the planning of a mission strategy.

Date of Planning: _____

Mission Statement: _____

Mission Strategy: _____

	Project Needed	Target Group	Purpose / Goal	Place / Location	Time Period	Method / Media
1	1.					
2						
3						
4	2.					
5						
6						
7	3.					
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9						
10	4.					
11						
12						
13	5.					
14						
15						
16	6.					
17						
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19	7.					
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21						
22	8.					
23						
24						

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G. Bear much Fruit – 3. Utilize and Commend All Talents – 302. Ministry Project 1

SUMMARY: You help your church **decide** on ministry projects, as you contribute **proposals** individually or in cooperation with other members.

The next three forms are identical and can be used to design ministry projects on any level, be it personal, committee, other ministry group, or on the congregational level. The forms are designed to give an overview of a project; they may not provide sufficient space to enter all the details.

Name of Ministry: _____					
Level of Ministry: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry Group <input type="checkbox"/> Congregation <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____					
Area of Ministry: <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Growth (Inreach) <input type="checkbox"/> Numerical Growth (Outreach) <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative (Organization, Finances, Facility)					
Need for Ministry: _____					
	Info	Details			
1	Target Group (who)				
2	Purpose / Goal (why)				
3	Time Frame (when)				
4	Facility / Location (where)				
5	Method / Media (how)				
	Task Area	Function	Gifts & Talents	Leaders	Others
6	1. Participants (speakers, musicians, helpers, etc.)				
7					
8					
9	2. Training of Participants (trainers, study material, etc.)				
10					
11					
12	3. Facility (set up, upkeep, cleaning, etc.)				
13					
14					
15	4. Finances (account, budget, paying bills, etc.)				
16					
17					
18	5. Material (purchase, storage, distribution, etc.)				
19					
20					
21	6. Support (practical, spiritual, prayer, counsel, etc.)				
22					
23					
24	7. Feedback (during project, afterwards, evaluation points, etc.)				
25					
26					
27	8. Other				
28					
29					

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G. Bear much Fruit – 3. Utilize and Commend All Talents – 303. Ministry Project 2

SUMMARY: You help your church **decide** on ministry projects, as you contribute **proposals** individually or in cooperation with other members.

These three forms are identical and can be used to design ministry projects on any level, be it personal, committee, other ministry group, or on the congregational level. The forms are designed to give an overview of a project; they may not provide sufficient space to enter all the details.

Name of Ministry: _____					
Level of Ministry: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry Group <input type="checkbox"/> Congregation <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____					
Area of Ministry: <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Growth (Inreach) <input type="checkbox"/> Numerical Growth (Outreach) <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative (Organization, Finances, Facility)					
Need for Ministry: _____					
	Info	Details			
1	Target Group (who)				
2	Purpose / Goal (why)				
3	Time Frame (when)				
4	Facility / Location (where)				
5	Method / Media (how)				
	Task Area	Function	Gifts & Talents	Leaders	Others
6	1. Participants (speakers, musicians, helpers, etc.)				
7					
8					
9	2. Training of Participants (trainers, study material, etc.)				
10					
11					
12	3. Facility (set up, upkeep, cleaning, etc.)				
13					
14					
15	4. Finances (account, budget, paying bills, etc.)				
16					
17					
18	5. Material (purchase, storage, distribution, etc.)				
19					
20					
21	6. Support (practical, spiritual, prayer, counsel, etc.)				
22					
23					
24	7. Feedback (during project, afterwards, evaluation points, etc.)				
25					
26					
27	8. Other				
28					
29					

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G. Bear much Fruit – 3. Utilize and Commend all Talents – 304. Ministry Project 3

SUMMARY: You help your church **decide** on ministry projects, as you contribute **proposals** individually or in cooperation with other members.

These three forms are identical and can be used to design ministry projects on any level, be it personal, committee, other ministry group, or on the congregational level. The forms are designed to give an overview of a project; they may not provide sufficient space to enter all the details.

Name of Ministry: _____					
Level of Ministry: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry Group <input type="checkbox"/> Congregation <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____					
Area of Ministry: <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Growth (Inreach) <input type="checkbox"/> Numerical Growth (Outreach) <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative (Organization, Finances, Facility)					
Need for Ministry: _____					
	Info	Details			
1	Target Group (who)				
2	Purpose / Goal (why)				
3	Time Frame (when)				
4	Facility / Location (where)				
5	Method / Media (how)				
	Task Area	Function	Gifts & Talents	Leaders	Others
6	1. Participants (speakers, musicians, helpers, etc.)				
7					
8					
9	2. Training of Participants (trainers, study material, etc.)				
10					
11					
12	3. Facility (set up, upkeep, cleaning, etc.)				
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G. Bear much Fruit – 3. Utilize and Commend All Talents – 305. Any Ministry Project

SUMMARY: You help your church **decide** on ministry projects, as you contribute **proposals** individually or in cooperation with other members.

This page may be reproduced for the planning of any ministry project.

Date of planning: _____

Name of Ministry: _____					
Level of Ministry: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry Group <input type="checkbox"/> Congregation <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____					
Area of Ministry: <input type="checkbox"/> Inreach / Spiritual Growth <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach / Numerical Growth <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative (Organization, Finances, Facility)					
Need for Ministry: _____					
	Info	Details			
1	Target Group (who)				
2	Purpose / Goal (why)				
3	Facility / Location (where)				
4	Time Period (when)				
5	Method / Media (how)				
	Task Area	Function	Gifts & Talents	Leaders	Others
6	1. Participants (speakers, musicians, helpers, etc.)				
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9	2. Training of Participants (trainers, study material, etc.)				
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G. Bear much Fruit – 3. Utilize and Commend All Talents – 306. Mission Strategy Evaluation

SUMMARY: You help your church **learn** from the experience with their mission **strategy**, as you contribute your prayerful **evaluation(s)**.

Your Name: _____

Date of Evaluation: _____

Mission Statement: _____

Mission Strategy: _____

	Project Evaluated	Target Group	Purpose / Goal	Place / Location	Time Period	Method / Media
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G. Bear much Fruit – 3. Utilize and Commend All Talents – 307. Ministry Project Evaluation

SUMMARY: You help your church **learn** from the experience with their mission **project(s)**, as you contribute your prayerful **evaluation(s)**.

Your **Name:** _____

Date of Evaluation: _____

Name of Ministry: _____

Level of Ministry: ☐ Individual ☐ Committee ☐ Ministry Group ☐ Congregation ☐ Other: _____

Area of Ministry: ☐ Spiritual Growth (Inreach) ☐ Numerical Growth (Outreach) ☐ Administrative (Organization, Finances, Facility)

Need for Ministry: _____

	Info	Details			
1	Target Group (who)	Overall: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
2	Purpose / Goal (why)	Overall: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
3	Time Frame (when)	Overall: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
4	Facility / Location (where)	Overall: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
5	Method / Media (how)	Overall: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
	Task Area	Function	Gifts & Talents	Leaders	Others
6	1. Participants (speakers, musicians, helpers, etc.)	Overall: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Overall: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Overall: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Overall: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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G. Bear much Fruit – 401. Commitment

Summary: Knowing now **how** you acquire the **5th** mark of discipleship, **fruit-bearing ministry**, you commit to **implementing** it in your daily life.

Upon working and praying through this theme I commit and pledge allegiance to the following, by the grace of God and according to His will:

My Commitment Pledge of Allegiance	I make it hesitantly → decidedly
G1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents	
I commit to periodically reevaluating my spiritual gift(s) in order to see if I have grown in my experience and/or number of gifts.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to periodically revisiting and/or requesting the evaluation and confirmation of my spiritual gift(s) by other members.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
G2. Organize and Combine All Talents	
I commit to remaining informed about other ministry areas opening up in which I might use my spiritual gift(s) more effectively.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to keeping the church informed about my preferred ministry area(s), and being available to meet corresponding needs.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
G3. Utilize and Commend All Talents	
I commit to investing my spiritual gift(s) and other talents in fitting areas of my personal life, in my church, and in the world.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to staying involved in personal, group, and/or congregational ministry projects according to where I can serve best.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Name: _____ Date: _____

My Notes

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H. Tell the World – 001. Overview

SUMMARY: Theme H shows **how** you acquire the **6th** mark of discipleship, **overcoming witness**, by taking steps **16 to 18** in the discipling process.

Theme Details

H1. Enable the Latter Rain Power

- Two Steps in Glorification
- Two Ways to Glorify God

H2. Reflect the Character of Jesus

- The Global Day of Atonement
- The Afflicting of Our Souls

H3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus

- Count the Cost of Witnessing
- Act on Your Mission Strategy

Purpose

To help participants

recognize and meet the conditions for the outpouring of the power of the latter rain:

1. **Pray** and prepare for its outpouring, while working in anticipation of the promise.
2. **Afflict** their souls in deep heart searching to receive the needed purity and unity.
3. **Agree** to the cost of witnessing, and implement the stated mission strategy.

