



The Heart of the SDA Message

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“This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

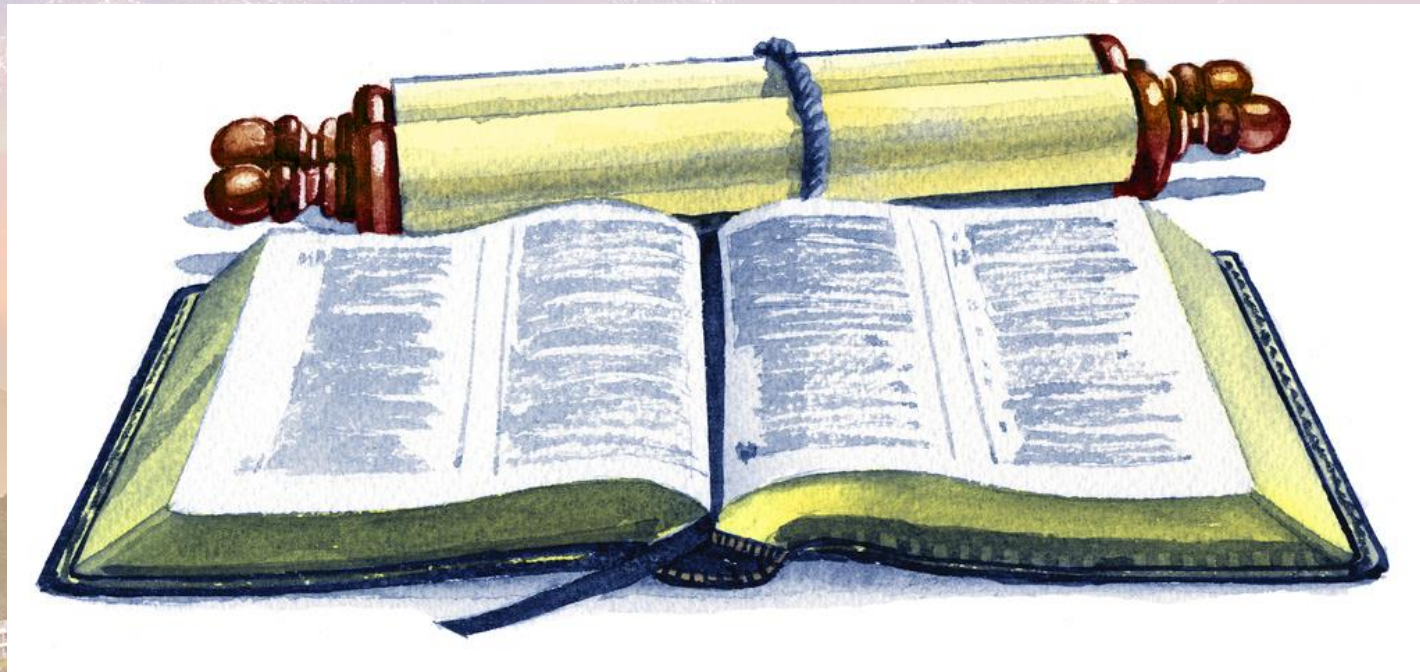
Acts 4:11–12

“But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

John 20:31

“all things have been created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together... In [him] are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”

Col. 1:16–17; 2:3.



**“Of all professing
Christians, Seventh-
day Adventists
should be foremost
in uplifting Christ
before the world.”**

GW 156



“The proclamation of the third angel's message calls for the presentation of the Sabbath truth. This truth, with others included in the message, is to be proclaimed; **but the great center of attraction, Christ Jesus, must not be left out.**”

GW 156



“As Christ's ambassadors, they are to search the Scriptures, to seek for the truths that have been hidden beneath the rubbish of error. And every ray of light received is to be communicated to others. One interest will prevail, one subject will swallow up every other,—Christ our righteousness....”

SD 259



I WILL
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CHOSEN FOR MISSION

“Many of our ministers have merely sermonized, presenting subjects in an argumentative way, and scarcely mentioning the saving power of the Redeemer. Their testimony was destitute of the saving blood of Christ. Their offering resembled the offering of Cain. He brought to the Lord the fruit of the ground, which in itself was acceptable in God's sight. Very good indeed was the fruit; but the virtue of the offering—the blood of the slain lamb, representing the blood of Christ—was lacking. So it is with Christless sermons.”

