

contained in the book of life will be brought up, beginning with the names of those who first lived upon the earth and closing with the names of those who are alive when this investigative judgment takes place. They claim that these names are names of believers in Jesus Christ. As the name of each believer is brought up, the Seventh-day Adventists claim that the records of that believer will be examined. If a believer is a true child of God, they claim that the records will show that every sin of that believer has been confessed and forgiven, for they state in their book, Questions On Doctrine, "when the name of a true child of God comes up in the judgment, the record will reveal that every sin has been confessed -- and has been forgiven through the blood of Christ."⁵⁸

If the records show that every sin of a believer has been confessed and forgiven, the Seventh-day Adventists claim that the following things will happen:

First, the name of that believer will be retained in the book of life. The Seventh-day Adventists say, "those who gain the victory over sin through the merits of the shed blood of Christ will be retained in the book of life."⁵⁹ This is based on the words of Jesus in Revelation 3:5, "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels."⁶⁰

Second, Jesus Christ will represent that believer before God, the Father in the heavenly court, and He will plead that believer's case. Mrs.

⁵⁸Questions On Doctrine, op. cit., pp. 441, 442.

⁵⁹Ibid., p. 438.

⁶⁰Rev. 3:5.