

identity

IN CHRIST





What is a Seventh-day Adventist?





Three conclusions:

There is no honest,
quick fix response to the question.

If we do not understand our identity,
Does belonging to the church really matter?

People want to know if what
SDAs believe is important.





What is a Seventh-day Adventist?



***A Seventh-day Adventist
is a christian who observes
the Seventh-day Sabbath
and who is preparing for the
Savior's Second Coming.***





The perspective is larger than this



**A more significant frame
that holds the picture
of biblical truth as taught
by Seventh-day Adventists
is their understanding of
the prophecies of
Daniel and Revelation.**

The prophecies
tell us:

Times,
Identity
& Task



Daniel chapters 7 and 8
tell us that we're living in the
END TIMES





Sleep in our times is
DANGEROUS





JESUS DIED

And made atonement for
the sins of the world.





But because Jesus lives forever,
he has a **permanent priesthood**.
Therefore he is able to save completely
those who come to God through him,
because he always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 7:24-25





Seventh-day Sabbath is a memorial of creation,
and affirms our identity as sons and daughters
of God.



From adult baptism and the Lord's Supper



**We see the centrality
of Jesus's death and
His promised return.**



Death as a sleep is a doctrine fundamental to our faith and identity



Then he placed his right hand on me and said:
"Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.
I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look,
I am alive for ever and ever!
And I hold the keys of death and Hades."

Revelation 1:17-18





The principles of
the Law of God are

eternal &
unchangeable





OUR MESSAGE IS:

- positive and optimistic
- inclusive
- a reforming message
- a call to worship God
- a warning message
- an identifying message
- one of hope and victory



OUR IDENTITY:

is defined by our
understanding
of the times
in which we live



OUR IDENTITY:

**is defined by daily
living in obedience to
God's commandments
and saving faith in Jesus**



OUR IDENTITY:

is mandated by prophecy
to share the final message
of salvation before the
return of Jesus
in power and glory.



OUR IDENTITY:

grounded
IN THE BIBLE

&
focused

ON THE MISSION





**Why is the wonderful gospel
still so relatively unknown?**



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