PHASE / Section	Need I: REVIVAL – Apostolic Faith and Godliness				
	1st Level: Calling the Church – Why God Calls Disciples = Requires the Marks				I have / do it hardly → daily
	This	Theme	Need	Response	
Awareness and Decision		A. Sound the Trumpet	1st – 3rd Mark of Discipleship		
		1. Awake to Our Present Time	1. win the final battle	1. absolute loyal love	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Stand on the Side of Truth	2. guard against deception	2. complete self-denial	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Preparedness and Precision		3. Qualify for the Seal of God	3. be secure in Jesus	3. perpetual abiding	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		B. Hear the Call	4th – 6th Mark of Discipleship		
		1. Join the Revival and Reformation	4. work with members	4. mutual agape love	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Fulfill the Divine Commission	5. use talents effectively	5. fruit-bearing ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Be Ready to Stand at Last	6. be fully equipped	6. overcoming witness	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	2nd Level: Growing the Church – How We Make Disciples = Acquire the Marks				
	This	Theme	Step	Result	
PHASE 1: Courtyard “Come to Me” = Pardon (Look back to His life & sacrifice) Message → Member (Gather / Gaining) (Reach up)		C. Come to Life	1st Mark of Discipleship: absolute loyal love		
		1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus	(1) believe Gospel	(1) grateful surrender	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Receive Justification by Faith	(2) receive justification	(2) truthful conversion	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Obey Jesus from Love	(3) love commandments	(3) joyful obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		D. Join the Movement	2nd Mark of Discipleship: complete self-denial		
		1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity	(4) accept identity	(4) purposeful membership	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
PHASE 2: Holy Place “Learn of Me” = Purity (Look up for His presence & Spirit) Member → Maturity (Grow / Training) (Reach Across)		2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs	(5) grasp teaching	(5) meaningful conviction	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Order Your Life as a Steward	(6) (re)order life	(6) faithful stewardship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		E. Grow in Grace	3rd Mark of Discipleship: perpetual abiding		
		1. Let Jesus Form Within	(7) form Jesus	(7) spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Study the Word of God	(8) study Word	(8) doctrinal purity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Pray According to God's Will	(9) pray in the Spirit	(9) personal worship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
PHASE 3: Most Holy Place “Go for Me” = Power (Look forward to His work & return) Maturity → Ministry (Go / Retaining) (Reach out)		F. Share the Love	4th Mark of Discipleship: mutual agape love		
		1. Exercise Christlike Love	(10) practice love	(10) effectual unity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Contribute to Church Meetings	(11) value groups	(11) communal worship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Help with Practical Support	(12) serve needs	(12) practical support	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		G. Bear much Fruit	5th Mark of Discipleship: fruit-bearing ministry		
		1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents	(13) recognize talents	(13) doubtless certainty	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Organize and Combine All Talents	(14) organize talents	(14) classless teamwork	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Utilize and Commend All Talents	(15) utilize talents	(15) selfless service	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	▶	H. Tell the World	6th Mark of Discipleship: overcoming witness		
	▶	1. Enable Latter Rain Power	(16) enable power	(16) boundless light	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	▶	2. Reflect the Character of Jesus	(17) reflect Jesus	(17) spotless life	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	▶	3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus	(18) spread Gospel	(18) fearless fight	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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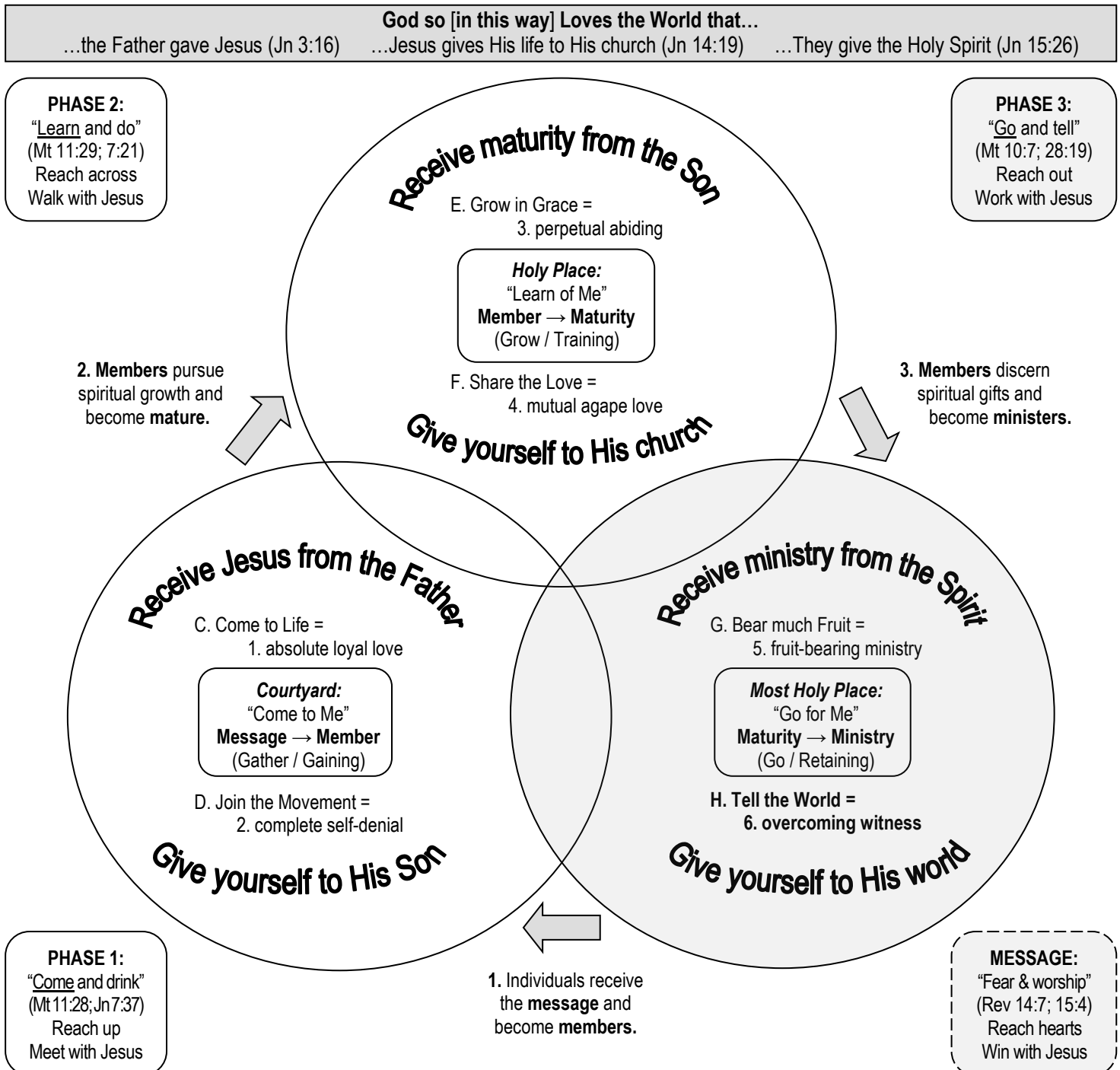
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H. Tell the World – 002. Dynamic Circles of Love

SUMMARY: Consider and appreciate now the **giving** side of that circle of love, which forms **phase 3** in the discipling process.

The first theme and mark of discipleship in each phase cover the receiving side of the relationship, the second theme and mark the giving side. Jesus said, "Come to Me, Learn of Me." (Mt 11:28-30); then, "Go for Me into all the world." (Mk 16:15; Mt 28:20). So the three circles of love together form the process by which Jesus builds His church (Mt 16:18): **1.** He calls her to Himself (Mt 16:24), **2.** grows her into His full stature (Eph 4:13; 5:27), and **3.** sends her to complete her number (Rom 11:25-26). Then He will return to take His beloved bride home into God's eternal glory (Jn 14:1-3).



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H. Tell the World – 1. Enable the Latter Rain Power – 101. The Two Parts of Glorification

SUMMARY: As you progress in sanctification, you **enter** into the third stage of salvation, **glorification** by faith according to its two **parts**.

Glorification is the third stage of salvation, or God's restoration of humanity into the likeness of Jesus. The righteousness of Jesus is reflected in the believer through the Holy Spirit within (1 Co 3:16; Gal 4:19; Col 1:27; 3:10; 2 Pe 1:4). "The Lord calls upon His Church to arise and shine amid the moral darkness. His people are to be a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men." (RH 02-11-1902).

The ark of the covenant was the only piece of furniture in the Most Holy Place. It contained the two tables of the moral law, covered by the mercy seat, above which the presence of God was manifested. The law and the mercy seat symbolize the two complementary aspects of God's character and plan of salvation: His justice and His mercy, both of which have met and were completely satisfied at the cross (Ps 85:10; Rom 3:20-26; PP 349). This grace of God leads His people to surrender their lives to Him to His glory, both individually and as a church.

The Shekinah glory of God's presence was the place from where God communicated His will for His people. It was accessed only once a year by the high priest. God's people rejoice that they always have free access to His word and to His throne through Jesus now, and when Jesus comes He will give them glorified bodies like His, so they can dwell in God's presence and serve Him (Rev 7:15; 22:3).

Will God's remnant people glorify God in their bodies now so Jesus can give them glorious bodies soon?

Two Parts		The Type or Symbols: Ark in Most Holy Place (Ex 25:10-22; Heb 9:4)	The Antitype or Reality: Glorification by Faith (Jn 15:4-8; Rom 8:17)	I see / do this hardly → daily
1. Ark of Covenant Tables of Law and Mercy Seat Believers glorify God through holy life and service	1	The ark was called the ark of the testimony or covenant, as it contained the two tables of stone of the 10 Commandments. Ex 26:33; 31:7; Nu 10:33; 14:44; Heb 9:4; Ex 25:16; PP 348	Ex 19:5; Dt 5:29; Mt 5:17; Rom 8:1-4; Mt 19:17; Jn 15:10; Rev 11:19; PP 349	Believers recognize the moral law as the code of righteousness in God's old and new covenants, and thus as the rule of judgment. □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
	2	Above the tables of the law, mounted on the mercy seat, were two cherubim looking downward toward the ark. Ex 25:17-21; Eze 1:11; PP 348-349	Ex 25:18-20; PP 348-349; PP 64; AA 152-153	Believers realize that angels regard the law with reverence, and are interested and involved in the plan of salvation. □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
	3	From the mercy seat God daily pardoned the repentant sinner, and on the Day of Atonement cleansed the sanctuary by blood. Ex 25:21, 34; Ex 30:6-8; Lev 16:11-17; PP 353-355	Rom 3:21-26; Heb 7:25; Ac 3:19; Rev 3:5; PP 357-358	Believers claim by faith that Jesus pardons their sins by His shed blood, and finally blots out their record in His judgment. □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
	4	In gratefulness to God for a final offer of mercy on that Judgment day, God's people afflicted their souls for complete pardon, so as to remain part of His people, and to rejoice in their salvation. Lev 16:29-34; Lev 23:27-32; PP 355-356; Lev 23:39-40	Da 7:10, 13; 8:14; 1 Pe 4:17; Mt 22:11; 1 Jn 1:9; Rev 7:14; Jn 15:8; Rom 12:1; 1 Co 6:20; Eph 3:10; 1 Pe 4:7-11; 12-19	Believers recognize that the time of God's judgment has come. They afflict their souls so Jesus may completely cleanse them and enable them to glorify Him, individually and as His church. □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
2. Ark of Covenant Presence of Shekinah Glory Jesus glorifies believers through immortal bodies like His	5	Above the mercy seat, between the two cherubim, was the visible manifestation of God's presence or Shekinah glory, from where God communicated His will. Ex 25:21-22; PP 349	Rom 12:1-2; 2 Ti 3:16; Jn 16:12-13; Jn 14:17; 15:26; 1 Jn 4:6; Rev 3:18	Believers have the inspired Word of God to know His will. They seek the guidance of His indwelling Holy Spirit, Who gives them discernment. □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
	6	Only the high priest could enter into God's immediate presence, but even he only once a year, and only by blood and by incense under danger of death. Lev 16:2; Lev 16:12-17, 25; Heb 9:6-8; PP 353	Rom 5:1-2; Eph 2:18; 3:12; Heb 10:12-22	Believers are grateful that under the new covenant, they have free access to God at any time by the blood and intercession of Jesus, the new and living way. □ □ □ □ □
	7	Otherwise, nobody ever entered into God's immediate presence. God's two dwellings, the Most Holy Place in the sanctuary and the New Jerusalem, are the only cubes. Jesus' bride not only has access to God, but will ever live in the eternal Most Holy Place. Ex 26:15-25, 33; 1 Ki 6:20; Rev 21:16	1 Co 15:51-58; Php 3:20-21; 1 Th 4:15-17; 1 Ti 6:14-16; Rev 7:14-15; Rev 15:5; 22:3; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Rev 14:3-5	Believers look forward to the second coming of Jesus, to receive glorious bodies like His, in which they will be able to live, rejoice, and serve in God's personal presence forever, because they will be completely sinless, just as Jesus Himself is. □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

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H. Tell the World – 1. Enable the Latter Rain Power – 102. The Three Ways to Glorify God

SUMMARY: You take **step 16** in the discipling process, as you seek to **glorify** God in your life in the power of both the **former** and the **latter** rain.

God's remnant people are still waiting with great anticipation for the second coming of Jesus, their "blessed hope" (Tit 2:13). Jesus will give them glorified bodies and take them to heaven so they can forever be with Him, share in His glory (Php 3:21; Col 3:4; 1 Th 4:17; 1 Pe 5:1, 10), see God face to face, and serve Him (Rom 8:17-18; 2 Th 2:14; Heb 2:10; 1 Pe 1:11; 4:13; 5:1, 10; Rev 7:14-15; 15:5; 22:3). This glorious future will be the satisfaction and joy of Jesus that was set before Him and helped Him endure the cross for our sakes (Isa 53:11; Heb 12:2; DA 624). In response to His sacrificial love, God's people love to glorify Him **1.** in their bodies, **2.** as a body or church, **3.** in death.

