

of war and bloodshed as being inconsistent with the duties enjoined upon us by our divine Master toward our enemies and toward all mankind.

We hereby petition that our religious convictions be recognized by those in authority, and that we be exempt from bearing arms in time of war.

Respectfully submitted,

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WHAT FREE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS BELIEVE.

Seventh-day Adventists have no written creed except the Bible; but they hold to well defined points of faith, for which they feel prepared to give a reason "to every man that asketh" them. 1 Peter 3:15. The following brief propositions may be taken as a summary of the principal points of their faith, upon which there is, so far as we know, very general agreement throughout the body.

They believe:

1. That "God the Father" is a personal, spiritual being. 1 Cor. 8:6; Eph. 4:4; Dan. 7:9, 13; Heb. 1:3; John 4:24; 10:30; 1 Cor. 10:1-4.
2. That Christ existed with the Father from "the days of eternity." Micah 5:2 (marg.); Matt. 2:5, 6; Prov. 8:22-31; John 1:1-14.

3. That "there are three living persons of the heavenly trio; - - - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." Study Gen. 1:1-3, 26, 27; Job 26:13; Isa. 48:16, R. V.; 1 John 5:7; Matt. 29:19; 2 Cor. 13:14.

4. That Jesus, the son of both God and man, is the "Master workman" by whom the Father created all things. Matt. 3:17; 8:20; Prov. 8:30, R. V.; John 1:1-14; Eph. 3:9; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2.

5. That Jesus is our only mediator and personal Saviour from sin. 1 Tim. 2:5; Matt. 1:21; Acts 4:12; 5:31.

6. That the Holy Spirit, the reprover and convicter of sin, is Christ's representative on earth. Isa. 48:16, R. V.; John 16:8; 14:15-17, 26.

7. That the Holy Scriptures, the infallible rule of faith and practice, are "given by inspiration of God." 2 Tim.

3:16, 17; 1 John 1:4; 1 Thess. 5:21; Isa. 8:20.

8. That repentance and conversion are necessary "that your (our) sins may be blotted out." Prov. 28:13; John 3:1-8; Acts 3:19.

9. That those who are truly converted and love God will diligently study and give heed to his Word. John 10:27; 8:47; 3:21; 1 John 1:7. See also Eph. 5:13; Prov. 6:23; 1 John 5:3; John 14:15, R. V.

10. That man was made "in the image of God" physically, mentally, and morally. Gen. 1:26, 27; Eccles. 7:29; Col. 3:10.

11. That he is "mortal" and must "seek" for immortality. Job 4:17; Rom. 2:6, 7; 1 Cor. 15:51-53.

12. That he is by nature born in sin, and "must be born again." Job

14:4; Ps. 51:5; Rom. 7:14; Acts 3:19;
John 3:1-8; Matt. 18:3.

13. That "the dead know not anything." Eccles. 9:5, 10; Ps. 6:5; 115:17; 146:3, 4; Job 14:21; Isa. 38:18, 19; 1 Thess. 4:13.

14. That the wicked will finally be destroyed root and branch. Mal. 4:1-3; Matt. 3:12; Rom. 6:23; Ps. 37:9, 10, 20, 34.

15. "That there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust." Acts 24:15; John 5:28, 29.

16. That the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper should be unleavened and unfermented. Acts 2:31; 1 Peter 1:18, 19; Matt. 26:26-28.

17. That "ye (we) also ought to wash one another's feet" before partaking of the bread and wine. John 13:1-17; James 4:10.

18. That we ought, for the support of the gospel work, to return to God His own, the tithe. Lev. 27:30-33; Mal. 3:8-10; Matt. 23:23; Heb. 7:1-8.

19. That "the just shall live by faith"; i. e. justification and righteousness by faith. Rom. 1:17; 3:20-26; 5:1; 2 Cor. 5:21.

20. That we are to be sanctified through obedience to the Word of God. John 17:17; 15:3; 2 Thess. 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2, 22, 23; Rev. 22:14.

21. That immersion is the New Testament mode of Christian baptism, and a fitting memorial of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Matt. 3:13-16; Mark 1:10; Acts 8:38, 39; Rom. 6:1-5; Col. 2:12.

22. That God's moral law, written with his own finger, will "stand fast forever and ever." Ex. 20:1-17; 31:18;

32:15, 16; Ps. 111:7, 8; Matt. 5:17-19; Luke, 16:17; James 2:8-12.

23. That the seventh day of creation week is the "perpetual" Sabbath of God. Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 16:4, 5, 22-30; 20:8-11; 31:15-17; Isa. 58:13; 66:22, 23; Matt. 24:20, 35.

24. That the marriage institution, like the Sabbath, had its divine origin in Eden. Gen. 2:18-24; Mark 10:6-9.

25. That the prophetic portions of the Scriptures are as "a light that shineth in a dark place," and should be carefully studied. 2 Peter 1:19; Matt. 24:15; Rev. 1:1-3; 2 Tim. 2:15; Ps. 119; 105.

26. That the personal, visible coming of Christ "is near, even at the doors." Acts 1:9-11; Rev. 1:7; 1 Thess. 4:16; John 14:1-3; Matt. 24:33, R. V.

27. That the perpetuity of the spiritual gifts is set forth in the Scrip-

tures. 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4:8, 11-16; 1 Thess. 5:20, 21; Isa. 8:20.

28. That the renewed earth will be the final home of the saved. Matt. 5:5; Ps. 37:9-11; Isa. 65; 17-25; 66:22, 23; 2 Peter 3:10-13.

ORDINATION CHARGE.

Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon the land, if the people of the land take a man of their coast, and set him for their watchman: If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; If the sword come, and take them away, his blood shall be upon his own head. Eze. 33:1-4.

He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning, his blood shall be