

BABYLON – THEN and NOW, part 6 quotes

1) What does the SDA church now believe about the Everlasting Gospel of truth being freedom from past sins through justification, and freedom from sinning through the union of humanity with divinity in using our will power in putting forth personal efforts to overcome sin?

"...the 'everlasting gospel'...is salvation by faith in Jesus Christ apart from any works of righteousness on our part." Marked!, p 39, by Bob Spangler, Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1981.

"Together my husband and I had made the decision, after attending a series of nightly tent meetings sponsored by the Adventist church, to enter into a covenant relationship with Jesus....I could relax in my new faith, **sit back, and let God do the rest.**" Adventist Review, June 10, 1982, p 10.

"The gospel is not doing something in order to make ourselves better. It is not reforming ourselves, using our will power to stop bad habits...this is not the gospel...Its good news: not that we should do something for God...it is salvation by faith...'Its all of Grace.'" Voice of Prophecy News, February, 1976, p 6, H.M.S. Richards, Sr.

"'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness' (1 John 1:9). **This is the overcoming of sin...**" Cornerstone Connections Youth Quarterly, 2nd Quarter, 1994, p 62, Review and Herald Publishing Association. (Other statements along this same line; Adventist Review, October 27, 1983, p 5, Adventist Review, October 24, 1985, p 5, Adventist Review, June 2, 1988, p 10.)

This "all of grace" and nothing else doctrine is the same doctrine which the Nicolaitans taught (Revelation 2:6, 15; Bible Commentary, vol 7, p 957), which God hates! Yet this false doctrine is strongly and blatantly taught to the Adventist members.

"Is our obedience to God's will (as some assert) composed partly of our efforts and part of God's? No! **Such is not the case!**" Marked!, p 129.

"So if I find that I am not obeying exactly as Jesus did yet, I don't need to feel alarm." Obedience of Faith, p 43, by Morris L. Venden, Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1983.

"He [Christ] gives us rest...from our own attempt to overcome sin and the devil, and from fighting the battles that Jesus has promised to fight for us....Remember that a gift is a gift." Adventist Review, December 24, 1981, p 5.

There is little difference between the gospel which the SDA church now teaches, and the gospel which the other churches of Babylon teach!

"As Adventists we believe in teaching the gospel, **just like most of the churches around us....**We are all saved by grace, not by what we do....

"The Seventh-day Adventist church is unique not in its preaching of the gospel, but in the setting in which it is preached." Adventist Review, Sept 13, 1984, p 7.

2) What does the SDA church believe about the truth of the Good News being only about Jesus Christ?

"...the good news about the Seventh-day Adventist Church..." Pacific Union Recorder, September 18, 1989, p 12.

The SDA gospel of today is not geared to bring people to Jesus Christ, but is to bring people to the SDA church!

"[Matthew 28:19-20 quoted]. The church has one business: The crucified and resurrected Lord commanded us to **make disciples** of men and women everywhere, and, after making these people faithful disciples, to teach them to become disciple-makers." Adventist Review, April 7, 1988, p 23.

3) What does the SDA church believe about the truth of Christ taking the nature of Adam after the fall — taking fallen sinful human nature upon Him, and not having a different nature than humanity?

"[Jesus] Took Sinless Nature of Adam Before Fall." Movement of Destiny, p 497, by Leroy Edwin Froom, Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1971.

"...Jesus had the absolute, perfect, sinless nature of Adam before He fell." Salvation by Faith and Your Will, p 93, by Morris L. Venden, Southern Publishing Association, 1978.

If Jesus did not have man's fallen sinful nature upon Him, then it would be easy for Him overcome; hence He would be born differently than you and I in this regard. In this case fallen humanity would not then have a chance against sin. But what does the church teach?

"Man sins because he is sinful. He is not sinful because he sins....You don't have to sin to be sinful; all you have to do is get yourself born!...Jesus is the only one who was born righteous." To Know God, p 22-23.

"Of course Jesus was born different. He had a sinless human nature, the same as Adam before his fall...Therefore it was natural for Jesus to be good. I was born with a sinful nature, and its natural for me to be bad." Salvation by Faith and Your Will, p 86. (Another statement along this same line: Adventist Review, June 28, 1990, p 8).

4) What about the truth of Jesus not having any advantage over fallen humanity?

"When Jesus took the liabilities of fallen man, there was one that He did not take--man's sinful nature. He had a spiritual nature from birth...Jesus had no desire for sin. Can you say that about yourself?..."

"All of this leads us to a very practical question: Did Jesus have some sort of advantage over us? Yes, He had an advantage over us..." Ministry, May, 1982, p 19.

If Jesus really was born with a sinless human nature and had an advantage over fallen humanity, then He would not know what we were inwardly going through when tempted, nor how to succor and help us overcome sin with fallen natures upon us; He would only know how to comfort and help those who have unfallen sinless natures! Thus Christ as our Saviour from sin would be effectively robbed away from us, and we could never overcome sin! But what does the SDA church teach?

"Because His humanity [nature] was sinless, Jesus could not experience the inner...urgings of sinful humans." Adventist Review, February 1, 1990, p 21.

5) What does the SDA church believe about the true definition of sin being only the transgression of God's Commandments?

"Sin...is any life that is apart from God." To Know God, p 22.

