

## OFFICIAL SDA BAPTISMAL VOWS (13)

**Seventh-day Adventists do not believe in baptizing infants. A person must be old enough to accept responsibility for his/her own actions. Baptism is by immersion. In order to be baptized, a person must agree to this set of thirteen baptismal VOWS:**

1. I believe in God the Father, in His Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit.  
*Deuteronomy 6:4: Matthew 28:19: 2Corinthians 13:14: Ephesians 4:4-6: 1Peter 1:2: 1Timothy 1:17: Revelation 14:7*
2. I accept the death of Jesus Christ on Calvary as the atoning sacrifice for my sins, and believe that through faith in His shed blood I am saved from sin and its penalty.  
*John 3:16: Isaiah 53: 1Peter 2:21,22: 1Corinthians 15:3,4 and 1Corinthians 15:20-22: 2Corinthians 5:14,15 and 2Corinthians 5:19-21: Romans 1:4: Romans 3:25: Romans 4:25: Romans 8:3,4: 1John 2:2: 1John 4:10: Col. 2:15: Phil. 2:6-11*
3. I renounce the world and its sinful ways, and have accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior, and believe that God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven my sins and given me a new heart.  
*2Corinthians 5:17-21: John 3:16: Galatians 1:4: Galatians 4:4-7: Titus 3:3-7: John 16:8: Galatians 3:13,14: 1Peter 2:21,22: Romans 10:17: Luke 17:5: Mark 9:23,24: Ephesians 2:5-10: Romans 3:21-26: Col. 1:13,14: Romans 8:14-17: Galatians 3:26: John 3:3-8: 1Peter 1:23: Romans 12:2: Hebrews 8:7-12: Ezekiel 36:25-27: 2Peter 1:3,4: Romans 8:1-4: Romans 5:6-10*
4. I accept by faith the righteousness of Christ, recognizing Him as my Intercessor in the heavenly sanctuary, and claim His promise to strengthen me by His indwelling Spirit, so that I may receive power to do His will.  
*John 1:1-3 and John 1:14: Col. 1:15-19: John 10:30: John 14:9: Romans 6:23: 2Corinthians 5:17-19: John 5:22: Luke 1:35: Phil. 2:5-11: Hebrews 2:9-18: 1Corinthians 15:3,4: Hebrews 8:1,2: John 14:1-3*
5. I believe that the Bible is God's inspired Word, and that it constitutes the only rule of faith and practice for the Christian.  
*2Peter 1:20,21: 2Timothy 3:16,17: Psalms 119:105: Proverbs 30:5,6: Isaiah 8:20: John 17:17: 1Thessalonians 2:13: Hebrews 4:12*
6. I accept the Ten Commandments as still binding upon Christians; and it is my purpose by the power of the indwelling Christ, to keep this law, including the fourth commandment, which requires the observance of the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath of the Lord.  
*Genesis 2:1-3: Exodus 20:8-11: Luke 4:16: Isaiah 56:5,6: Isaiah 58:13,14: Matthew 12:1-12: Exodus 31:13-17: Ezekiel 20:12 and 20:20: Deuteronomy 5:12-15: Hebrews 4:1-11: Leviticus 23:32: Mark 1:32*
7. I look forward to the soon coming of Jesus as the blessed hope in my heart, and I am determined to be ready to meet the Lord, and to do all in my power to witness to His loving salvation, and by life and word to help others to be ready for His glorious appearing.  
*Titus 2:13: Hebrews 9:28: John 14:1-3: Acts 1:9-11: Matthew 24:14: Revelation 1:7: Matthew 24:43,44: Matthew 26:64: 1Thessalonians 4:13-18: 1Corinthians 15:51-54: 2Thessalonians 1:7-10 and 2:8: Revelation 14:14-20: Revelation 19:11-21: Matthew 24: Mark 13: Luke 21: 2Timothy 3:1-5: 1Thessalonians 5:1-6*

