

BAPTISMAL VOWS

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- Do you accept the Bible as the inspired Word of God, and do you take it as your rule of faith and practice?

2 Timothy 3:16, 17; Acts 20:32.

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- Do you believe that Jesus is the eternal Son of God and the Saviour of mankind?
- Have you accepted Him as your personal Saviour for salvation from sin, which He offers through His grace?
- Will you invite Him every day to dwell in your heart through the Holy Spirit?

John 1:12–13; Galatians 2:20.

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- Have you repented of, and confessed all known sin to God, believing that He, for Christ's sake has forgiven you?
- As far as possible, have you made reconciliation with those whom you have wronged or with those who have wronged you?

1 John 1:9; Matthew 5:23–26; Ezekiel 33:15.

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- Do you believe that the Holy Spirit is a separate and distinct personality; that He is the Third Person of the Godhead, together with the Father, and the Son?
- Is it your purpose to live a life surrendered to God, doing His will, and keeping His Commandments, through the power of the Holy Spirit?

Romans 12:1; Colossians 3:17; Revelation 12:17; 22:14; John 14:15–18.

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- Will you endeavour to maintain daily communion with God by personal worship through prayer and Bible study?
- Will you support or provide family worship, morning and evening, in your home?

Daniel 6:10; 1 Timothy 2:1; 2 Timothy 2:15.

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- Do you recognize your personal responsibility to actively share with others the Everlasting Gospel?
- Will you commit yourself, by both witness and example, to lead others to surrender their lives to Christ?
- Do you believe that the Everlasting Gospel to be given is the Three Angel's Messages of Revelation fourteen, and that this Gospel Message is first to be given to God's Remnant Church before the Sunday Law, in two steps; followed by the World, after the Sunday Law?
- Having personally accepted this Gospel Message, do you believe that we are commissioned to then go on to give the Loud Cry of the Third Angel; calling men and women out of Babylon and into God's Remnant Church?
- Do you believe that under the power of the Latter Rain – which is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit – those who genuinely accept this Gospel Message will be truly sanctified before the Close of Probation, not after it?

Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15. Revelation 14:6–14; 18:1–4; Joel 2:28; Hosea 10:12.

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- Do you believe in the imminent return of Jesus Christ; and that His coming will be personal, visible, audible, and will be accompanied by all the heavenly angels?

Acts 1:9–11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17; John 14:1–3.

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- Do you accept that man is mortal; and that in death he is in an unconscious state, referred to in inspiration as sleep?
- Do you believe that at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, the faithful of all ages will be raised, caught up, and granted immortality with the living saints to meet the Lord in the air?

Daniel 12:2; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–16; 1 Corinthians 15:51–55.

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- Recognizing that obedience from the heart, and not just the mind, is the fruit of the Holy Spirit, and having already entered into a life of sanctification, do you believe that the Ten Commandments are a transcript of God's character, and that loving to keep these Commandments, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is the evidence of salvation in the saints?

Revelation 22:14; 14:12; 12:17; Jude 24; 1 Corinthians 10:13.

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- Do you believe that conversion is the new birth experience?
- Do you believe that unless you are first born of the Spirit (which is the baptism of repentance; forgiveness and justification; and of obedience and sanctification), followed by being born of Water (which is the baptism by immersion, and a declaration of this new birth), that you cannot enter into the Kingdom of God?
- Do you believe that justification is not only the work of Christ in forgiving us of past sins, but is also the power to live presently in this mortal body without sin?

John 3:3–5; Romans 6:7; 1 Peter 1:22–23; 1 John 3:5–10.

11

- Do you believe the great message of Christ our Righteousness; that we are presently to be justified and sanctified, and in the imminent future glorified, only through His sacrifice and High Priestly ministry for us?

Romans 5:1–9; Acts 26:18; Ephesians 5:25–27.

