

FAITH FACTS: SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Who is Ellen G. White?

Ellen G. White lived from 1827-1915. She began to have visions at the age of 17, and she spent her life sharing and writing about her visions. Adventists believe she was appointed by God as a special messenger to draw the world's attention to the Holy Scriptures and help prepare people for Christ's second advent. God gave her more than 2,000 visions and dreams. She is the most translated woman writer in the entire history of literature. It should be noted that her writings are NOT a substitute for scripture.

The Second Coming is Imminent

Adventists believe that the last phase of Christ's atoning ministry began in 1844. The completion of this ministry will mark the close of human probation before the Second Advent of Christ.

Sabbath is on Saturday

The Sabbath is on the seventh day, Saturday, and begins at sunset Friday and ends at sunset Saturday.

Adventist Christian Behaviors

- Amusement and entertainment should meet highest standards of Christian taste and beauty.
- While recognizing cultural differences, dress is simple, modest and neat.
- One's body is a temple, and it should be cared for intelligently with adequate exercise and rest, adopting the most healthful diet possible, abstaining from unclean foods identified in Scripture.
- Abstaining from alcoholic beverages, tobacco and irresponsible use of drugs and narcotics, as they are harmful to one's body.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper celebrates Jesus' victory over sin. The meal includes three symbols:

- Foot washing – which symbolizes our commitment to love others as Jesus loves us.
- Bread – symbolizes the body of Christ.
- Wine or grape juice – symbolizes the blood of Christ.

The Mission

The mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, as articulated in the church's mission statement, is to proclaim to all people the everlasting gospel in the context of the Three Angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12.

What Do Adventists Believe?

- As a Christian church, Seventh Day Adventist's are a faith community rooted in the beliefs described by the Holy Scriptures.
- God's greatest desire for you is to see a clear picture of His character. When you see Him clearly, you will find His love irresistible.
- Scripture is a roadmap. The Bible is God's voice, speaking His love to you.
- Jesus is the one who never changes in a universe that always does. Jesus is Creator, Sustainer, Savior, Friend, God's Son, and God Himself!
- God's vision for you is life as He lives is! God loves you and wants you to live the highest quality life possible.
- In the heart of God, is a place you can experience as home. God loves you, and wants to spend time with you personally, one on one, as two close friends.

Baptism

Baptism is a prerequisite to Church membership and follows a course of instruction regarding the principles of the Church. Baptism is by immersion. Previous baptisms are not recognized.

Worship and Sabbath School

Sabbath School is like Sunday School. It is a one hour time of praising God through music, prayers, mission stories, and small group Bible study. During the time there is special time for children of different ages, and for adults with different interests.

Corporate Worship Service is a more formal time of worship and praise. During this hour, you would hear a practical, Bible based sermon designed to help you see God more clearly and provide you with strength to live as a Christian during the week. Church also includes worship, music, public and personal prayers and an opportunity to tithe (10 percent of one's income) and thank offerings to God.

Worship styles differ greatly in churches.

Did You Know?

With close to 13 million baptized members (a community of 20 million) and about a half a million new members joining each year, Seventh-day Adventism is one of the fastest growing denominations in the world?