8. I accept the Biblical teaching of spiritual gifts, and believe that the gift of prophecy is one of the identifying marks of the remnant church.  
*2Peter 1:20,21: 2Timothy 3:16,17: Psalms 119:105: Proverbs 30:5,6: Isaiah 8:20: John 17:17: 1Thessalonians 2:13: Hebrews 4:12*
9. I believe in church organization, and it is my purpose to support the church by my tithes and offerings, and by my personal effort and influence.  
*Genesis 1:26-28: Genesis 2:15: 1Chronicles 29:14: Haggai 1:3-11: Malachi 3:8-12: 1Corinthians 9:9-14: Matthew 23:23: Romans 15:26,27: 2Corinthians 8:1-15*
10. I believe that my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and I will honor God by caring for it, avoiding the use of that which is harmful, abstaining from all unclean foods, from the use, manufacture, or sale of alcoholic beverages, the use, manufacture, or sale of tobacco in any of its forms for human consumption, and from the misuse of or trafficking in, narcotics or other drugs.  
*Romans 12:1,2: 1John2:6: Ephesians 5:1-21: Philippians 4:8: 2Corinthians 10:5: 2Corinthians 6:14-7:1: 1Peter 3:1-4: 1Corinthians 6:19,20: 1Corinthians 10:31: Leviticus 11:1-47: 3John 2*
11. I know and understand the fundamental Bible principles as taught by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is my purpose, by the grace of God, to order my life in harmony with these principles.  
*Romans 12:1,2: 1John2:6: Ephesians 5:1-21: Philippians 4:8: 2Corinthians 10:5: 2Corinthians 6:14-7:1: 1Peter 3:1-4: 1Corinthians 6:19,20: 1Corinthians 10:31: Leviticus 11:1-47: 3John 2*
12. I accept the New Testament teaching of baptism by immersion, and desire to be so baptized as a public expression of faith in Christ and His forgiveness of my sins.  
*Romans 6:1-6: Col. 2:12,13: Acts 16:30-33: Acts 22:16: Acts 2:38: Matthew 28:19,20*
13. I accept that the Seventh-day Church is the remnant church of Bible prophecy, and that people of every nation, race, and language are invited and accepted into its fellowship. I desire to be a member in this local congregation of the world church.  
*Joel 2:28,29: Acts 2:14-21: Hebrews 1:1-3: Revelation 12:17: Revelation 19:10*



## My Affirmation of Faith

- I believe the Bible is God's Word and source of Truth (John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21) – *Authenticity of the Bible*
- I believe that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are co-eternal members of the Godhead (Matthew 28:19-20; Colossians 2:9; John 8:58) - *Godhead*
- I believe Salvation is only by grace through faith in Christ and accept Him as my Lord and Saviour (Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:8; John 3:16) - *Salvation*
- I believe Jesus' return will be a literal, visible, audible, glorious event and the signs indicate His coming is near (John 14:1-3; Matthew 24; Revelation 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17) – *Second Coming*
- I believe prayer and Bible study, as well as sharing my faith with others, is an essential part of Christian living (John 6:63; Mark 1:35; Matthew 26:39-42; Revelation 12:11) – *Practical Christianity*
- I believe Jesus calls Christians saved by grace, to live obedient, godly lives and God's Law provides a moral standard for living (John 14:15; Romans 3:31; Revelation 14:12) – *Law and Grace*
- I believe the Sabbath is an eternal sign of Jesus' love and care, and His memorial of Creation. (Luke 4:16; Revelation 14:6-7; Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11) I purpose to keep the Sabbath by worshipping with God's people. - *Sabbath*
- I believe Jesus' teaching on death as a sleep, until resurrection morning when Jesus returns (John 11:1-14; 1 Corinthians 15:51-54; Ecclesiastes 9:5; Genesis 2:7; Psalm 146:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17) – *State of the Dead*
- I believe my body is the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, and desire to keep my body in the best health possible. I choose to follow Jesus' example by refraining from alcohol, tobacco, harmful drugs and foods the Bible terms unclean (Luke 9:23; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 6:19; 10:31; Leviticus 11) – *Healthful Living, Christian Standards*
- I believe everything I own belongs to God, and accept the tithing principle Jesus confirmed in His teaching (Matthew 6:33; Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 23:23; Deuteronomy 8:18) - *Tithing*
- I believe Jesus has a last-day church and has called me to be part of His Sabbath-keeping Adventist movement of "every nation, kindred, tongue and people." (Matthew 16:16-18; Revelation 14:6-12; Revelation 12:17; Revelation 14:12) – *Three Angels Message*
- I believe the Bible's teaching on the Gift of Prophecy, and believe God's last day church will be guided by the prophetic gift (Ephesians 4:8,11; 1 Corinthians 1:5-7; Revelation 12:17; 19:10) – *Spirit of Prophecy*

- I believe Jesus will recreate a new heavens and a new earth after the 1,000 year millennium, as the home of the redeemed and the wicked will be totally consumed, doing away with the sin forever. (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1-4; Malachi 4:1-3; Revelation 20:7-9) – *Millennium, Hell, Heaven*
- I believe the Seventh Day Adventist Church is the true church that keeps His Commandments and live by the faith of Jesus. I accept to be part of the church that follows God’s truth (Eph5: 25-27; Revelation 12: 1-17; Revelation 14: 12) – *Remnant Church*
  
- Understanding and accepting the Bible truths taught by Seventh-day Adventists, I desire to be part of the local congregation through Baptism.

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