

5. Doctrines of Seventh-day Adventism

1. The Investigative Judgment

a. Statement of the Doctrine

The Seventh-day Adventists believe that there is to be an investigative judgment before the second coming of Christ in which the records of all those who have believed in Jesus will be examined in order to determine whether or not they are worthy to receive eternal life.

b. Discussion of the Doctrine

- (1) Prediction of the investigative judgment - (Dan. 7:9,10,13,14)
- (2) Time of the investigative judgment - (Dan. 8:14)
- (3) Proclamation of the investigative judgment (Rev. 14:6,7)
- (4) Length of the investigative judgment - From Oct. 22, 1844 A.D. to the Second Coming of Christ
- (5) Persons involved in the investigative judgment Only believers in Jesus Christ (I Pet. 4:17)
- (6) Records examined in the investigative judgment

The books of record in heaven (Dan. 7:10).
These are:

- (a) The Book of Remembrance (Mal. 3:16,17)
- (b) The Books of the Sins of Man (Eccl. 12:14 Matt. 12:36,37; and I Cor. 4:5)

Note: The standard by which everything a person does is judged to determine whether or not it is a sin and to be recorded in these books is the ten commandments (Eccl. 12:13,14; and James 2:12)

- (c) The Book of Life (Phil. 4:3; and Rev. 21:27)

Note: In addition to these books of record, the Seventh-Day Adventists also claim that there is a record in Heaven of every sin which has been confessed and forgiven.