

CHAPTER 12

Do You Know You Are to Restore the Long-lost Teachings of the Bible?

Foundational Review

Each workbook lesson throughout the second half of the book begins with the same reminder. These statements should remind you that the topics covered in the previous sessions are the core of the Covenant Grace-Faith Relationship that every Seventh-day Adventist Christian must have. Each of these statements taken separately and collectively are the essential beginnings of the answer to our question: "Seventh-day Adventist Christian: Do you know who you are?"

The Scripture references are only an initial reference to the statement. For a more complete study of each of these statements, see the chapters in the book or the workbook sessions which cover these topics.

As a further reminder, the study of this workbook session will go infinitely easier if you have read the corresponding chapter in the book. If you have not read it, please find a comfortable quiet spot where you can concentrate – and read it now.

Protestants

For this session, let's talk about Protestants. Be sure you have your Bible with you as we will be reading lots of Scripture.

QUESTION #1:

What is a *Pro-test-ant*? Define each segment of the word, if you can, from the Latin words used to build this reference to us as Seventh-day Adventists.

Pro – As a common prefix or as a stand-alone word, what does it mean?

Test – This is the root word of several words we commonly use, testify and testimony. What does it mean?

Ant – Is a common suffix which means one who

You Are:

- A Saint (Ephesians 1:1)
- and Beloved (Ephesians 1:6; John 16:27)
- A Christian/the 5 C's (Acts 11:26)
- In a Covenant Grace/Faith Relationship with God (Gal. 2:8)
- Accepting/Received From/ Faith/Son (1 John 4:7)
- Abiding/Growing In/Hope/Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:12-16)
- Acting/Becoming Like/Love/ Father (2 Peter 1:4)
- Required to choose (Rom. 12:1)
- Each choice is made by Faith (Romans 4:21)
- Faith works by Love (Galatians 5:6)
- Gifts of Holy Spirit-internal/external change (Romans 12:2)
- Keep the Commandments because of Love (John 15:8-10)
- Function: Priests and Stewards by Faith (Hebrews 11:6)

This is basic Christianity.

QUESTION #2:

Describe and explain the historical setting in which this word was first used. (See Chapter 12 in the book)

■ Think It Through

What does it mean to be a Time of the End *Pro-test-ant*? What would they be pro-testing or "speaking out for"?

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Story and Example

READ Daniel 7:23-25 and Daniel 8:9-12. In vision, Daniel saw illustrated the character of the power that would rule the world for 1260 years. He also saw in general the principles by which this power would operate and in which it would teach others to believe.

Here is a general summary of some of the major errors that Luther and the other Reformers were protesting. This list contains the Biblical doctrine and the major errors which replaced them as Luther and others came to understand them.



Teaching #1

QUESTION #1:
Who is this man?

The doctrine connected with William Miller is the Second Coming. READ Daniel 8:14. In the Seventh-day Adventist mind, this date is forever attached to October 22, 1844 and the

Great Disappointment because Jesus did NOT come again. But the doctrine has not lost its relevance. Every twenty-fifth verse of scripture of the New Testament talks about this doctrine. It is also the last of the Five Cs we talked about as being characteristic of being a Christian.

QUESTION #2:
READ Isaiah 58:12. What does this teaching have to do with Jesus? Who's coming again?

<u>Doctrine</u>	<u>Mother Church replaced with</u>
Christ as Lord	Church clergy, especially the head, as Lord
Cross as Salvation	Church liturgy as salvation <i>Mass/Sacraments/Indulgences/Pilgrimages</i>
Commandments	Church tradition and edicts
Great Controversy	Church supremacy on earth
Hope of the Resurrection	Angry God/Hell and Purgatory
Heavenly Sanctuary	Forgiveness by clergy on Earth
Holy Spirit	Church Authority as Infallible
Jesus as High Priest	Elevation of Saints/Mariology

From this list you can see why history has called this Pro-test-ing at the time of the Reformation. In the process, these reformers – Luther, Swingli, Calvin, the Wesleys, the Baptists and others – established what Protestant Christians have recognized as the basic tenets of Protestantism.

QUESTION #1:
READ Isaiah 58:12. What does God say He would have His People do for Him at the Time of the End?

Some of the basic teachings of the Bible have not yet been restored. Seventh-day Adventists have helped in “speaking out for” the following seven prime biblical teachings (the seven S’s) that were lost, but are to be restored, especially at the Time of the End.

Let’s discuss each of these seven teachings specifically in two ways:

1. What does this teaching have to do with Jesus?
2. What is the significance of this teaching during the Time of the End?

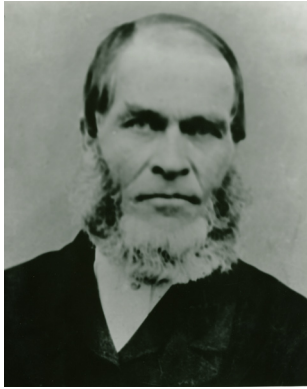
QUESTION #3:
READ Matthew 24:30-31. What is the significance of this teaching for the Time of the End? When is Jesus coming?