God's people glorify Him, reflect His character, as they wait and watch for the coming of the Lord in an active manner, by sanctifying obedience and sincere ministry (Rom 13:11-14; Heb 10:25; 2 Pe 3:11-14). "Christians are not to await their Lord's return in idle expectancy. While waiting and watching they are to be vigilant in purifying their own souls by obedience to the truth, and to be earnest in working for others [DA 634]. It is their privilege 'not only to look for but to hasten the coming of the day of God' (DA 633)." (5BC 505). We need the former and the latter rain (TM 506-508) for purification as well as for ministry; all are necessary to end the delay of Jesus' coming. Are we ready?

	We Glorify God In This Way → As we...	I. In Life: In Our Own Bodies (1 Co 6:20; 10:31)	II. In Life: As a Church Body (Jn 15:8; 2 Th 1:10-12)	III. In Death: As Last Day Martyrs (Jn 21:19; Rev 14:12-13)	I see / do this hardly → daily
1	1. ...seek the Baptism of the Holy Spirit as the Former Rain (Mt 3:11; Jn 1:33; Ac 1:5; 2:38; 8:14-17; 10:47).				
2	...let the Holy Spirit convict us	of sin (Jn 16:8), that is,	of righteousness (Jn 16:8),	of judgment (Jn 16:8), that	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3		unbelief in Jesus (Jn 16:9)	in Jesus' absence (Jn 16:10)	Satan is judged (Jn 16:11)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	by	- earnest prayer for original as well as daily filling (Lk 3:21; COL 139; Lk 11:13; Eph 5:18); - gathering for waiting, unity, and prayer (Ac 1:4, 14; 2:1); - heart searching, repentance and confession (AA 36-37)			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	"There must be no neglect of the grace				<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	...[of] the former rain." (TM 507).				<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	...respond to the Holy Spirit by	conversion (Ac 2:38) and	mutual love (Jn 13:35) and	less fear of death (Heb 2:15)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8		sanctification (1 Co 6:11),	using our gifts (1 Co 12:25)	and more love (1 Jn 4:18)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	which means	we take the steps to salvation	we make known the plan of	we are assured of salvation	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10		(1 Co 1:30; 1 Th 2:13)	salvation (Eph 3:8-11)	(Php 1:28-30; Heb 10:19-23)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	...and thus overcome evil by	the blood of the Lamb	the word of our testimony	not loving our lives unto the	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12		(Rev 12:11; 7:14)	(Rev 12:11; 6:9; 19:10)	death (Rev 12:11; Jn 12:25)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	2. ...seek the Baptism of the Holy Spirit as the Latter Rain (Joel 2:23, 28-29; Zec 10:1; AA 54-56).				
14	...prepare for the latter rain	afflict our souls to be forgiven	obey the great commission	be willing to be faithful unto	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15		(Lev 16:29-31; 23:27-31);	and the last day commission	death for Jesus' sake	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16		keep lamps trimmed (AA 55)	(Mt 28:18-20; Rev 10:9-11)	(Mt 23:34; Rev 2:10)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	by	- genuine repentance, fasting, weeping, and mourning (Joel 2:12-13); - victory over <u>every</u> besetment, wrong word and action (EW 71; LDE 192); - cleansing from <u>all</u> filthiness of flesh and spirit (2 Co 7:1; 1T 619); - remedying character defects, cleansing soul of <u>every</u> defilement (5T 214; LDE 192); - daily yielding and witnessing; standing every test and overcoming (AA 55; 1T 187); - gathering for consecration and intercession (Joel 2:15-17); - <u>entire</u> , wholehearted consecration to service (LDE 193); - be in unity, wait, watch, and pray (LDE 194; DA 672)			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	"While we cherish the blessing of the early rain, we must not, on the other hand, lose sight of the fact that without the latter rain...the harvest will not be ready for the sickle...." (TM 506-507).				<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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24					<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	...receive latter rain power	perfect purity, Jesus <u>in</u> us	perfect unity, Jesus <u>in</u> us	perfect love without fear,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26		(Rev 14:4-5; Rom 8:10-14;	(Jn 17:21-23; Eph 4:3, 13);	Jesus <u>for</u> us (Heb 2:14-15;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27		2 Co 7:1; Eph 5:25-27; Php	powerful preaching, Jesus	1 Jn 4:18; Rom 8:31-39;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28		2:15; Tit 2:14; 2 Pe 3:14)	<u>with</u> us (Mt 28:20; Jn 14:16)	Heb 11:32-40; Mt 5:48)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
29	3. ...hasten the coming of the Lord by removing the reasons for His delay				
30	...let Him remove the reasons	unbelief & worldliness	unconsecration & strife	indolence & slothfulness	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	in us by cleansing us	(LDE 38) = no faith & purity	(LDE 38) = no devotion & unity	(9T 46) = no work & vitality	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
32	...let Him remove His reasons	many more people are yet	loud cry is yet to be given <u>in</u>	needs an enduring people	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
33	by empowering us	to be saved (2 Pe 3:9)	all the world (Mt 24:14)	(Mt 5:44; 10:22; Rev 2:10)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
34	which results in	all Israel saved (Rom 11:26)	final warning (Rev 18:1-4)	faithful disciples (Rev 14:12)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
35	...let Him finish His work	seal the 144,000 (Rev 7:3)	protect from plagues (5T 212)	return to deliver us (Da 12:1)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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H. Tell the World – 1. Enable the Latter Rain Power – 103. Phases of Biblical Perfection

SUMMARY: You will not prepare for the **latter** rain in the power of the **former** rain, unless you believe that Jesus seeks to make you perfect **now**.

Perfection is clearly a Biblical teaching. It describes God's character (Dt 32:4; Job 37:16; Ps 18:30; 19:7; Mt 5:48; Rom 12:2) and Jesus (Heb 2:10; 5:9). It is also God's goal for His people (Dt 18:13; Mt 19:21; Lk 6:40; Eph 4:13; Col 1:28; 4:12; 2 Ti 3:17; Heb 13:21; 1 Pe 5:10), and therefore He calls them to perfection (Ge 17:10; Dt 18:13; 1 Ki 8:61; 1 Chr 28:9; Mt 5:48; 2 Co 13:11). Related terms are holiness (Ex 15:11; 19:6; Lev 11:44-45; Ps 30:4; Rom 6:19, 22; Eph 4:24; 5:27; 1 Th 3:13; 1 Pe 1:15-16; 2 Pe 3:11), godliness (Ps 32:6; 12:1; 1 Ti 2:2; 4:8; 2 Ti 3:12; 2 Pe 1:6; 3:30), and blamelessness (Lk 1:6; 1 Co 1:8; Php 2:15; 1 Th 5:23; 2 Pe 3:14).

The references imply that Biblical perfection is attainable in one's lifetime (Ge 6:9; 17:1; 1 Ki 11:4; 15:14; Job 1:1, 8; *LHU* 139). True Christians will not claim it, however (Php 3:12; *FLB* 119), nor should they (*3SM* 354-355; *AA* 562; *TMK* 361). If we claim we have no sin we deceive ourselves and lie (Jn 8:7; 1 Jn 1:8-10), for only Jesus was truly without sin (Jn 8:46; 2 Co 5:21; 1 Pe 2:22; Heb 4:15; 1 Jn 3:5). On the other hand, since we are called to partake of the divine nature (2 Pe 1:4), to perfect holiness in the fear of God (2 Co 7:1), there does come a time when we are perfect in that we actually no longer sin (Jn 5:14; 8:11; Rom 6:1-2, 12-13).

The crucial question then is, when does this phase of spiritual maturity begin? Some say we sin until the Lord returns, perhaps because they don't want to make false claims, or because they know we retain our sinful nature until the Lord's coming (Php 3:21). Others say, claiming 1 Jn 3:9, that truly converted Christians stop sinning because they are now incapable of sinning. The first position overlooks that all, including Christians, who sin until the Lord returns, do so after the close of probation and thus have unforgiven sin, since there is then no more forgiveness. They would all be counted unjust (Rev 22:11) and could not be saved (Rev 19:21).

The second position overlooks that 1 Jn 3:9 cannot mean converted Christians no longer sin. 1 Jn 1:7-10; 2:1 already stated that even Christians continue to need cleansing from sin (present tense in the Greek) as part of the process of sanctification (Rom 6:19; 1 Th 4:3). There is no contradiction between the two statements, since 1 Jn 3:9 says only that Christians do not continue to sin habitually (present tense again), as a lifestyle. This does not exclude occasional sin, for which 1 Jn 1:7-10 promises forgiveness and cleansing. However, this latter passage cannot be used to prove that sinning goes on for life, as it does not address this point.

So the question still needs to be answered, when will all sinning finally stop, so Jesus can finish the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary? Biblically, the truth of the matter lies between the two positions just discussed. 1 Jn 1:7-10 says that occasional sinning is a reality even after conversion. But the Bible also assures us that God is able to keep us from falling, in order to preserve us blameless unto, and present us faultless at the coming of Jesus (Jude 24; 1 Th 5:23; 2 Pe 3:14; Eph 5:27). This implies that all sinning will need to and can cease, not only at His coming, but before. In fact, it needs to end even prior to the close of probation (Rev 22:11).

One might object on two points: First, that sanctification is the work of a lifetime (*COL* 65; *HP* 231). Yet in its context, this statement is not saying that we will sin as long as we live, but that victory over sin is to be gained as long as we live (*AA* 560). Second, that we will have our sinful nature until Jesus comes. True, yet our sinful nature does not require us to act on it. We are exhorted to consider ourselves dead to sin and freed from its power (Rom 6:1-13). While we may be tempted to sin due to our sinful nature, God is able to preserve us from actual sinning if we are patient in our trials (1 Co 10:13; Jas 1:2-4; 2 Pe 2:9; Jude 24; Rev 12:14).

While the Bible says we will be blameless sometime before the close of probation, God is more specific toward His remnant church through the Spirit of Prophecy by showing that ceasing from sin is a prerequisite for the reception of the latter rain. We need to wait, watch, and pray for the latter rain (*LDE* 194; *DA* 672). But we also need to prepare for it by gaining victory over every sin, wrong word and action (*EW* 71; *LDE* 192), by cleansing from all filthiness of flesh and spirit (2 Co 7:1; *1T* 619) and from every defilement (*5T* 214; *LDE* 192). Such relative perfection is to be obtained prior to the latter rain, not then as a result of it (*TM* 506-507).

The process of our perfection can be summarized in six phases: **1.** We are reckoned perfected at conversion despite past sins and present failures, as we trust in Christ (Heb 10:14). **2.** While we are growing in His grace, we are relatively perfect at every stage despite a lack of full maturity (*COL* 65). **3.** Enabled by divine grace, we obey God's will and increase in victory over every sin and rebellious attitude (*LDE* 192). **4.** Though still having our sinful nature, we no longer sin (1 Th 5:23). **5.** At Christ's coming, our sinful nature and mortality are removed (Php 3:21; 1 Co 15:54). **6.** We continue to grow in Christ through all eternity (*BEcho*, 5-15, 1892).

	Phases of Perfection	Justification	Sanctification			Glorification	
	Timing of phases	Conversion	Growth	Latter Rain	Jacob's Trouble	2 nd Coming	Eternity
1	Reckoned perfect by faith in Christ's merits	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____➔
2	Growth as relative perfection at every stage	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	Increasing victory over sin by loving obedience	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4	Still sinful, but sins pardoned, no more sinning	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5	Sinful Nature removed, perfect sinlessness	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____➔	_____➔
6	Constant growth throughout all eternity	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____➔	_____➔
	Perfection = constant growth into Christ	Title to heaven	Fitness for heaven		Candidate for heaven		Heaven

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H. Tell the World – 1. Enable Latter Rain Power – 104. The Blessings of Jesus

SUMMARY: You also want to remember, that Jesus **calls** and **enables** you to be an overcoming witness in order to **secure** your own **happiness**.

