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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.

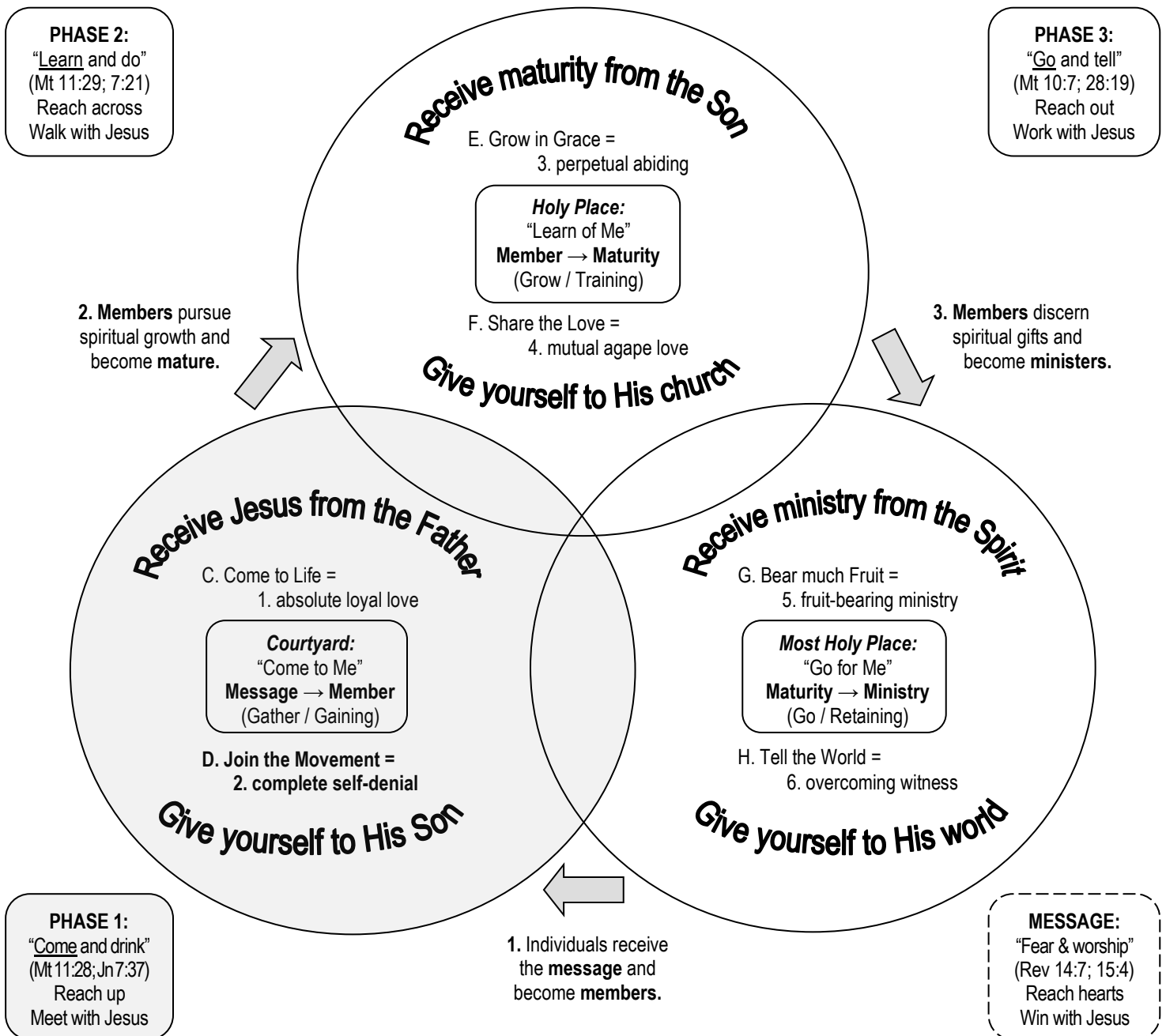
The first theme and mark of discipleship in each phase cover the receiving side of the relationship, the second theme and mark the giving side. Jesus said, "Come to Me, Learn of Me." (Mt 11:28-30); then, "Go for Me into all the world." (Mk 16:15; Mt 28:20). So the three circles of love together form 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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	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).

