

Again in that book the Seventh-day Adventists say:

Salvation is not now, and never has been, by law or works; salvation is only by the grace of Christ. Moreover there never was a time in the plan of God when salvation was by human works or effort. Nothing men can do, or have done, can in any way merit salvation.⁸¹

In that book the Seventh-day Adventists also say:

One thing is certain, man cannot be saved by any effort of his own. We profoundly believe that no works of the law, no deeds of the law, no effort however commendable, and no good works -- whether they be many or few, sacrificial or not -- can in any way justify the sinner (Titus 3:5; Rom. 3:20). Salvation is wholly of grace; it is the gift of God (Rom. 4:4,5; Eph. 2:8).⁸²

Yet, while the Seventh-day Adventists state very clearly in their book, Questions On Doctrine, that they believe in the Biblical teaching of salvation by grace alone, the Seventh-day Adventists also state very clearly in that book that they believe in the doctrine of the investigative judgment, and in their discussion of the investigative judgment, the Seventh-day Adventists say:

In the following description of the investigative judgment, penned by Ellen G. White, is, we believe, based entirely upon the revealed truths of God's Word as we have set them forth in the preceding pages: As the books of record are opened in the judgment, the lives of all who have believed on Jesus come in review before God. Beginning with those who first lived upon the earth, our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation, and closes with the living. Every name is mentioned, every case closely investigated. Names are accepted, names rejected. When any have sins remaining upon the books of record, unrepented of and unforgiven, their names will be blotted out of the book of life, and the record of their good deeds will be erased from the book of God's remembrance All who have truly repented of sin, and by faith claimed the blood of Christ as their atoning sacrifice, have had pardon entered against their names in the books of heaven; as they have become partakers of the righteousness of Christ, and their characters are found to be in harmony with the law of God, their sins will be blotted out, and they themselves will be accounted worthy of eternal life.⁸³

In this description of the investigative judgment, the Seventh-day Ad-

⁸¹ Ibid., p. 141.

⁸² Ibid., p. 142.

⁸³ Ibid., p. 443.