GW 156



“When the law is presented as it should be, it reveals the love of God. But it is no wonder that hearts are not melted even by truth when it is presented in a cold, lifeless manner; no wonder that faith staggers at the promises of God, when ministers and workers fail to present Jesus in His relation to the law.”



“We should earnestly seek to know and appreciate the truth, that we may present it to others as it is in Jesus.”

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“Theoretical discourses are essential, that people may see the chain of truth, link after link, uniting in a perfect whole; but no discourse should ever be preached without presenting Christ and Him crucified as the foundation of the gospel.”

GW 158



- **“Lift up Jesus, you that teach the people, lift Him up in sermon, in song, in prayer. Let all your powers be directed to pointing souls, confused, bewildered, lost, to “the Lamb of God.” Lift Him up, the risen Saviour, and say to all who hear, Come to Him who “hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us.”** [Ephesians 5:2.]



- **Are not all Christians doing the same – preaching Christ?**
What then makes us unique?



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Ellen G. White invites us
to connect **“the
theory of the
truth”** with
**“Christ and His
redeeming
love.”** GW 158





**Is it possible to separate
Christ from His teachings?
From the Word of God?**

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

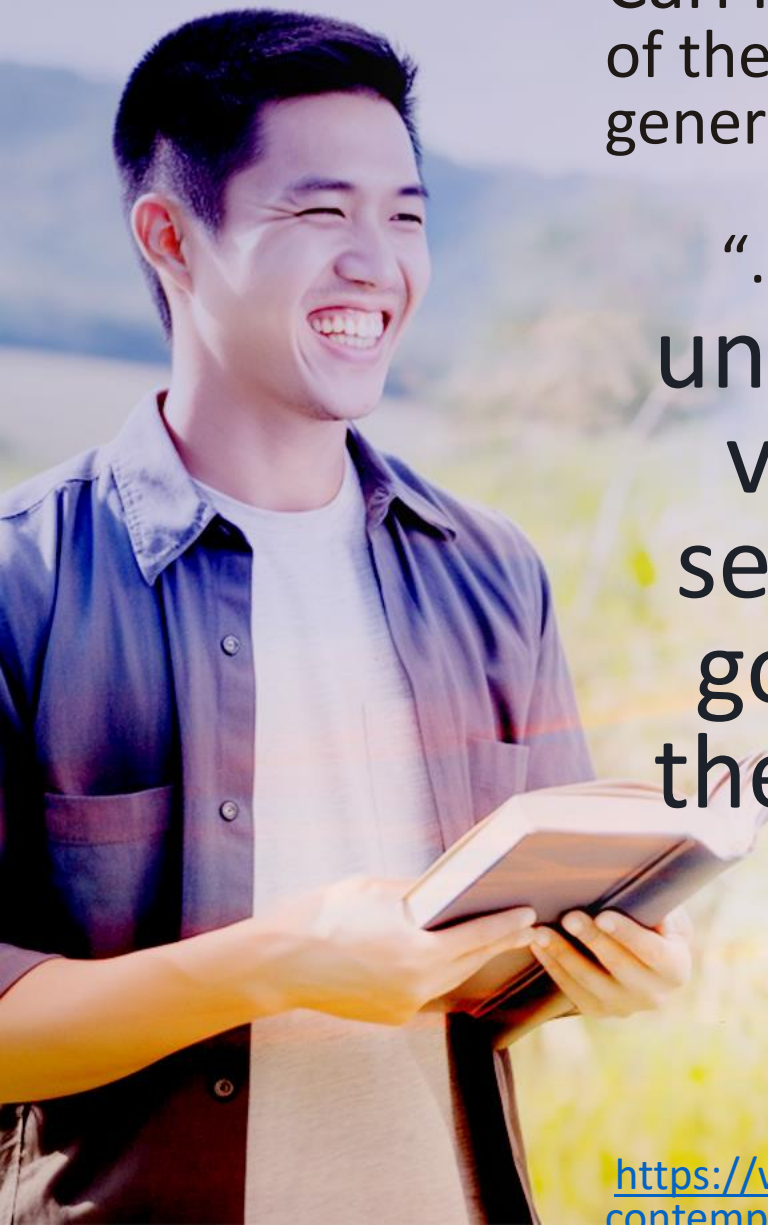
“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us...full of grace and truth.”