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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)		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)		Eternal (Eph 3:11)
Goal of the SDA Mission	(Mt 28:18) Global (Rev 22:17)		1. Proclaim the redemptive work of Christ in the end-time context (Da 8:14) 2. Finish the Reformation by rebuilding truth – repairing the breach (Isa 58:12) 3. Prepare the world for the soon return of Jesus Christ (Rev 14:7)		(Rev 12:12) 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		Since 1844: Two Movements		On Earth
	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)		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)		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)
	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)				

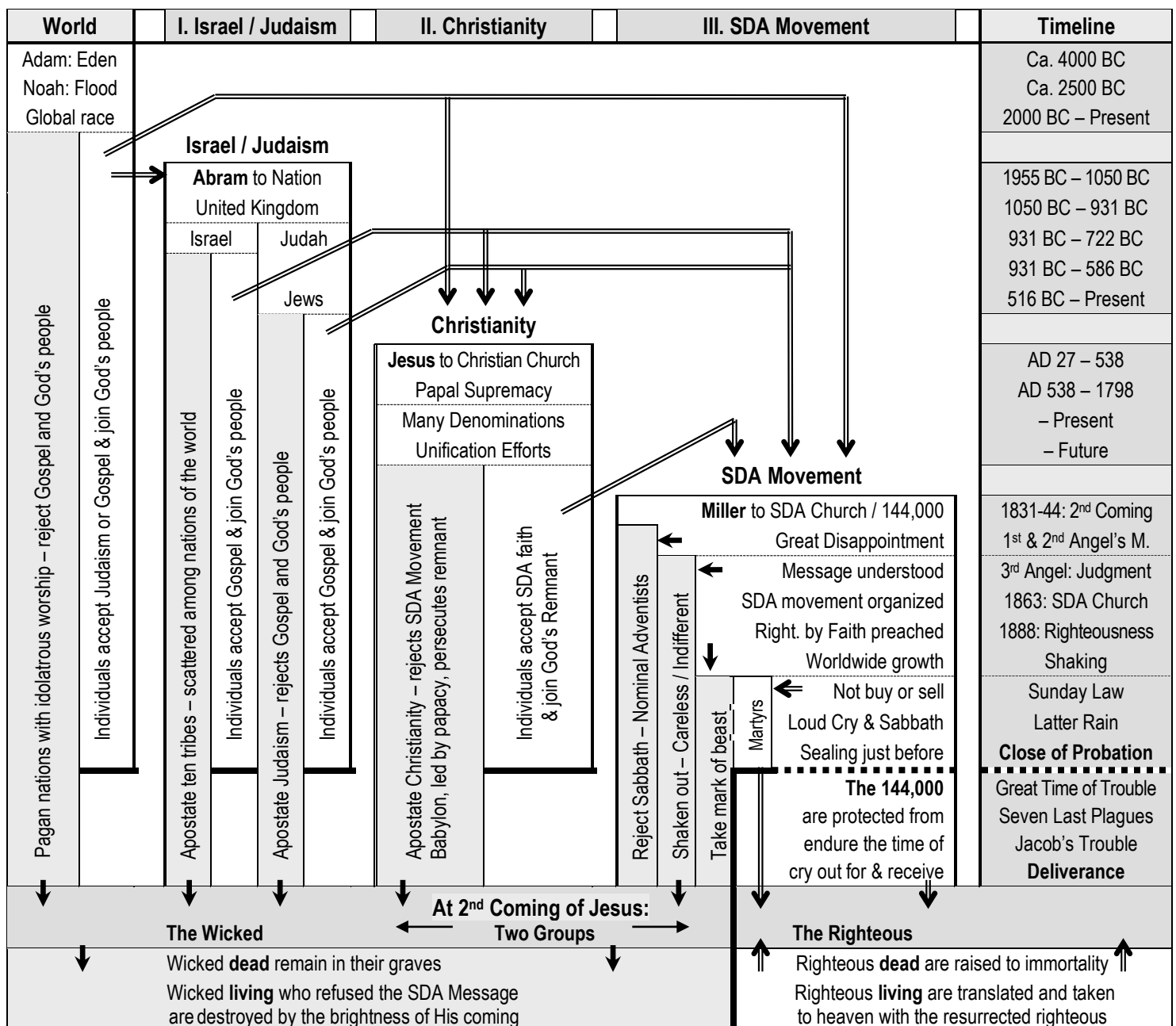
"A complete system of faith has been revealed, and correct rules for practice in our daily life have been made known." (RH 07-22-1890).

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

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.

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 (<i>also</i>)* 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 <i>prior</i> 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 (<i>also</i>) 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 (<i>also</i>) 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 (<i>also</i>) 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 (<i>also</i>) 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 (<i>also</i>) 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 (<i>also</i>) 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 (<i>also</i>) 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.)		

How Does My Marriage and Family Life Reflect Its Divine Purpose?

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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		<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. Talents (Stewardship of the mysteries and grace of God [1 Co 4:1; 1 Pe 4:10]: spiritual gifts, dedicated natural abilities, 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. Environment (Creation Care: organic gardening, recycling, careful use of natural resources, upkeep of home, car, 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. Wellbeing (Implement the 8 Laws of Health: nutrition, exercise, water, sunshine, temperance, air, rest, trust in God)		
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. Assets (Money Management or Budget: tithe, offerings, helping others, debt, purchases, savings, investments, 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. Relationships (God, family, church, relatives, neighbors, colleagues, acquaintances, strangers, enemies, 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. Days of Life (Time Management: proper balance between spiritual time, work, sleep, mission work, vacation, 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"/>	

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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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