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- Mankind was not only created in the image of God, he was also designed to be His counterpart. But Satan has laboured to obliterate that image and imprint upon us his own, thereby making man his counterpart. He has thus succeeded in thwarting the Divine plan in the creation of man.
- The plan of redemption is God's means of recovering mankind from the slavery of sin, by restoring the image of God in man and bringing him back into allegiance with God. It is wonderful both in its simplicity and fullness, for it not only provides for our full pardon, but also for our complete restoration.
- The means by which this rescue was effected was by Christ coming to this Earth in a fallen sinful human body identical to ours, within which He united divinity and humanity. Despite coming in a fallen sinful body, He was still separate from sinners, for the humanity that he took was sinless. It was balanced and well proportioned, akin to that of Adam before his fall. His human nature would not, and could not sin, as long as it was combined with divinity, this was the source of His strength.
- Do you believe that the example He has left us whilst here on this Earth makes it possible for us to unite our humanity with His divinity, and thereby live the life of victory, even the life of faith, whilst we are in the same corrupt body that He possessed whilst on Earth?

Romans 8:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 7:26; 10:5; Psalm 40:7-9; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5, 9

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- Do you believe that the seventh day of the week is God's holy sacred Sabbath day; a day of rest from all secular pursuits; a day of special worship to God?
- Do you understand that Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday and that every preparation should be made before that time, in order to begin the Sabbath with opening worship?
- Do you understand that it concludes at sunset on Saturday, and should be marked by a closing worship of thankfulness?

Luke 23:56; Exodus 20:8–11; Isaiah 58:13–14.

- Do you recognize that the Sabbath, as a Memorial of Creation, represents the Seal of God, and that Sunday worship is the pagan counterfeit described by the Bible as "The Mark of the Beast"?

Exodus 31:13; Ezekiel 20:12, 20; Revelation 13:16; 14:1, 9, 10; Genesis 2:1–3.

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- Do you recognize that the Papacy is the great Antichrist of Bible prophecy; that it was the great persecuting power of the Dark Ages; and will again persecute God's saints at the end of time?
- Do you recognize that it attempted to change God's law and Sabbath, and has brought many pagan errors into the Christian church?
- Do you understand that as "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS" all "Protestant" denominations, saving God's remnant denominated people – the Seventh Day Adventist church, have gone back to her, and are therefore a part of Babylon?

1 John 4:2–3; Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13:1–8; 17:5.

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- Do you accept that the church of God is in a Laodicean condition and is sick from the head to the feet; yet enfeebled and defective as it is, and having imbibed various Papal errors, it is not and never has been a part of Babylon?

Isaiah 1:4–6; Revelation 13:14–8; 17:5; The Acts of the Apostles 12.1.

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- Will you practice the Bible plan for the support of God's work, by returning to Him the Tithes; one-tenth of all your income?
- In addition to this, will you give the Lord sacrificial offerings as the Lord has prospered you?
- Is it your purpose to support the movement that has been raised and anointed by God to give the final warning message to the world, and to give your full support to this movement?

Leviticus 27:32; Numbers 18:20–24; 1 Corinthians 9:8–14; Malachi 3:6–12.

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- Is it your purpose to obey God's instruction to eat and drink to His Glory by abstaining from all intoxicating liquors; tobacco in all its forms; heavily spice foods; chemical leavening agents; eating meat, both clean and unclean; avoiding other animal food stuffs such as eggs and dairy; narcotics in all its forms including tea, coffee, cola drinks; opiates; and all other harmful substances?

1 Corinthians 10:31; 3:16–17; Leviticus 11; Proverbs 23:29–30; Isaiah 66:15, 17.

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- Are you committed to following the Biblical principle of modesty in your dress?
- In keeping with this principle, will you refrain from any style of dress that is out of keeping with the Biblical principles of modesty?
- Are you also committed to following the principles of simplicity, and health in your dress?
- Will you refrain from wearing makeup; colourful nail adornment; and all forms of jewellery?
- Will you endeavour to make your influence one that reflects the inner adornment, not the outward; a life that will attract people to Jesus and not yourself?