John 1:1, 14





If one tries to separate Christ from His teachings, then he or she is creating a Christ based on their own image and understanding. In this case everyone will have a different Christ, a private Christ.



Carl F.H. Henry, the founder and the first editor-in-chief of the magazine Christianity Today described his generation with the following words:

“...generation that is intellectually uncapped, morally unzipped, and volitionally uncurbed...Affirming sexual pleasure to be the supreme good of a life of unending revelry, they waste away into ethical ghosts and skeletons.”

<https://wisdomfish.tumblr.com/post/111288174694/an-indispensable-message-for-contemporary-culture>



“What happens when Jesus is separated from the Gospel? He becomes an abstraction, free to be molded into any image or idea we want Him to take. No longer is He the God who loves us through concrete, verifiable ways in history. No longer is He the God who came down from heaven to die on a cross for our sins. No longer is He the God who rose to new life to bring us into eternity with Him. Jesus becomes a directionless divinity, an idle idolatry.”

Kyle G. Jones

**“We must cleave to that
which God pronounces
to be truth, though the
whole world may be
arrayed against it.”**

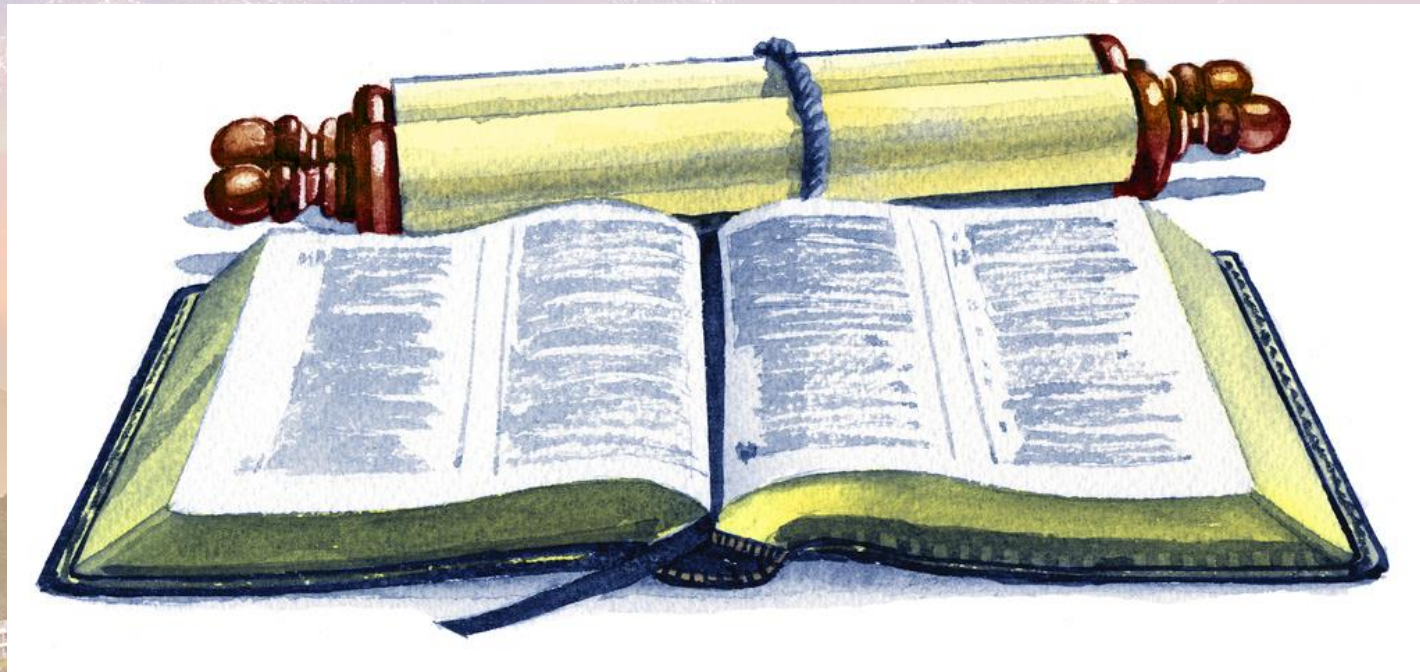
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“So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Jn 8:31–32

“...I am the way, and the truth, and the life...”

Jn 14:6



There is no Christ outside
of Truth...
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