

My Purpose

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

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A Summary of the Teachings of God's Word for the Last Days

- I believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God, and I want to live by its teachings. 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Matthew 4:4.
- I believe in the Father: His Son, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Spirit. Genesis 1:27; Matthew 3:16, 17; 28:19.
- I believe that because of His love, Jesus Christ died on the cross as a sacrifice for my sins of breaking God's holy law. John 3:16; 1 John 3:4; 1 Corinthians 15:3.
- I repent of my sins and accept Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. Acts 20:21; Revelation 3:20. I believe that because Jesus shed His blood for me, He freely forgives my sins and grants me the gift of eternal life. Matthew 26:28; Romans 6:23; 1 John 5:11-13.
- I desire Jesus to be the Ruler and Lord of my life. Therefore, I surrender my life to be ruled by Him and His truths. I also desire to grow in my understanding of His will and to maintain a relationship with Him through personal Bible study and prayer. Romans 6:16-18; John 14:15; 1 John 3:22.
- I believe that a Christian who loves Jesus will choose to keep the Ten Commandments. Exodus 20:3-17; John 14:15. It is my purpose, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to obey this law of God. Romans 7:7, 12; 8:4; Revelation 14:12; 22:14.
- I believe "the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord." Exodus 20:8-11. As a follower of Jesus Christ, I want to keep the Sabbath holy "according to the commandment" (Luke 23:56) from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. Nehemiah 13:19; Leviticus 23:32; Mark 1:32; Isaiah 58:13, 14.

- ❑ I look forward to the literal, visible, and personal second coming of Jesus Christ in the clouds of heaven when “every eye shall see Him.” Revelation 1:7; Acts 1:9-11. It is my purpose to be ready for His appearing. Matthew 22:44.
- ❑ I believe the following: (1) Jesus Christ is ministering in His heavenly temple. Hebrews 8:1, 2; Revelation 11:19; (2) The “hour of His judgment has come.” Daniel 7:9, 10; Revelation 14:7.
- ❑ I believe that the dead are asleep unconsciously in their graves awaiting the resurrection. Psalm 13:3; Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6; John 5:28, 29; Acts 2:29, 34.
- ❑ I believe in the following: (1) The resurrection of the saved when Jesus returns. 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17. (2) The desolation of the earth and the binding of Satan for 1,000 years. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3; Jeremiah 4:23-26; 25:30-33; Revelation 20:1-3.
- ❑ I believe that my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20; 10:31. I will abstain from unclean foods (Genesis 7:2; Leviticus 11; 2 Corinthians 6:17, 18), alcohol (Proverbs 20:1; 23:29-33), tobacco, caffeine, and illegal drugs. Exodus 20:13. By God’s grace, I want to live a healthy life. 3 John 2.
- ❑ Through the power of Jesus, I desire to overcome the sinful ways of the world. 1 John 2:14-17. By God’s grace, I will avoid reading, watching, and listening to sinful things that the Bible condemns. Philippians 4:8; Ephesians 5:19. Wanting to follow in the humble steps of Jesus, I will not wear ornamental jewellery or immodest clothing. 1 Peter 2:21; 3:3, 4; 1 Timothy 2:9, 10.
- ❑ I believe marriage between a man and woman was affirmed by Jesus and should be formally recognised by the laws of the country. Genesis 2:24; Hebrews 13:4. I will not be involved in a “common law” relationship. Matthew 19:3-9; John 2:1-11.
- ❑ I believe that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the remnant church of Bible prophecy whose worldwide mission is to prepare people for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Revelation 12:17; 14:6-16. I believe in church organisation (1 Corinthians 12:28), and in the importance of church attendance. Hebrews 10:25. I wish to follow the example of Jesus who “as His custom was, went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day.” Luke 4:16.
- ❑ I believe that Jesus has given “the spirit of prophecy” to His church, and I understand that the remnant church recognises this gift in the ministry of Ellen G. White. Revelation 12:17; 19:10.
- ❑ I believe that Jesus established the foot-washing service and the Lord’s Supper. John 13:1-17; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.
- ❑ I believe in the biblical teaching of returning tithes and offerings. Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 23:23; 2 Corinthians 9:7, 8. Desiring to be a good steward of all God has given me, it is my purpose to support the Lord’s work according to my ability. As a steward, I will also refrain from gambling.
- ❑ I believe in baptism by immersion (Matthew 3:16, 17), which symbolises the burial of my old life of sin and resurrection to a new life in Jesus. Romans 6:3, 4. It is my desire to follow Jesus and be baptised (or re-baptised) and become a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Matthew 3:16, 17; Romans 6:3-6; Acts 2:41, 47; 19:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:13.