"You see, to the Father sin is a broken relationship, not a specific bad behavior." Guide, August 10, 1991, p 23, Review and Herald Publishing Association.

"Many people think of sin as wrongdoing, breaking the law, and so on....Sin means being separated from God." Cornerstone Connections Youth Quarterly, 2nd Quarter, 1994, p 56-57.

6) What does the SDA church believe about Justification?

"...there is only one Justification, and it accompanies the believer from the time of faith's inception...all the way into the final judgment..." Adventist Review, August 11, 1983, p 4.

"Justification settles our present account, but is also applies to our future as a covering umbrella from the moment we accept Christ until we meet the Lord." Marked!, p 125.

So the church is now teaching "once saved always saved"!

7) What does the SDA church believe about Sanctification, and Redemption? Is it true that a combination of faith and works is necessary for sanctification and salvation?

"Salvation is still given people **only** on the basis of their faith in Jesus Christ, not because of their faithful keeping of God's law or any of its special parts." Adventist Review, April 12, 1984, p 9.

"Can we ever...receive power [God's grace] to overcome our present sinning? The answer is no. **Sanctification is as much a gift** of God as is Justification." Ministry, January, 1982, p 6.

8) What does the SDA church believe about the truth of Jesus saving us from our sins, not in our sins?

"God declares us to be justified, or righteous, **before** our characters are changed. God accepts us as His sons and daughters even before we act like sons and daughters." Marked!, p 105.

"...God took the initiative to forgive and accept them **in their sins**..." Adventist Review, January 7, 1988, p 14.

9) What does the SDA church believe about the truth of fearing God by keeping His commandments and departing from sin?

"...nothing we can ever do will merit the favor of God." Questions On Doctrines, p 108, by Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1957.

"It is wrong for a person to attempt to live the Christian life. We are **not asked to do so**." Salvation by Faith and Your Will, p 40.

10) What does the SDA church believe about the truth of giving glory only to God by reflecting His righteous character in your life?

"You give God glory by keeping alert for things that show He's 'alive and a-love'--the wiggly, licky affection of a puppy, the aerodynamic miracle that is a bumblebee, the crisp sweetness of ripe watermelon, the damp, sleepy hug of a bedtime child, the steady pulse of life along your neck." Signs of the Times, March, 1993, p 15.

11) What does the SDA church believe about the truth of worshiping God and Him alone?

"The key question is not how to worship, but whom to worship....Worship means that the eternal gospel extends to all nations, tribes, tongues, and people. Worship means focusing on a God who loves our homelands even more than we do....Worship means embracing the hope of a New Jerusalem while living with Babylon all around us." Adventist Review, December 31, 1992, p 10.

12) What does the SDA church believe about the truth of giving our spiritual allegiance only to God?

"The General Conference, then, is the Seventh-day Adventist Church....The embodiment of the Remnant Church as a Christian Denomination, in a unified world-wide organization to which **all baptized Seventh-day Adventists owe spiritual allegiance.**" Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (US Government) vs Pacific Press Publishing Association (SDA Church), Civ #74-2025 CBR, p 17 (trial proceedings from 1974-75).

13) What does the SDA church believe about the truth that the hour of God's judgment has come against sin; that we must be delivered from the prison house of sin before we are individually judged; that all of our sins are being written down in the record books of heaven, and if unforsaken sin is found upon us, then we will be judged unworthy of everlasting life and thus will be condemned in sin to face destruction?

"Satan has triumphed time and again by getting religious people to believe that when they fall or fail, they are condemned." Faith That Works, p 192.

"...[Adventists] fear of breaking the law and being counted out in the judgment. That **is not Christianity.**" Angry Saints, p 143, by George R. Knight, Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1989.

"...do we need to fear the judgment of God? Is the news that the day of God's judgment has come (see Rev 14:6, 7) bad news or good news?..."

"For those of us who have been sitting out our lives in the **devil's prison house**, beaten and bruised by the enemy while living in this world of sin, it is good news that the judgment is coming soon and that God's justice will be dealt out against sin. It means that our **custody is almost over**. It is almost time for us **to be delivered.**" Signs of the Times, November, 1986, p 13.

"...God is **not keeping a record** of our sins up there [in heaven]..." Adventist Review, September 8, 1988, p 10.

The SDA church now teaches that the judgment is to come and deliver us from sin's prison house, but not to condemn us in our continued sinning. People are led to believe that there is no urgent need to rid themselves of personal sin before being judged, because the judgment would get rid of their personal sins for them! People are also told that there is no record keeping of our sins in the books in heaven, and thus are being led to believe that personal unforsaken sins is not a basis for judging them unworthy of heaven and losing eternal life!

So then what does the SDA church teach is the basis for our fitness for heaven?

"...the judgment scene...makes it clear that the basis for evaluating our fitness for the kingdom is the way we relate to those most difficult to relate to: the suffering and the outcast." Adventist Review, January 7, 1988, p 14.

With no record keeping of our sins, and the judgment freeing us from our sins instead of condemning us in them, then how can anyone be condemned, or doomed, or lost? And if no one is lost, then all will be saved! Does the SDA church really believe that no one will be doomed or lost?

"The word lost in the New Testament **does not mean** that someone is damned or doomed." Adventist Review, April 1, 1993, p 21. (NOTE: Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible translates the word "lost" (#622) to mean "to destroy, die, lose, mar, perish.")