God is calling us to receive both the former and the latter rain Spirit so we become more than conquerors, or overcomers (Rom 8:37; Rev 12:11). Jesus promises us this victory and shows us how to gain it as the only way to true happiness now and for eternity.

In the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5:1-8:1; Lk 6:17-49), Jesus gives His inaugural address as the King of His new kingdom of divine grace. Right at its beginning (Mt 5:1-12), He "proclaims that the main objective of the kingdom is to restore the lost happiness of Eden to the hearts of men, and that those who choose to enter in by the 'strait' gate and the 'narrow' way (Matt. 7:13, 14) will find true happiness" (5BC 324).

In the book of Revelation, Jesus announces His soon return as the King of kings finally to establish His eternal kingdom of divine glory (Da 7:14). Throughout the book, He gives some more blessings and instructions to His beloved remnant people in these last days, so they may not only retain their citizenship in the present kingdom of grace on earth, but also secure it for the soon coming kingdom of glory.

At the Inauguration of His Kingdom of Grace – Mt 5:1-12		I desire it hardly→strongly
1	1. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3).	
2	Those who are aware of their soul poverty, as opposed to Laodicea (Rev 3:17), are happy to enter the kingdom (MB 8).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	2. "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." (Mt 5:4).	
4	Those who deeply mourn because their sin brought anguish to Jesus, are being comforted with His pardon (MB 10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	3. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." (Mt 5:5; Ps 37:11).	
6	Those who have learned the graces of humility and self-surrender, are happily waiting to inherit the new earth (MB 17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	4. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." (Mt 5:6).	
8	Those whose hearts long for Him, are happy to be filled with the love, holiness, and perfection of Jesus (MB 18-21).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	5. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." (Mt 5:7; 25:31-46).	
10	Those who love to show His compassion to the poor and the suffering, are happy to find a merciful Savior (MB 22).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	6. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." (Mt 5:8).	
12	Those of undefiled purposes and motives, are happy to behold by faith, and rejoice in, God's true character (MB 25).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	7. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." (Mt 5:9).	
14	Those who lead others to have peace with God and men as they do, are happy to know they belong to God (MB 28).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	8. "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:10).	
16	"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you... for my sake. Rejoice..., for great is your reward in heaven." (Mt 5:11).	
17	Those who love Jesus and rejoice at sharing His persecution and reproach, are happy about their reward (MB 29-35).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Before the Coming of His Kingdom of Glory – Revelation		
18	1. "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things..." (Rev 1:3).	
19	Those who proclaim, hear, and act on the messages in Revelation, are happy as they realize the Lord is at hand (8T 302).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	2. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth..." (Rev 14:13).	
21	Those who die in and for the faith of the Third Angel's Message, are happy to rest until the special resurrection (GC 637).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	3. "Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments..." (Rev 16:15).	
23	Those who remain alert in the little time of trouble, are vigilant and happy to stay pure, obey, and work (Mt 24:46; DA 633).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	4. "Blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb." (Rev 19:9).	
25	Those who wear the robe of Jesus' righteousness, are happy to participate in His marriage supper (Rev 19:8; COL 311).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	5. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection..." (Rev 20:6).	
27	Those who remain faithful in trial, are happy and pure to join in the first resurrection and reign with Jesus (Rev 20:4-6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	6. "Blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of this book..." (Rev 22:7).	
29	Those who heed the messages of Revelation, are happy and love to see Jesus come quickly (Rev 22:6; 2 Ti 4:8; 16MR 179).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	7. "Blessed are they that do his commandments..." (Rev 22:14).	
31	Those who exercise the obedience of Jesus, are happy to also share in His immortality in the New Jerusalem (EW 51).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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H. Tell the World – 2. Reflect Jesus in Character and Lifestyle – 201. The Events of the Day of Atonement

SUMMARY: You see your need of perfection, as you reflect on the **affliction** of the soul during the **annual** as well as the **global** Day of Atonement.

The Annual Event	
1	1. In the divinely ordained OT order of annual feasts, the Day of Atonement marked the end of the yearly round of confessions and sacrificial
2	offerings for sin. Once a year (Lev 16:34), atonement was made because of and for all the sins of God's people of the past year (Lev 16:16, 30,
3	34). Thus, the sanctuary itself was cleansed from its defilement caused by the record of accumulated sins (Lev 16:16, 20).
4	2. The annual Day of Atonement was a Sabbath of rest (Lev 16:31; 23:32), and a holy convocation (Lev 23:27; 29:7) for the people of God.
5	They were not to work (Lev 16:29; 23:28, 31), but to <i>afflict their souls</i> (Lev 16:29, 31; 23:27, 32; Nu 29:7), that is, to review their lives and
6	search their hearts for any sins not yet repented of, and to receive atonement through sin offerings, as long as the high priest was still inside the
7	Holy Place. Once he came out and purified the altar of burnt offering, the cleansing was completed (Lev 16:18-20). Now the high priest placed
8	all confessed sins on the scapegoat, which was then lead into the wilderness to die (Lev 16:21).
9	3. The Israelites who had not kept the Sabbath of rest, and neglected to <i>afflict their souls</i> while the high priest was still in the Holy Place,
10	were to be cut off from the people of God (Lev 23:29), and God announced that He Himself would destroy them (Lev 23:30). This was therefore
11	a day of judgment for God's people (Lev 16:30; 1 Pe 4:17). In this way God assured their holiness, to which He had called them because He is
12	holy (Lev 11:44-45; 19:2; 20:7, 26). Only through a holy people can Jesus continue to reveal God's character to the world (Ex 19:6; 1 Pe 2:9; Jn
13	8:2; Mt 5:14), who, individually and corporately, thereby glorify Him in their lives (1 Co 6:20; 10:31; Php 1:11).
The Global Period	
14	1. The Day of Atonement is serious business. Once a year, God brought about total cleansing to all those of His people who took the time
15	allotted to them to search their hearts (Lev 16:29); but to those who did not, it meant exclusion and death. Since 1844, when Jesus our eternal
16	high priest (Heb 8:1-2) began cleansing the heavenly sanctuary (Da 8:14), we live in the global Day of Atonement or the pre-advent
17	Investigative Judgment. Now all people in the world are called to <i>afflict their souls</i> by giving God the opportunity to show them their sins and
18	give them repentance and forgiveness (Lk 24:47; Ac 5:31; 17:30). God wants to restore all people to His perfection (Mt 5:48), His righteousness
19	and holiness (2 Co 7:1; Eph 4:24; 1 Th 4:7); it is available to "whosoever will" (Rev 21:6; 22:17). Without it nobody can bring glory to God (Jn
20	15:5; 1 Co 6:20; 10:31; Phil 1:11), let alone enter His kingdom and see Him face to face (Mt 5:20; Heb 12:14; 1 Jn 3:2).
21	2. The time allotted to humanity to receive such holiness is "now" (2 Co 6:2), while their probation still lingers. Nobody knows when this
22	gracious offer will be over. Anyone's life could end anytime, and we do not know when the sealing of the faithful is finished (Rev 7:3). We do
23	know, however, that once our High Priest leaves the heavenly sanctuary He will no longer plead His blood for sinners (Rev 22:11). By then,
24	global probation has ended, the plagues will be poured upon all the wicked who neglected their opportunity (Rev 16:1-21), and they will be
25	destroyed by the brightness of Jesus' coming (2 Th 2:8-10). Then the Lord will deliver His people (Da 12:1) and take them to heaven together
26	with all resurrected believers (1 Th 4:15-18). There they will reign with Him a thousand years (Rev 20:4, 6), that is, evaluate and confirm His
27	righteous judgment on all wicked people and fallen angels (Da 7:22; 1 Co 6:2-3).
28	3. After His return, Jesus will put all the sins God's children ever confessed and were forgiven, on Satan (ST 5-16-1895) and bind Him on
29	the desolate earth, a wilderness without people to deceive (Rev 20:2-3). After the millennium, all the wicked will be raised in their old bodies to
30	be condemned and annihilated together with Satan and his evil angels in the global lake of fire (Da 12:2; Jn 5:29; Rev 20:10, 14-15). Then,
31	Jesus will renew the earth (Rev 21:1) and restore to His people never-ending righteousness and happiness (2 Pe 3:13).
The Ongoing Process	
32	So now, "today," we still have the divine opportunity to <i>afflict our souls</i> while the heavenly sanctuary is being cleansed. This afflicting is an
33	ongoing daily work toward complete holiness during personal probation. It consists of four steps:
34	1. We behold (2 Co 3:18) and desire the attributes of God (Ex 20:1-17; 34:6-7), Jesus (1 Jn 2:6) and the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23).
35	2. We let God search our hearts and show us our sins and hurts as well as His leading (Ps 139:23-24; Rev 2:23).
36	3. We allow ourselves to be humbled while recognizing our sinful ways (Dt 8:2; 2 Ch 7:14; Ps 51:17; Jas 4:5-10).
37	4. We repent and confess to God and one another, and He will forgive, cleanse and heal (2 Ch 7:14; 1 Jn 1:6-10; Jas 5:16).
The Various Dimensions	
38	During this serious and honest heart searching and divine evaluation, God will show us our hurts as well as our transgressions
39	1. of thought (Pr 23:7; Mt 5:28), word (Mt 12:37), and action (2 Co 5:1);
40	2. of commission (1 Jn 3:9), and omission or neglect (Heb 2:3; Jas 4:17);
41	3. of ignorance (Lev 4:2; 5:15; Ac 3:17), accidental (Nu 35:15, 22-24), or intentional (Nu 35:16-21; Jas 1:13-15);
42	4. whether secret (Ps 19:12; Rom 2:16), or open and known (Ex 14:10-14; 1 Co 5:1).
43	We respond with repentance, that is, godly sorrow for (2 Co 7:9-11) and forsaking of sin (Isa 55:7), accompanied by contrition (Ps 51:17; Isa
44	57:15), humiliation (2 Ch 7:14; Isa 57:15), restitution where needed (Ex 22:1-15; Lev 5:16; Nu 5:7; Lk 19:8), and confession (Ps 32:5; 1 Jn 1:9).

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H. Tell the World – 2. Reflect Jesus in Character and Lifestyle – 202. The Types of the Day of Atonement

SUMMARY: You see God's **calling** to this afflicting of the soul, as you note the **parallels** between the annual Day of Atonement and end-time history.

The cleansing and judgment on the annual Day of Atonement typifies end-time events of global proportions and eternal consequences.