■ Think It Through

If this is one of the 5 C’s of Christian beliefs, why does this doctrine need to be restored by the Seventh-day Adventists? See Chapter 3 and Chapter 12 in the book for several possible responses.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

This teaching is part of our name. We are *Advent-sts.* Okay, that one was easy. Let's try the second one.



Teaching #2

QUESTION #1:
Who is this man?

The doctrine connected with Hiram Edson is the Sanctuary. READ Leviticus 16:30. This teaching is connected with Hiram Edson because of his corn field vision that he had the

morning after October 22, 1844. We have talked already about the First Apartment of the Sanctuary in Chapter 8. We will discuss Leviticus 16:30 again in our next session when we discuss the subject of the Sanctuary in terms of the Third Angel's message.

QUESTION #2:
READ Hebrews 8:1. What does this teaching have to do with Jesus?

QUESTION #3a:
Where is Jesus serving now?

In our next session we will ask: What is Jesus actually doing there?

QUESTION #3b:
REVIEW Leviticus 16:30. Of what significance is this teaching for the Time of the End?

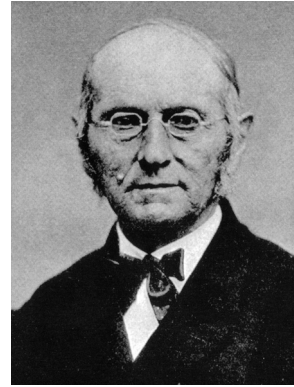
QUESTION #4:
When does this happen?

More about this in our next session!

Think It Through

When do all of these teachings seem to have their grand finale?

Let's see if this is true for the next teaching.



Teaching #3

QUESTION #1:
Who is this man?

This doctrine is the Spirit of Prophecy. READ Joel 2:28. This doctrine is connected to Joseph Bates because:

a. He belonged to the Conditional Christian Connection Church which

believed that all the spiritual gifts would be active in the Time of the End.

b. However, he did not believe that Ellen White had the gift of prophecy, until he observed her in vision and questioned her afterward in regard to what she saw in vision and what she understood about it from her prior knowledge.

QUESTION #2:
READ Acts 1:4-5 and Acts 2:33. What does this teaching have to do with Jesus?

QUESTION #3:
What gift did Jesus give to His church after He ascended to the Father?

QUESTION #4:
READ Amos 3:7. What significance is this teaching for the Time of the End?

QUESTION #5:

Does God still need to speak to His People?

Think It Through

What does God still yet need to say to His people at the Time of the End? See Chapter 12 in the book or your own study for several possible responses.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

This next teaching is one that we believe but don't always connect it with the Time of the End.



Teaching #4

QUESTION #1:

Who is this man?

The doctrine associated with James White is the State of the Dead. READ Ecclesiastes 9:5-6. If James White were to speak to us today, he would say that, in

his day, this Scriptural teaching about the condition of humans after they are dead was generally understood and agreed to by many members of many denominations – Lutherans, Puritans, Episcopalians, Methodists, and Baptists – but particularly, the Conditional Christian Connection Church of James White and Joseph Bates.

QUESTION #2:

READ Ecclesiastes 12:7 and John 5:28-29. In the name of James White's church, can you guess what the word "conditional" stood for? (Remember what doctrine we are discussing.)

QUESTION #3:

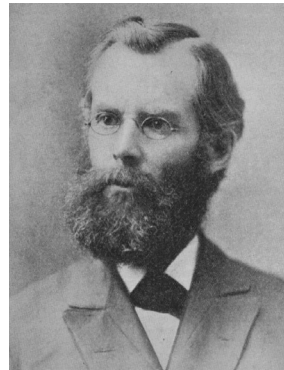
READ John 11:11-14. What does this teaching have to do with Jesus?

QUESTION #4:

What is the significance of this teaching for the Time of the End? Two answers.

First Answer: In Genesis 3:4, we read about the first lie. READ 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10. How will Satan use this first lie as the last lie?

Second answer: READ 1 Corinthians 15:56-57. Why is this last lie such a serious deception in the Time of the End?



Teaching #5

QUESTION #1:

Who is this man?

The doctrine is the Sabbath. READ Genesis 2:2 and Exodus 20:8. Although Joseph Bates had written a small pamphlet previously, this teaching is connected to

John N. Andrews because he wrote the first definitive, theological treatise on the Sabbath. Seventh-day Adventists are not the only Protestants to know this Bible teaching and this wasn't the first Protestant book ever written on the Sabbath. Lots of other men in other denominations had written on this subject very well. But this was the first time a Seventh-day Adventist had written such a scholarly work, and this teaching is also part of our name.

