

2. The sabbath as a test of loyalty to God in the last days.

a. Statement of the Doctrine

The Seventh-day Adventists believe that the observance of the Sabbath on the seventh day of the week will be a worldwide test of loyalty to God in the last days before the second coming of Christ, and that only those who observe the Sabbath on the seventh day of the week will be saved at that time.

b. Discussion of the doctrine

c. Refutation of the doctrine

(1) It has no Biblical support

An examination of Rev. 14:9-12

(2) It contradicts the Biblical teaching of salvation by grace alone

(a) The contradiction discussed

(b) Biblical passages affirming salvation by grace alone

i. Romans 3:27,28

ii. Gal. 5:4

(3) It is incompatible with the Biblical teaching about sin

(a) The incompatibility discussed

(b) The Biblical teaching about sin

An examination of I Jn. 3:4

C. Schools of thought about Seventh-day-Adventism

1. The old school of thought

This school of thought said that the system of doctrine taught by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination was not evangelical, that the Seventh-day Adventists were not Christians, and that we, as Christians, should not extend the hand of fellowship to them.

2. The new school of thought

This school of thought says that the system of doctrine taught by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination is evangelical, that the Seventh-day Adventists are Christians, and that we, as Christians, should extend the hand of fellowship to them.