		The Type: The Annual Day of Atonement The Shadow of Things to Come (Col 2:17; Heb 8:5)	The Anti-Type: The Global Day of Atonement The End-Time Reality, the Very Image (Heb 9:23; 10:1)
1	1	Announced at <i>Feast of Trumpets</i> ten days before: Repent! Trust God in the Judgment!	Lev 23:24
2			Rev 14:6-7; GC 351-353
3	2	Celebrated on the 10 th day of the 7 th month (Sept/Oct), once every year.	Lev 23:27; Lev 16:34
4			Da 8:14; GC 400, 433
5	3	All sins of all Israelites, once confessed, are recorded as atoned for and forgiven.	Mt 12:30-32; 1 Jn 1:9
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7	4	The high priest changes his golden dress to the white of a common priest to sacrifice.	Lev 16:4, 23; AA 33
8			Php 2:5-8; Heb 10:5, 10
9	5	The high priest offers sacrifices first for himself and his house, then for all God's people.	Lev 16:5-6, 11, 15
10			Heb 4:15; 10:10; 1 Jn 2:2
11	6	The high priest enters the Most Holy with incense, sprinkles the blood on and before the mercy seat, also on the altars of incense and of burnt offering. Thus he cleanses the sanctuary, blots out the record of all sins.	Lev 16:12-17; Ex 30:10; Lev 16:18-20
12			Da 8:14; Rev 3:5; GC 483; Heb 7:25; Rom 3:25
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16	7	During this day of final atonement, God's people were to <i>afflict their souls</i> , that is, review their lives, seek God, repent of, make amends for, and confess any yet remaining sins.	Lev 16:29, 31; 23:27, 29, 32; GC 429-431
17			Ps 139:23-24; Rev 2:1-3:22; EW 107-108; GC 429-431
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20	8	As the high priest left the Most Holy, the bells on his robe tinkled, telling the people that the cleansing was almost finished. When he came out through the veil to the Holy Place, Israel's time to <i>afflict their souls</i> had already ended.	1SP 274; SR 155; Lev 16:16, 17
21			Mt 24:1-33; Rev 3:20; Lk 21:7-36; Rev 7:1-3; 16:1-21
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25	9	After the cleansing the high priest, in the presence of God's people, places all blotted out sins on the scapegoat, not to atone for them but to remove them forever. The scapegoat is then expelled into the wilderness to die.	Lev 16:20-22; Ps 7:16; Deut 19:19
26			GC 422, 658; EW 178; 280; ST 5-16-1895; PP 358; Rev 20:1-15
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30	10	After completing this work, the high priest puts his golden robe back on with the miter inscription "Holy to the Lord".	Lev 16:23-24
31			AA 33; Rev 19:12-16; Lk 9:26
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33	11	Those who had not <i>afflicted their souls</i> and not repented of their sins were to be cut off from God's people. God warns that He Himself would destroy those who had worked that day, that is, disregarded its divine purpose.	Lev 23:29-30
34			2 Th 2:8-10; Rev 3:5; 1 Cor 6:2-3; Rev 20:10-15
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38	12	Five days after the Day of Atonement, the final of all the annual festivals occurs, <i>Ingathering</i> or the <i>Feast of Tabernacles</i> , lasting seven days. It is a season of rejoicing over a plentiful harvest, and in grateful memory of God's deliverance of His people from bondage in Egypt, of His care and guiding presence during their pilgrim life, and in praise for His mercy in granting them new pardon and acceptance.	Lev 23:34-43; Dt 16:13-15; PP 540-542
39			Rev 14:12-16; EW 16; 2SG 33; Isa 25:8-9; Rev 15:1-4; Rev 19:9; Rev 7:13-14; Rev 7:15; 21:3; Rev 7:16-17; Rev 7:17; 21:4
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H. Tell the World – 2. Reflect Jesus in Character and Lifestyle – 203. Commitment to the Afflicting of the Soul

SUMMARY: You take **step 17** in the discipling process, as you **commit** to complete cleansing so you come to **reflect** Jesus' **spotless** life.

"We are in the Day of Atonement, and we are to work in harmony with Christ's work of cleansing the sanctuary from the sins of the people. Let no man who desires to be found with the wedding garment on, resist our Lord in his office work." (RH 01-21-1890).

	The Steps of Commitment	The Scriptures
1	1. I <u>ACCEPT</u> the death and <u>RECEIVE</u> the righteous life of Jesus daily into my heart by faith.	2 Co 5:14-21; Rom 3:23-26; 5:8-21; 10:10
2	2. I <u>STRIVE</u> to be found of Him godly, sober, spotless and blameless at His coming.	Lk 13:24; Eph 5:27; Tit 2:12; 1 Pe 5:8; 2 Pe 3:14
3	3. I <u>SEEK</u> to perfect holiness in the fear of God also	2 Co 6:17; 7:1; 2 Pe 1:4;
4	a. to enable God to fill me with His latter rain Spirit;	Joel 2:23, 28-32; Ac 1:8; 2:14-21; 3:19;
5	b. thus to help lighten the earth with God's glory – now and during the Loud Cry;	Rev 14:6-12; 18:1-4;
6	c. and thereby to hasten the coming of the Lord Jesus.	Mt 24:14; 2 Pe 3:11-12; Rev 6:17
7	4. I <u>CLAIM</u> God's promises that He will finish His work and cut it short,	Ac 3:19; Rom 9:28;
8	and that He will send Jesus quickly to deliver His people.	Da 12:1; Joel 2:32; Ac 3:20; Rev 3:11; 22:7, 12, 20
9	5. I <u>COMMIT</u> therefore now to being fully converted and consecrated to God by	2 Chr 7:14; Isa 1:18-19; Jer 25:5; Eze 18:30-32;
10	a. forsaking & confessing all known sinful traits & habits, making proper restitution,	Isa 55:7; Ac 5:31; 1 Jn 1:9; Jas 5:16; Lk 19:8;
11	and being cleansed from all remaining unrighteousness;	Mal 3:1-3; Eph 5:25-27; Tit 2:11-14; 1 Jn 1:9;
12	b. asking for and practicing all divine character traits and habits;	Mt 5:48; Jn 17:23; Rom 12:2; 2 Pe 3:14; 1 Jn 2:6;
13	c. casting all my hurts and burdens on the Lord, trusting in His faithful care.	Mt 11:28; 1 Pe 5:7

14	A. Put off the <u>old</u> man (Eph 4:22; Col 3:9):		I do so hesitantly → decidedly
15	I <u>COMMIT</u> to confess and forsake all these sinful traits and habits, by God's grace and in His power.		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Sinful Traits and Habits	Process and/or People Involved	Promise(s) to claim
16	1.		
17	2.		
18	3.		
19	4.		

20	B. Put on the <u>new</u> man (Eph 4:24; Col 3:10):		I do so hesitantly → decidedly
21	I <u>COMMIT</u> to ask for and practice all these divine traits and habits, by God's grace and in His power.		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Divine Traits and Habits	Process and/or People Involved	Promise(s) to claim
22	1.		
23	2.		
24	3.		
25	4.		

26	C. Cast all your <u>cares</u> upon Him (Lk 4:18; 1 Pe 5:7):		I do so hesitantly → decidedly
27	I <u>COMMIT</u> to cast all these hurts and burdens on the Lord in faith, by God's grace and in His power.		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Hurts and Burdens	Process and/or People Involved	Promise(s) to claim
28	1.		
29	2.		
30	3.		
31	4.		

Place of Commitment: _____ Date: _____ My Signature: _____

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H. Tell the World – 2. Reflect Jesus in Character and Lifestyle – 204. Hindrances to Holiness

SUMMARY: First, you recognize, admit, **repent** of, and receive forgiveness for all the **sins** that **hinder** Jesus fully to live out His holy life in you.

As fallen human beings we sin (Rom 3:23; 1 Jn 1:8). Jesus took our sins upon Himself (1 Pe 2:24). If we let Him show them to us (Ps 139:23-24; 26:2; La 3:39-41; Hag 1:7; 2 Cor 13:5; Rev 3), His goodness will lead us to repentance (Rom 2:4), and God will forgive and cleanse (1 Jn 1:9).

	Characteristics of Sinners	Scriptures		In			Show it Toward						Have / Do It	Hate It	Priority
				T H O U G H T	W O R D	A C T I O N	G O D	F A M I L Y	C H U R C H	F R I E N D S	O T H E R S				
1	opposed to God's Spirit (Gal 5:15-17)	Old / New Testa- ment	All New Testa- ment									hardly → daily	hardly → greatly	Rate from 1 to 4, 1 being top.	
2	done outside of Christ (Gal 5:24)														
3	without love for Jesus (Jn 14:15)														
4	omit good works (Jas 4:17)														
5	transgress the law (1 Jn 3:4)														
6	1. The Book of Genesis														
7	lying = speaking falsely to deceive	Ge 3:4	Jn 8:44									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
8	unbelief in God = believing Satan	Ge 3:6	Jn 8:45-47									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
9	indulging appetite = let it control	Ge 3:6	1 Co 11:21									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
10	disobedience to God = rebellion	Ge 3:3-11	Eph 2:2									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
11	shift blame for own sin = excuse	Ge 3:12-14	Jas 1:13-15									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
12	anger = unrighteous human wrath	Ge 4:5	Jas 1:20									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
13	murder = intentional, n/a to war	Ge 4:8	Mt 5:21-22									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
14	drunkenness, etc. = intoxication	Ge 9:21	Lk 21:34									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
15	strife = quarrel, violent dissention	Ge 13:7	Gal 5:20									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
16	fornication = sexual immorality	Ge 19:5-8	Mt 5:28, 32									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
17	looking back = w/ desire or regret	Ge 19:26	Lk 9:62									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
18	favoritism = partiality w/ prejudice	Ge 25:28	Ac 10:34									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
19	undervalue God's blessings = loss	Ge 25:34	Heb 12:17									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
20	deceit = fraud, trick, subtle, crafty	Ge 27:1-23	Mk 7:22									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
21	hatred = bitterness, hostility	Ge 27:41	Gal 5:20									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
22	envy = covet, begrudge w/ discount	Ge 30:1	Rom 1:21									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
23	emulation = envious zeal to outdo	Ge 30:15	Gal 5:20									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
24	idolatry = serving manmade gods	Ge 31:30	Col 3:5									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
25	2. The New Testament														
26	judging = by own standards	Rom 2:1-3	Mt 7:1-5									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
27	blasphemy = speaking evil of God	1 Ti 6:1	Mt 12:31-32									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
28	unforgiving = resentment, grudge	Eph 4:32	Mt 18:22-35									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
29	robbing God = no tithes & offerings	Mal 3:7-12	Mt 23:23									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
30	neglecting gifts or calling = loss	1 Ti 4:14	Mt 25:14-30									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
31	covetousness = greed, unjust gain	Ex 20:17	Mk 7:22									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
32	foolishness = folly, thoughtless	Ps 69:5	Mk 7:22									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
33	being stiffnecked = resist the Spirit	2 Chr 30:8	Ac 7:51									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
34	procrastination = needless delay	2 Chr 24:5	Ac 24:25									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
35	whispering, backbiting = slander	Ps 41:7	Rom 1:29-30									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
36	despite = insult, contempt, injury	Eze 25:15	Rom 1:30									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
37	pride / boasting = empty pretense	Pr 21:4	Rom 1:30									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
38	uncleanness = physical, moral	Eph 5:3	Gal 5:19									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
39	witchcraft, etc. = occult activities	1 Sa 15:23	Gal 5:20									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
40	idleness = laziness, avoid work	Pr 19:15	2 Th 3:10									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
41	gossiping = idle / evil talk, rumors	Lev 19:16	1 Ti 5:13									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
42	love of money = root of all evil	Mt 26:15	1 Ti 6:10									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
43	love of self / pleasure = not of God	Isa 58:13	2 Ti 3:2, 4									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
44	form of godliness = hypocrisy	Mt 15:7-9	2 Ti 3:5									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
45	lukewarmness = not hot or cold	Mt 22:37	Rev 3:16									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
46	complacency = feel self-sufficient	Lk 12:19	Rev 3:17									□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □		
47	3. Other Sins														
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H. Tell the World – 2. Reflect Jesus in Character and Lifestyle – 205. Aspects of Holiness

SUMMARY: Then, you identify, consider, and **ask** for all the aspects of the divine **character** that **allow** Jesus fully to live out His life in you.

God calls His people to live holy lives (Ex 19:6; 1 Pe 2:9). Jesus revealed to us God's true character (Jn 1:18) and empowers all who receive Him to become God's children (Jn 1:12), so His church reflects God in this world, thus vindicating His name (Jn 8:12; 9:5; Mt 5:13-16, 48; Eph 3:10-11).

