

## **A summary of the teachings of God's Word for the last days:**

1. 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).
2. I believe in the Father; His Son, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:26; Matthew 3:16–17, 28:19).
3. 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).
4. I repent of my sins and accept Jesus Christ as my personal Savior (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).
5. 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).
6. 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).
7. 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).
8. 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 24:44).
9. 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 is come” (Daniel 7:9–10; Revelation 14:7).
10. I believe that the dead are asleep unconsciously in their graves awaiting the resurrection (Psalm 13:3; Ecclesiastes 9:5–6; John 5:28; Acts 2:29, 34).
11. I believe 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). (3) The righteous inhabit heaven during the 1,000 years (Revelation 20:4). (4) The resurrection of the wicked and loosing of Satan at the end of the 1,000 years (Revelation 20:5, 7). (5) The final destruction of Satan and the wicked in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:15; Malachi 4:1–3). (6) The creation of a new heaven and new earth (Revelation 21:1, 4–5).
12. 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).

13. 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 jewelry or immodest clothing (1 Peter 2:21, 3:3–4; 1 Timothy 2:9–10).
14. I believe marriage between a man and woman was affirmed by Jesus and should be formally recognized by the laws of the state (Genesis 2:24; Hebrews 13:4). I will not be involved in a “common law” relationship (Matthew 19:3–9; John 2:1–11).
15. 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 organization (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).
16. I believe that Jesus has given “the spirit of prophecy” to His church, and I understand that the remnant church recognizes this gift in the ministry of Ellen G. White (Revelation 12:17, 19:10).
17. I believe that Jesus established the foot-washing service and the Lord’s Supper (John 13:1–17; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26).
18. 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.
19. I believe in baptism by immersion (Matthew 3:16–17), which symbolizes 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 baptized (or re-baptized) 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).

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