1 Timothy 2:9–10; 1 Peter 3:3–4; Exodus 33:5–6; Genesis 35:2–4; Deuteronomy 22:5; Isaiah 3:16–24.

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- Recognizing the seriousness of the call of Christ upon your life, is it your purpose to refrain from all worldly amusements and sinful practices, such as: dancing; card playing; board and video games; attending the theatre or cinema; reading novels; watching or participating in competitive sports; watching unprofitable television programs or movies; listening to worldly music; inappropriate use of the internet; and to shun all other questionable amusements?

1 John 2:15; James 1:27; 4:4.

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- Do you accept the counsel given in Scripture but particularly in the Spirit of Prophecy to not dwell in the cities?
- In selecting a location for a home do you agree that an uncrowded, retired, rural location, is to be preferred to overbuilt places?
- Is it your desire, and purpose to forsake city living in favour of a more secluded location, away from the busyness and enticements so often encountered in urban centres?

Genesis 13:8-18; Matthew 24:15-18; Mark 13:14-16; Luke 21:20-21; Country Living.

21

- Do you believe that Jesus is our High Priest; that He is in the Heavenly Sanctuary, ministering on our behalf?
- Do you believe that on October 22, 1844, He began the Investigative Judgment in the second apartment of the heavenly sanctuary?
- Do you believe that He is now in the Most Holy Place, making the final atonement for our sins, where they will eventually be blotted out, if confessed and forsaken?
- Do you believe that this Judgment began with the Dead in Christ on October 22, 1844, and moved to the living saints on September 11, 2001?

Daniel 8:14; 7:9-14, 25-27; Leviticus 16; Acts 3:19; Luke 21:29-32; Isaiah 27:6-9.

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- Do you recognize that God's Remnant Church has been given the Spirit of Prophecy?
- That in these last days this gift has been specially manifested in the Church through the writings and ministry of Ellen Gould White?
- That her writings are inerrant and are of the same nature and substance as the Bible.
Revelation 12:17; 19:10.

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- Do you believe in, and have you accepted, the ordinances of Humility (foot washing) and the Lord's Supper; which symbolize a dying to self, a life of service to others, and a recommitment to giving your whole life to Jesus?
- Is it your purpose to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, by partaking of these ordinances?
John 13:10–17; 1 Corinthians 11:23–33; 1 John 2:6.

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- Do you believe that on September 11, 2001 the Mighty Angel of Revelation eighteen prophetically descended, thus marking the beginning of the judgment of the living and the sealing of the one hundred and forty-four thousand?
- Do you believe that at the very same time the Latter Rain began to sprinkle upon the Priests of Adventism calling them to purify the Lord's Temple?
- Do you also believe that at that same time the Third Woe, as represented by radical Islam, arrived into history?
Revelation 7; Ezekiel 9; Revelation 18; Acts 3:19–21; 1 Peter 2:2–10; Revelation 9.

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- In order to correctly proclaim the Third Angel's Message, do you believe that it is necessary to search the Bible using the same methodology as did the Pioneers? And that this methodology is exemplified in William Miller's fourteen rules for Bible study and interpretation?
- Do you understand that this methodology requires two witnesses for truth to be established and it also requires us to rightly divide the Word of Truth by applying one prophetic line upon other similar prophetic lines?
Isaiah 28:9–13; 2 Timothy 2:15; Genesis 41:32; Deuteronomy 17:6.

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- Do you accept the foundational beliefs of Seventh–Day Adventism as taught by its pioneers, and embodied on both the 1843 and 1850 Charts, and desire to unite with its body of believers?
- As evidence of this decision, do you believe in baptism by immersion, and is it your desire to manifest faith and acceptance in the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ by public baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit?

Matthew 3:6–17; 28:18–20; Colossians 2:12; Romans 6:3–5; Habakkuk 2:1–3.