	Characteristics of Saints	Scriptures		Show It Toward					Have / Do It	Desire It	Priority
		Old / New Testa- ment	All New Testa- ment	G O D	F A M I L Y	C H U R C H	F R I E N D S	O T H E R S	hardly → daily	hardly → greatly	Rate from 1 to 4, 1 being top.
1	are filled with God's Spirit (Eph 5:8; 2 Pe 1:4)										
2	do all things through Christ (Phil 4:13)										
3	obey out of love for Jesus (Jn 14:15)										
4	are zealous of good works (Tit 2:14)										
5	are doers of the law (Mt 7:25; Jas 1:22)										
6	1. The Glory / Character of God										
7	merciful = <i>pitiful, compassionate, reconciling</i>	Ex 34:6-7	Lk 6:36						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
8	gracious = <i>considerate, charming, benevolent</i>	Ex 34:6	Col 4:6						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
9	longsuffering = <i>patient, forbearing, slow to anger</i>	Ex 34:6	Eph 4:2, 26						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
10	abundant in goodness = <i>fair, upright, agreeable</i>	Ex 34:6	Rom 15:14						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
11	abundant in truth = <i>right, faithful, firm, objective</i>	Ex 34:6	Eph 4:25; 5:9						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
12	forgiving all iniquity = <i>bear, cover, take away</i>	Ex 34:7	Eph 4:32						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
13	not clearing the guilty = <i>just, not condoning sin</i>	Ex 34:7	Mt 18:15-18						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
14	2. The Attributes / Life of Jesus										
15	He was holy and sinless = <i>set apart, blameless</i>	Lk 1:35; Heb 4:15; 1 Th 5:23							□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
16	He always had the fullness of the Holy Spirit	Jn 1:32; 3:34	Eph 5:18						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
17	He lived and overcame by the Word of God	Mt 4:1-11	Eph 6:17						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
18	He was in constant communion with His Father	Lk 6:12; 11:1	Lk 18:1						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
19	He kept God's commandments, incl. Sabbath	Lk 4:16	Jn 15:10						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
20	He was meek and lowly in heart = <i>mild, humble</i>	Mt 11:29; 21:5	Eph 4:2						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
21	He lived not to be served, but to serve and die	Mt 20:28	Jn 13:3-20						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
22	He never ceased to love God's people	Jn 13:1, 34	1 Co 13:7-8						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
23	He prayed for His followers and His enemies	Jn 17:20; Lk 23:34; Mt 5:44							□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
24	He suffered without reviling and threatening	1 Pe 2:23	1 Co 4:12						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
25	He humbled Himself and was obedient unto death	Php 2:5-8	Rev 2:10; 12:11						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
26	He offers His faith and love tested by fiery trials	Rev 3:18	1 Pe 1:5-9						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
27	He offers His pure victorious righteousness	Rev 3:5, 18	Rev 7:13-17						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
28	He offers His spiritual discernment and wisdom	Jas 1:5	Rev 3:18						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
29	3. The Fruit / Effect of the Spirit										
30	love = <i>"agape" – divine, self-sacrificing love</i>	Gal 5:22; 1 Cor 13; Jn 13:1, 34							□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
31	joy = <i>gladness, satisfaction, holy pleasure</i>	Gal 5:22	Jn 15:11						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
32	peace = <i>well being, completeness, harmony</i>	Gal 5:22	Jn 14:27						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
33	longsuffering = <i>patient, forbearing, slow to anger</i>	Gal 5:22	Col 1:11						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
34	gentleness = <i>kind, mild, calm, reasonable</i>	Gal 5:22	Jas 3:17						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
35	goodness = <i>fair, upright, active, agreeable</i>	Gal 5:22	Eph 5:9						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
36	faithfulness = <i>firm, honest, loyal, dependable</i>	Gal 5:22	Mt 25:21						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
37	meekness = <i>humble, submissive, trustful, patient</i>	Gal 5:23	Col 3:12						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
38	temperance = <i>self-control, restraint, moderation</i>	Gal 5:23	2 Pe 1:6						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
39	4. The Ten Commandments / Promises										
40	Have no other gods before me = <i>shun idolatry</i>	Ex 20:3	Mt 6:24						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
41	Do not make any image and bow down to it	Ex 20:4-6	Ac 19:26						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
42	Do not take the name of the Lord God in vain	Ex 20:7	Mt 5:34						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
43	Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy	Ex 20:8-11	Ac 13:42-44						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
44	Honor your father & mother = <i>respect authority</i>	Ex 20:12	Mt 15:4						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
45	Do not murder = <i>incl. anger and calling names</i>	Ex 20:13	Mt 5:21-22						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
46	Do not commit adultery = <i>not even in the heart</i>	Ex 20:14	Mt 5:27-28						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
47	Do not steal = <i>take, deny</i> (or rob God, Mal 3:8)	Ex 20:15	Mt 19:18						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
48	Do not bear false witness against your neighbor	Ex 20:16	Mt 19:18						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	
49	Do not covet anything that is your neighbor's	Ex 20:17	Rom 7:7						□ □ □ □ □	□ □ □ □ □	

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H. Tell the World – 2. Reflect Jesus in Character and Lifestyle – 206. Hurts and Burdens

SUMMARY: Next, you recognize, face, and **cast** all your burdens upon Jesus, so He can **heal** your brokenness and give you **rest** for your soul.

Fallen beings, angelic or human, sin against us and hurt us (Ge 3:4; 1 Jn 3:8; Jn 8:44; Mt 18:21). Our life brings us pain and grief (Pr 15:13). Jesus has born our griefs and sorrows (Isa 53:4). He wants to heal the brokenhearted and bring rest to the burdened (Ps 147:3; Lk 4:18; Mt 11:28).

Characteristics of Hurt		Description	Show It Toward					Have / Do It	Suffer From It	Priority
		Specifics (persons, events, situations, conditions) in my life, past, present, or anticipated.	G O D	F A M I L Y	C H U R C H	F R I E N D S	O T H E R S	hardly → daily	hardly → greatly	Rate from 1 to 4, 1 being top.
1	fallen beings sin (Jn 8:44; Rom 3:23)									
2	sins of others hurt (Ps 41:7)									
3	life brings burdens (Mt 11:28)									
4	Jesus is our healer (Mt 8:16-17)									
5	He takes our cares (1 Pe 5:7)									
6	1. Inherited Situation									
7	misconceptions of God / Jesus							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8	sins of ancestors (Lev 26:39-40)							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	character / moral weaknesses							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
10	prejudices from or toward others							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	connections with the occult							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12	physical or mental challenges							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	predisposition to diseases							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
14	financial (wealth, poverty, debt)							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
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17	2. Spiritual Matters									
18	uncertain about God's character							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
19	lacking assurance of salvation							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20	lacking victory over sin or habit							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
21	sensing fear of death (Heb 2:15)							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
22	dissatisfied with devotional life							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
23	uncertain about church's teaching							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24	uncertain about direction in life							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
25	demonic presence or activity							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
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28	3. Traumatic Experiences									
29	any abuse or violence							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
30	major illness or surgery							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
31	marital or family breakdown							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
32	death of significant person							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
33	car or other major accident							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
34	change of work or location							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
35	professional or financial failure							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
36	loss of work or property							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
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39	4. Negative Feelings									
40	fear, worry, anxiety, etc.							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
41	depression, sadness, grief, etc.							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
42	frustration, irritation, anger, etc.							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
43	discouragement, despair, etc.							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
44	confusion, insecurity, etc.							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
45	distrust, resentment, etc.							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
46	loneliness, isolation, etc.							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
47	rejection, neglect, etc.							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
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H. Tell the World – 2. Reflect Jesus in Character and Lifestyle – 207. Divine and Human Anger

SUMMARY: Finally, you deal specifically with **anger**, as it is the **strongest** emotion to which Satan is going to **tempt** God's people in the final days.

Anger is one the most powerful emotions known to humanity. It may express itself in negative attitudes such as bitterness, resentment or hatred, in hasty and passionate words of evil speaking such as false accusation, slander or calling names, or in abusive and destructive actions such as murder or other violence (Eph 4:31; Col 3:8; Ge 4:8; Mt 5:21-22). In any case, cherished anger sets aside reason (4T 431), ruins our health as it wounds and poisons the heart (Pr 17:22; Ed 197; OHC 235), and it damages the character (1MCP 192). More tragically yet, it dishonors the Lord God and brings reproach to the Christian since it reflects the spirit of Satan rather than the character of Jesus (TDG 270; DA 353).

To be sure, as Moses and David showed (Ex 32:19; 2 Sa 12:5), "there is an indignation that is justifiable, even in the followers of Christ....Such anger...is not a sin." (DA 310). It reflects rather God's anger against sin as also seen in Jesus (Rom 1:18-21; Mt 23:13ff.; Mk 3:5). But there are big differences between divine and human anger. There "is a righteous indignation against sin, which springs from zeal for the glory of God, not that anger prompted by self-love or wounded ambition, which is referred to in the scripture, 'Be ye angry, and sin not.'" (TM 100). So God's people may show righteous indignation but never claim it to justify human anger. They are called to vindicate God by reflecting Jesus.

Therefore, God's people need to overcome human anger through Jesus' attributes (Pr 16:32; Eph 4:30-32; Col 3:12-17; Jas 1:19-22). Soon, Satan will persuade men to regard the Sabbath keepers as offending God, troublers of the people, and enemies of law and order; and will accuse them of disaffection toward the government (GC 590-592), thus seeking to provoke God's people to passion (COL 171-172). But as these trials come, will God's remnant give anyone reason to say that their accusers were correct (HP 246), or will they respond to injustice and suffering as Jesus did (Lk 23:34; 1 Pe 2:19-23; 4:12-19)? Will they manifest His spirit by wearing His yoke of obedience, restraint, and service (TDG 288)?

