

Words of Truth



Exposing The Seventh-day Adventists (Part 2)

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As we saw in our first article about the Seventh-day Adventists [we shall refer to them as the SDA], they certainly are not a Biblically minded people. They are more concerned with the thoughts of men than those of God! They would do well to consider this Scripture: *“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon”* (Isaiah 55:7). One group of people that may enjoy the SDA is those who are more concerned with political/social issues than spiritual issues. It is here we shall begin this second article.

The Church Of Politically/Social Minded People

The Seventh-day Adventists certainly try to portray themselves in the best light possible. All false teachers try to look good (II Corinthians 11:12-15). They do things to try an appeal to the carnal side of man. In fact, we are warned that this is the approach of false teachers (II Peter 2:1-3; 18). For example, the real church of Christ is the pillar and ground of the truth (I Timothy 3:15). The only pillar the SDA seems concerned with is that of the political/social arena. Notice: *“The denomination’s history dates back to the 1860s when the church organization was formally established. From the early years, and through its history, Seventh-day Adventists have been recognized as **a group of conscientious Christians who are vocal about and prominent in taking up a stand for a number of causes and issues**.* The list of these is quite impressive -- civil rights and anti-slavery stance, religious liberty, health and temperance reform, leadership in prevention of alcoholism and drug dependency, anti-tobacco lobby, education, welfare, aid and development, and so on” (http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/statements/statements_intro.html).

While people may be drawn to organizations that promote civil causes, the focus of the body of Christ is the saving of souls (I Thessalonians 1:7-8). The direction this group portrays is about keeping up good appearances. We shall see that clearly as we discuss this group.

I, as well as all faithful Christians, am concerned about moral decay in our country. Certainly, we’d love to see our nation be a God fearing nation (Psalms 33:12). That being said, real Bible students understand that the world is full of wickedness (Isaiah 13:11, Ephesians 6:12, and I John 5:19). The real problem is not just abortion, tobacco, etc. The real problem is that people of the world do not have the Lord as their standard of living (John 8:44, Ephesians 2:1-2, and I John 3:8-10).

Faithful Bible students realize that fighting against moral decay does not happen just by standing up for certain moral/political issues. We realize that really converting the lost to Christ would resolve issues like homosexuality, abortion, etc. because those worldly individuals would cease doing such sinful

activities (Acts 3:19, Romans 6:1-18, Romans 12:1-2, and I Peter 4:1-5). Therefore, rather than forming lobbying groups and political movements, we continue attacking all sin the way Jesus wants us to. Jesus wants us to carry the Gospel into the world and to purge sin and corruption from the lives of those who will hear and obey the truth (Isaiah 26:9 and Mark 16:15-16). Thus, the local church of Christ is about preaching the truth on everything rather than forming political defense machines (Philippians 1:27).

The reason that the SDA promotes themselves as defenders of the “politically right” is that some people are attracted to such a mentality. This method of selling people on their political platforms is no different than those denominations that try to feed people food and entertainment to get them into their churches (John 6:26-27 and Romans 14:17). Conversion does not occur through gimmickry of any sort. People are converted to the Lord through His word (Psalms 19:7, Psalms 51:13, Matthew 28:18-20, and Romans 10:8-17).

The thing about politics, entertainment, or any sort of carnally based “conversion tactics” (understanding that these tactics convert people only to man-made religions), is that they must change with the times. The carnal mind will not subject itself unto God (Romans 8:5-8). Therefore, the carnal approach to standing for truth will not be based on God’s desires. We saw in our first article exposing the SDA that they have a General Conference that meets and votes on things. This tells us they have changes that are motivated by the carnal desires of mankind. The SDA is always subject to change in a negative way!

Changes Even On Their Political Front

Even in their stand on secular matters, the SDA are ever changing (a sure sign they are not of Christ – Hebrews 13:8): “So, though Adventists successfully used the church pulpit and the classroom to speak against social ills or promote Christian values, **they have not, until recently, formalized their official position through public statements.** It was a non-creedal approach at the outset, with the “fundamental beliefs” being formulated into a ‘doctrinal statement’ only in the 1930s” ([same reference as above](#)).

God says: “*For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed*” (Malachi 3:6). Truth is certain, unchanging (Proverbs 22:21). Truth is not to be exchanged for anything (Proverbs 23:23). How do they change? Notice: “All changes or revisions of policy that are to be made in the Manual shall be authorized by the General Conference session” ([same reference as above](#)). In fact, the SDA outright denies being directed by God’s word. Look at this quote from their statement about religious freedom: “What we choose to believe and how we choose to worship should be according to the dictates of our conscience” (http://www.adventist.org/mission_and_service/religious_liberty.html.en). The word of God does not change (Psalms 119:89, Matthew 24:35, and I Peter 1:22-23). True Christians are not those who will corrupt the word of God (II Corinthians 2:17), we are those who keep it (Luke 11:28). The SDA is ever changing because they were never right!

Conclusion

Sometimes it is difficult to pick which errors to expose in particular denominations. If you have followed this series of articles from the beginning, you’ll notice I’ve tried not to be too repetitive. Many errors of the SDA have been covered through other articles about other denominations. One thing that is specific to the SDA more than others is their view of the Sabbath Day. That will be our next article.