QUESTION #2:

READ Mark 2:27-28. What does this teaching have to do with Jesus?

■ Think It Through

From what you have learned in our first nine chapters, what does this mean to you personally?

QUESTION #3:

READ Isaiah 58:13-14. What is the significance of this teaching for the Time of the End?

■ Think It Through

Of what is the Sabbath a symbol; that we have been studying during our first nine chapters?

EXTRA CREDIT:

Use a concordance to do a word study on the word "creator." (There are only 5-7 verses with the word "creator" in the whole Bible.) How does the Sabbath symbolize the concepts described in the word "creator" as used in the Bible?



Teaching #6

QUESTION #1:

Who is this man?

The doctrine is the Seraphim (The Three Angels). The man is Uriah Smith. READ Revelation 14:6-12. As we saw two sessions ago, the Three Angels are the People

of God and the three messages are the messages to be delivered by the People of God in the Time of the End. In session 13, we will explore more fully the meaning of these messages.

QUESTION #2:

READ Revelation 10:1-2. What does this teaching have to do with Jesus?

a. Compare with Revelation 1:13-16 and Ezekiel 1:26-28. Who is the Strong Angel of Revelation 10?

b. READ Revelation 10:10-11. What is the Strong Angel's relationship to the People of God who are the Three Angels?

QUESTION #3:

READ Hebrews 4:7. What is the significance of this teaching for the Time of the End?

■ Think It Through

In the Time of the End, while the Dragon is doing his work in Revelation 13 through the Sea Beast, the Land Beast, and the False Prophet, the Three Angels are delivering their messages of Revelation 14 to the confused and dying world. The two groups of people are locked in the final spiritual combat. In the face of this quickly coming conflict, when would be a good time to respond to the Three Angels' Messages?

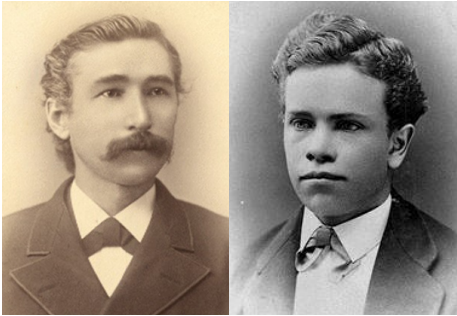
■ Think It Through

READ Jeremiah 8:20. What does a person miss out on, if he fails to respond to the Three Angels' messages in the Time of the End? How important are these three messages, do you think?

Teaching #7

QUESTION #1:

Who are these two men?



The doctrine is Salvation by Faith. READ 1 John 5:11-12 and Ephesians 2:8-9. Alonzo T. Jones and Ellet J. Waggoner are forever linked to this teaching because of

all the events that transpired during the 1888 General Conference and during the twenty years that followed. The concept they championed is Righteousness by Faith, the understanding of which marked a major turning point in the spiritual growth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We have much more to say on this topic in two weeks.

QUESTION #2:

What does this teaching have to do with Jesus?

- a. READ John 3:16. In our Covenant Grace-Faith Relationship, Who is the first gift from God to us and the center of our connection with Him?

- b. READ Romans 1:17. How do we accept this gift and all that accompanies it?

QUESTION #3:

READ Revelation 7:14. What is the significance of this teaching for the Time of the End? How will the People of God survive in the Time of the End?

Think It Through

READ Colossians 2:8. At the time when every worldly philosophy and every false religion is running rampant in the world (the Time of the End), why will this doctrine be at the heart of every other teaching in the Time of the End?



Teaching #8 A Bonus:

QUESTION #1:

Who is this woman?

The doctrine is Sola Scriptura. READ 2 Timothy 3:16-17. This phrase is one of the four phrases that marked the Protestants of the Reformation:

- Sola Scriptura..... Only Scripture
- Sola Gracia..... Only Grace
- Sola Fida Only Faith
- Sola Christos Only Christ

This doctrine "is an eighth and is also part of the seven" because the Scriptures are the prime source for knowledge about God.

Ellen White and every other prophet taken individually – and all other religious materials – are subservient to the Scriptures for their substantiation. Ellen White is a prophet, not because the Bible agrees with her writings, but because her writings agree with the Bible. The Bible is the prime source.

QUESTION # 2:

What does this teaching have to do with Jesus?

READ Luke 24:27. How do we know that Jesus was a prophet?

QUESTION #3:

What is the significance of this teaching for the Time of the End?

READ Isaiah 8:20. How will the People of God know what to believe in the Time of the End?

Think It Through

a. Where did Ellen G. White place herself in relation to the Scriptures?

b. Why is it important to know our doctrinal history (how we grew doctrinally)?

c. What is unique about these eight doctrinal positions for the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

d. Are we the only Christians who believe these teachings of the Bible?

Take Home

Thought Questions

Are Seventh-day Adventists a People of the Book? (See Revelation 12:17 and 14:12)