	Righteous Indignation Expressed by God / Christ	I appreciate it hardly → daily	Unrighteous Anger Expressed by Satan / Humans	I experience it hardly → daily
1	Reasons: All Unrighteousness (Rom 1:18).		Triggers: Wounded Ambition (TM 100).	
2	Disobedience (1 Ch 13:10; 1 Ki 11:9; Rom 2:8).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Self-will frustrated (Ge 4:5; 1 Sa 20:30; Rev 12:17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	Social injustice (Ex 22:22-27; Rom 13:4-5).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Concern for own reputation (Ge 34:7; Jnh 4:1).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	Idolatry (Ex 32:7-10; Dt 4:25; 6:14-15; Rev 14:9-10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Envies success of evil doers (Ps 37:1; Pr 24:19).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Hypocrisy (Mt 23:13-15; DA 619-620; Ac 5:3-5).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Convicted of unbelief (Lk 4:28; Ac 7:54).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	Unbelief & Distrust (Ex 4:14; Nu 14:11; Rom 2:5).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Virtue of others exposes own evil (1 Jn 3:12).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Zeal for God's honor (Jn 2:17; DA 157-158).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Jealous of honor of others (1 Sa 18:8; Lk 15:25-30).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Characteristics: Always Controlled (Rom 9:22).		Characteristics: Lacks Self-Control (SD 142).	
9	Hates the sin, loves the sinner (Eze 33:11; DA 462).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Hates the sinner, but loves the sin (DA 462).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	Is slow to anger (Ps 103:8; 145:8; Joel 2:13).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Is quick to accuse & censure (Mk 14:3-5; DA 462).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Desires to show mercy (Jer 3:12; Eze 22:30).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Zealous for justice & revenge (Lk 9:54; DA 462).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	Is always justified (Dt 9:18; Rom 2:5; Rev 19:2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Is never justified (Jnh 4:9; Lk 9:55-56; Jas 1:20).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	Response always proportionate to evil (Rev 16:5-7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Reaction disproportionate to evil (Ge 34; 49:5-7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	Mixed with grief over others (Ps 78:40; Mk 3:5).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed with grief over self (Ge 34:7; Jnh 4:6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	Righteous Indignation Expressed by Humans	I experience it hardly → daily	Unrighteous Anger Overcome by Christ's Followers	I practice it hardly → daily
15	Reasons: Injustice to God or Man (DA 310).		Attitude: Follow Christ (Mt 16:24; 1 Pe 2:21).	
16	Idolatry (Ex 32:19).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Obey God's will (Jn 15:10; Eph 4:31; Col 3:8).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	Injustice (Ge 39:19-20; 1 Sa 20:34; 2 Sa 12:5).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Be meek & lowly in heart (Mt 5:5; 11:29; Eph 4:2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	Heartlessness and cruelty (Mt 18:32-34).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Be peaceful (Jn 14:27; Mk 9:50; James 3:18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	God is dishonored (DA 310).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Be patient in suffering (1 Pe 2:20-21; Rom 12:12).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	God's service is brought into disrepute (DA 310).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Rejoice in suffering (Mt 5:10-12; Ac 5:41; 1 Pe 4:13).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	The innocent are oppressed (DA 310).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Let God do justice (Ps 37:7; 1 Pe 2:23; Rom 12:19).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	Characteristics: Similar to Divine Indignation.		Behavior: Overcome Evil with Good (Rom 12:21).	
23	Is zealous for the glory of God (Ex 32:12).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Forsake own anger quickly (Ps 37:8; Eph 4:26).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	Abhors & exposes evil (Ex 32:19-20; PP 320).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Ask forgiveness & forgives (Mt 5:22-25; Eph 4:32).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	But then: Intercedes for sinners (Ex 32:30-32).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Give soft answer (Pr 15:1; Mt 5:39; Jas 3:2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	Is mixed with grief over others (PP 630.4);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Meet injustice with silence (Mk 15:3-5; 1 Pe 2:23).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	Action proportionate to evil (2 Sa 12:5).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Love & help enemies (Mt 5:39-44; Rom 12:20).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	Slow to anger (Pr 15:18; 16:32)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Pray for enemies (Mt 5:44; Lk 23:34; Ac 7:60).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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H. Tell the World – 3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus – 301. The Cost of Overcoming

SUMMARY: You take **step 18**, the **last** in the discipling process, as you seriously count and decide about the **cost** of being an **overcoming** witness.

Before Jesus sends his disciples out to be witnesses for Him, then and now, He prepares them for the task. He tells them clearly what is ahead of them when they obey the call. "The Saviour's eye penetrates the future; He beholds the broader fields in which, after His death, the disciples are to be witnesses for Him. His prophetic glance takes in the experience of His servants through all the ages till He shall come the second time. He shows His followers the conflicts they must meet; He reveals the character and plan of the battle. He lays open before them the perils they must encounter, the self-denial that will be required. He desires them to count the cost, that they may not be taken unawares by the enemy.

"Their warfare is not to be waged against flesh and blood, but "against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:12. They are to contend with supernatural forces, but they are assured of supernatural help. All the intelligences of heaven are in this army. And more than angels are in the ranks. The Holy Spirit, the representative of the Captain of the Lord's host, comes down to direct the battle. Our infirmities may be many, our sins and mistakes grievous; but the grace of God is for all who seek it with contrition. The power of Omnipotence is enlisted in behalf of those who trust in God." (DA 352).

"Those who in the strength of Christ overcome the great enemy of God and man, will occupy a position in the heavenly courts above angels who have never fallen." (6BC 1113). "All who have borne with Jesus the cross of sacrifice will be sharers with Him of His glory. It was the joy of Christ in His humiliation and pain that His disciples should be glorified with Him. They are the fruit of His self-sacrifice. The outworking in them of His own character and spirit is His reward, and will be His joy throughout eternity. This joy they share with Him as the fruit of their labor and sacrifice is seen in other hearts and lives. They are workers together with Christ, and the Father will honor them as He honors His Son." (DA 624).

Will God's remnant glorify Him by overcoming evil as they face the foe, trust in God, and do not fear troubles or death?

Face the Foe		I desire it hardly→strongly
1	1. "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves." (Mt 10:16).	
2	Christ's disciples are to represent Him, presenting the gospel in the power of His divine tact and gentleness (DA 353).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	In controversy with enemies they must stay calm and be alert as serpents, but innocent and honest as doves (5BC 377).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	2. "But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to the councils." (Mt 10:17-18).	
5	Specifically, they must not be dependent on or rely on the counsel of men who are not guided by the Holy Spirit (DA 354).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	Being tried for their faith, they testify before great men of the world who otherwise might never hear the gospel (DA 354).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	3. "I came not to send peace, but a sword....And he that taketh not his cross...." (Mt 10:34-39).	
8	Jesus asks them to realize the world's enmity to the gospel will not be overcome and its opposition not cease (DA 357).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	He bids them take their cross and promises rewards to anyone who recognizes the value of their mission (DA 357-358).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in God		
10	4. "Take no thought how or what ye shall speak, for it shall be given you in that hour." (Mt 10:19-20).	
11	God's Spirit will illumine the disciples, and they will present the truth in its divine power and preciousness (DA 354).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	But this can only happen if they diligently search God's word, strengthen their faith by prayer, and trust Him (DA 355).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	5. "He that endureth....When they persecute you in this city, flee ye to another." (Mt 10:21-23; 24:13).	
14	Jesus promises ultimate salvation to His disciples if they endure despite hatred from family and the whole world (DA 355).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	Yet He does not want them to expose themselves unnecessarily to persecution and be discouraged by it (DA 355).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	Rather, as He did so are they to seek out other areas where they can still labor for the salvation of souls (DA 355).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Do Not Fear		
17	6. "The disciple is not above his master....Fear them not therefore....speak ye in the light." (Mt 10:24-27).	
18	Jesus' disciples will be as misrepresented in their work as was Jesus, but eventually all this will be revealed (Mt 10:26).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	Regardless, they do not purchase peace by compromise or silence, but share truth openly and freely (DA 355-356; ML 189).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	7. "And fear not them which kill the body..., but rather fear him which is able to destroy body and soul...." (Mt 10:28).	
21	True disciples need not fear the power of men or the enmity of Satan, for in Jesus their eternal life is secure (DA 356).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	"Their only fear should be lest they surrender the truth, and thus betray the trust with which God has honored them." (ibid.).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	8. "Fear ye not therefore; ye are of more value....Whosoever shall confess me...." (Mt 10:29-33).	
24	Jesus reminds His disciples of God's fatherly notice and constant protecting care even of small, wild birds (DA 356-357).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	He assures them of their much higher value and God's much greater sympathy and interest in their needs (DA 356-357).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	He promises He will confess His disciples before God if they bear witness to Him on earth by a Christlike life (DA 357).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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H. Tell the World – 3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus – 302. Promises to Claim

SUMMARY: As you consider the **cost** of overcoming, also remember the precious **promises** that God gave to us so we may **claim** them by faith.

The Lord wants to ensure His remnant people that He has made all the provisions necessary to preserve them in the faith and enable them to be faithful in the trials and sufferings during the last day events. His promises are precious because He guarantees to protect and sustain them, to bring about justice and their deliverance, and to graciously give them their great reward and eternal inheritance.

Will each member of God's people be faithful to Him by claiming these promises in the faith of Jesus?

	God's Precious Promises	I claim it hardly → daily
1	1. Safety and Sustenance	
2	We can be strong, courageous, and fearless, because the Lord will never leave us, nor forsake us (Dt 31:6; Heb 13:5-6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	The Lord will hide us in time of trouble, His angel will surround us, because He is our keeper (Ps 27:5; 34:7; 121:1-7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	We need not be afraid, but trust the Lord and make Him our habitation, for He is our refuge and fortress (Ps 91:1-16).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	As the Lord cared for Elijah, so our bread and water will be sure, and we will soon see our King (Isa 33:15-17; GC 629).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	We need not fear; He redeemed us, we are His and are precious to Him; neither waters nor fire will harm us (Isa 43:1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	When we love and obey Jesus, and preach His Gospel, He is always be with us by His Spirit (Jn 14:15-18; Mt 28:18-20).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	We will have tribulation in this world, but Jesus has gained the victory for us and desires to share it with us (Jn 14:33).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	We can, discern and overcome demonic influences by faith, because Jesus in us is greater than the devil (1 Jn 4:4; 5:4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	<u>Similar promises:</u> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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14	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	2. Justice and Deliverance	
16	Although delayed to form their character (DA 200: COL 177), God will avenge His elect (Dt 32:43; Lk 18:7-8; Rom 12:19).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	The Lord will deliver us and let us see the end of the wicked, if we trust Him now during terror and love Him (Ps 91:1-16).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	The Lord will stand up for us, His people, whose names are written in His book, and deliver us (Da 12:1; 7:10; Rev 3:5).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	<u>Similar promises:</u> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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22	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	3. Reward and Inheritance	
25	We are blessed, if we are persecuted as were the prophets of old, for our reward will be great in heaven (Mt 5:10-12).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	We are blessed, if we are partakers of Christ's sufferings, because when He comes we will be full of joy (1 Pe 4:12-14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	If we patiently and perseveringly endure to the end, run the race, we will be saved (Mt 24:14; Jas 5:7-11; Heb 12:1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	If we are faithful unto death out of love for Jesus, we will receive the crown of life (2 Ti 4:8; Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10; 3:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
29	If we keep God's truth and commandments, we have a right to enter the heavenly New Jerusalem (Isa 26:2; Rev 22:14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	<u>Similar promises:</u> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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33	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
34	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
35	4. Other Promises	
36	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
37	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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H. Tell the World – 3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus – 303. The Suffering of Heaven

SUMMARY: *Your will long to help spread the gospel of God's love at **any** cost, when you consider the **suffering** sin has caused in heaven.*

We hardly have any conception of the suffering that six thousand years of Satan's reign on the earth have brought to the heavenly angels and the heart of God. As humans, we are quick to blame God for all the suffering in the world, and to demand an immediate and satisfying answer to the many "Why?" or "Why me?" questions that burden and sadden us. And although we do not believe that He initiates such suffering, we still may wonder why He allows it. And even then, we tend to focus on what it does and means to *us*, without considering its effects on our *God*.

Yet as believers, we recognize that already the book of Job, as one of the oldest of Scripture, reveals the great controversy between God and Satan as the true reason for all the misery on earth. Truly, Moses' "long years spent amid desert solitudes were not lost. Not only was Moses gaining a preparation for the great work before him, but during this time, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, he wrote the book of Genesis and also the book of Job, which would be read with the deepest interest by the people of God until the close of time." (ST 02-19-1880).

Why? Because this controversy between Jesus and Satan has a divinely designed end: the destruction of sin and sinners (Rev 20:14-15), the restoration of humanity and the earth to its original state (Rev 21:1-5), eternal harmony and joy in the universe (GC 678), and with that also the end of the divine grief over the suffering on this planet. God's people help bring it to an end, as they hasten the coming of Jesus by perfectly reproducing His character in their lives (2 Pe 3:11-12; COL 69), and by giving His last warning in latter rain power (Mt 24:14; Rev 18:1-5).

Does God's remnant see the burden, the duty, the sacred privilege, to help end all suffering on earth and in heaven?

Will they tell the world of the Savior's last offer of mercy, even as they pray and prepare for the "times of refreshing?"

The Suffering of Heaven – In the Words of Ellen G. White		I consider it hardly → daily
1	God's Amazing Grace, 189	
2	Few give thought to the suffering that sin has caused our Creator.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	All heaven suffered in Christ's agony; but that suffering did not begin or end with His manifestation in humanity.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	The cross is a revelation to our dull senses of the pain that, from its very inception, sin has brought to the heart of God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Every departure from the right, every deed of cruelty, every failure of humanity to reach His ideal, brings grief to Him.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	When there came upon Israel the calamities that were the sure result of separation from God	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	--subjugation by their enemies, cruelty, and death—	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	it is said that "his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel."	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	"In all their affliction he was afflicted: . . . and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old" (Jdg 10:16; Isa 63:9).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	His Spirit "maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	As the "whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together" (Romans 8:26, 22),	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	the heart of the infinite Father is pained in sympathy.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	Our world is a vast lazarus house, a scene of misery that we dare not allow our thoughts to dwell upon.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	Did we realize it as it is, the burden would be too terrible.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	Yet God feels it all.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	Not a sigh is breathed, not a pain felt, not a grief pierces the soul, but the throb vibrates to the Father's heart.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	He who knows the depths of the world's misery and despair,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	knows by what means to bring relief. . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	Although human beings have abused their mercies,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	wasted their talents,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	and lost the dignity of godlike manhood,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	the Creator is to be glorified in their redemption.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	In order to destroy sin and its results	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	He gave His best Beloved,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	and He has put it in our power, through cooperation with Him,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	<u>to bring this scene of misery to an end.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	[Quote added at this point in Ed 263, 'This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	for a witness unto all nations;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
29	and then shall the end come.' Matthew 24:14."]	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	With such an army of workers as our youth	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	[and any other willing disciples of Jesus],	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
32	rightly trained, might furnish,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
33	how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
34	How soon might the end come--the end of suffering and sorrow and sin!	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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H. Tell the World – 3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus – 304. Final Considerations

SUMMARY: You have **weighed** all the pros and cons, the joy and the **cost** of witnessing. Now, you put your plans into **action** as the Lord leads.

Finally, the question is, what is the mission strategy and what are the ministry projects the Lord impresses you, individually and/or as a church, to put into action? Go back to pages 340-344 for the mission strategy and possible mission projects, and decide which one(s) to carry out. Identify final points to be considered, if any, before your choices will be implemented. Then move ahead in faith, while praying for, discerning, and trusting in the Lord's guidance and empowerment through His former and latter rain Spirit. To Him be all the glory!

Strategy and Projects	Final Considerations
Mission Strategy	
Ministry Project(s)	
1.	
2.	
3.	

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H. Tell the World – 401. Commitment

Summary: Knowing now **how** you acquire the 6th mark of discipleship, **overcoming witness**, you commit to **implementing** it in your daily life.

Upon working and praying through this theme I commit and pledge allegiance to the following, by the grace of God and according to His will:

My Commitment Pledge of Allegiance	I make it hesitantly → decidedly
H1. Enable the Latter Rain	
I commit to glorifying God by a holy life and consecrated ministry, both individually and as a part of the body of Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to glorifying God by willing self-sacrifice, including the offering of my life for His sake, when called upon.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
H2. Reflect the Character of Jesus	
I commit to glorifying God by understanding and helping others recognize the significance of the global Day of Atonement.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to glorifying God by afflicting my soul, or seeking total cleansing from all that hinders my receiving the latter rain.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
H3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus	
I commit to glorifying God by counting the cost of overcoming evil, as it relates to my personal life and to my spiritual calling.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to glorifying God by doing my part in implementing the church's mission strategy, and by carrying out ministry projects.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Name: _____ Date: _____

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IV. Last Pages: COMMITMENTS AND FINAL CALL TO FAITHFULNESS

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Last Pages – 101. Summary of Commitments 1

SUMMARY: At the **end** of the training, you commit yourself to living out **all** aspects pertaining to the **revival** of apostolic faith and godliness.

Now, it is a matter of putting all commitments into action, by the grace of God and according to His will. May He receive all the honor and glory.

My Summary of Commitments / Pledge of Allegiance REVIVAL – Apostolic Faith and Godliness	I make it hesitantly → decidedly
A. Sound the Trumpet (A1. Awake to Our Present Time; A2. Stand on the Side of Truth; A3. Qualify for the Seal of God).	
A1.: I commit to preparing for the final corporate battle of the Great Controversy, against Babylon, the “beast without”.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
A1.: I commit to engaging in the daily personal battle of the Great Controversy, against self, the “beast within”.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
A2.: I commit to helping spread the prophetic Three Angels' Messages, and to reject any lies of the counterfeit.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
A2.: I commit to waiting for the glorious return of the true Christ, and to resist any deception of the false Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
A3.: I commit to accepting all three purposes and to qualify for all four stages of the divine sealing process.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
A3.: I commit to remaining alert to and faithful during all end time events, rejoicing that our salvation is drawing near.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
B. Hear the Call (B1. Join the Revival and Reformation; B2. Fulfill the Divine Commission; B3. Be Ready to Stand at Last).	
B1.: I commit to the prophetic call throughout history to participate in the urgently needed revival and reformation.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
B1.: I commit to following all the steps that enable our end-time ministry and contribute to the vindication of God's character.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
B2.: I commit to acting my part in our double duty to fulfill the Great Commission and to spread the Three Angels' Messages.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
B2.: I commit to walking through all the steps of becoming a true disciple of Christ, and to helping others do the same.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
B3.: I commit to putting on the whole armor of God, and to using it to daily fight the good fight of faith in the strength of Jesus.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
B3.: I commit to working on the plan of addition of virtues, and to daily buying the goods the Lord urges upon the Laodicean church.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
C. Come to Life (C1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus; C2. Receive Salvation by Faith; C3. Obey Jesus out of Love).	
C1.: I commit to daily trusting in God's love, and to relying on His faithfulness to His plan of salvation as He works it out in me.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
C1.: I commit to daily spending thoughtful time reflecting on the cross of Jesus, and to letting this central truth impact my total life.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
C2.: I commit to following God's plan of the three steps of restoration, and to daily implementing them in their proper order.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
C2.: I commit to receiving my justification from God TODAY, and to daily maintaining it through confession of sin and faith in Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
C3.: I commit to receiving the three baptisms – in water, of the Spirit, and of suffering – in the way and at the time God has chosen.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
C3.: I commit to keeping all of God's commandments, and to also practicing the other three identifying marks of His remnant church.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
D. Join the Movement (D1. Accept our Prophetic Identity; D2. Agree with the SDA Beliefs; D3. Order your life as a Steward).	
D1.: I commit to understanding the history and purpose, and to fulfilling the message and mission of God's remnant movement.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
D1.: I commit to striving “with all the power that God has given us to be among the hundred and forty-four thousand.” (Mar 241).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
D2.: I commit to understanding and affirming the four pillar beliefs of the remnant, and to allowing them to shape my life.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
D2.: I commit to understanding and affirming to the 28 fundamental beliefs of the remnant, and to allowing them to shape my life.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
D3.: I commit to ordering my life in accordance with all aspects of the seven areas of responsible and faithful stewardship.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
D3.: I commit to ordering my life in accordance with all aspects of the three areas of preparation for the coming time of trouble.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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SUMMARY: Furthermore, you commit yourself to implementing **all** aspects pertaining to the **reformation** of your end-time lifestyle and ministry.

Now, it is a matter of putting all commitments into action, by the grace of God and according to His will. May He receive all the honor and glory.

My Summary of Commitments / Pledge of Allegiance REFORMATION – End-Time Lifestyle and Ministry	I make it hesitantly → decidedly
E. Grow in Grace (E1. Let Jesus Form Within; E2. Study the Word of God; E3. Pray According to God's Will).	
E1.: I commit to daily practicing the three steps in sanctification symbolized by the lampstand, showbread, and alter of incense.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
E1.: I commit to daily be more restored into Jesus' image by allowing Him to develop His character traits in me through His Spirit.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
E2.: I commit to daily beholding Jesus' life, character, and calling by studying, contemplating, and implementing His written Word.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
E2.: I commit to taking the four steps in Bible study, regarding its authority, a right attitude, method of interpretation, and response.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
E3.: I commit to taking my proper place as a human intercessor in the divine 5-step process of effective Spirit-led prayer.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
E3.: I commit to daily following the divine provisions made for effectual prayer before, during, and after making my intercessions.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
F. Share the Love (F1. Exercise Christlike Love; F2. Contribute to Church Meetings; F3. Help with Practical Support).	
F1.: I commit to obeying the two great commandments to love God with all my heart and mind, and to love my neighbors as myself.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
F1.: I commit to exercising love as described in 1 Co 13, and to loving my fellow believers as Jesus and the apostles instruct us.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
F2.: I commit to making unselfish, even sacrificial, contributions to the meetings of my local congregation and the wider church.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
F2.: I commit to making unselfish, even sacrificial, contributions to the meetings of smaller ministry groups of my local congregation.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
F3.: I commit to ministering to needy church members anywhere and in my local congregation, according to my ability and means.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
F3.: I commit to ministering to needy members of the local community and around the world, according to my ability and means.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
G. Bear much Fruit (G1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents; G2. Organize and Combine All Talents; G3. Utilize and Commend All Talents).	
G1.: I commit to periodically reevaluating my spiritual gift(s) in order to see if I have grown in my experience and/or number of gifts.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
G1.: I commit to periodically revisiting and/or requesting the evaluation and confirmation of my spiritual gift(s) by other members.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
G2.: I commit to remaining informed about other ministry areas opening up in which I might use my spiritual gift(s) more effectively.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
G2.: I commit to keeping the church informed about my preferred ministry area(s), and to being available to meet related needs.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
G3.: I commit to investing my spiritual gift(s) and other talents in fitting areas of my personal life, in my church, and in the world.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
G3.: I commit to staying involved in personal, group, and/or congregational ministry projects according to where I can serve best.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
H. Tell the World (H1. Enable Latter Rain Power; H2. Reflect the Character of Jesus; H3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus).	
H1.: I commit to glorifying God by a holy life and consecrated ministry, both individually and as a part of the body of Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
H1.: I commit to glorifying God by willing self-sacrifice, including the offering of my life for His sake, if and/or when called upon.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
H2.: I commit to glorifying God by understanding and helping others recognize the significance of the global Day of Atonement.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
H2.: I commit to glorifying God by afflicting my soul, or seeking total cleansing from all that hinders my receiving the latter rain.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
H3.: I commit to glorifying God by counting the cost of overcoming evil, as it relates to my personal life and my spiritual calling.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
H3.: I commit to glorifying God by doing my part in implementing the church's mission strategy, and by carrying out ministry projects.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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Last Pages – 201. Final Call

SUMMARY: Now that you **heard** Jesus' call to become a disciple and to make disciples, and chose to **act** on it, will you prove **faithful** to the end?

The root of Christian discipleship is a committed and joyous love for Jesus.
The fruit of Christian discipleship is an intimate and glorious life with Jesus.

"Thou must preach again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings." (Rev 10:11). "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Mt 24:14).

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, Let him take of the water of life freely. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." (Rev 22:17, 20).

"If every church member were a living missionary, the gospel would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to all peoples, nations, and tongues." (9T 32).

"My brethren and sisters, it is too late to devote your time and strength to self-serving. Let not the last day find you destitute of the heavenly treasure. Seek to push the triumphs of the cross, seek to enlighten souls, labor for the salvation of your fellow beings, and your work will abide the trying test of fire." (9T 56).

"The judgments of God are in the earth, and, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, we must give the message of warning. We must give this message quickly, line upon line, precept upon precept. Men will soon be forced to great decisions, and it is our duty to see that they are given an opportunity to understand the truth, that they may take their stand intelligently on the right side. The Lord calls upon His people to labor – labor earnestly and wisely – while probation lingers." (9T 126-127).

My Final Notes