

Comparison of 1931 and 1980 Statements of Beliefs

1931	1980
The holy Scriptures. (1)	The holy Scriptures. (1)
“The Godhead, or Trinity.” (2)	The Trinity. (2)
	God the Father. (3)
“That Jesus Christ is very God, being of the same nature and essence as the Eternal Father.” (3)	God the Son. (4)
	God the Holy Spirit. (5)
	Creation. (6)
	The Great Controversy. (8)
The new birth. (4)	
Baptism is an ordinance. (5)	Baptism (13a) and The Lord’s Supper. (13b)
The Ten Commandments. (6)	The Ten Commandments. (18)
The seventh-day Sabbath. (7)	The Sabbath. (19)
The ten commandments point out sin, the penalty of which is death, which can only be kept through the “enabling power of the indwelling Christ.” (8)	The experience of salvation. (10)
Humans are mortal. Only God is immortal. (9)	The nature of man. (7)
“Condition of man in death is one of unconsciousness.” (10)	Death and resurrection. (23)
“Resurrection both of the just and of the unjust” at second coming of Christ. (11)	
“Impenitent . . . reduced to a state of nonexistence.” (12)	
Prophetic period of Daniel 8:14 terminated in 1844. (13)	The heavenly sanctuary and the judgment. (24)
The true sanctuary in heaven was a type and corresponds with the judgment phase of Christ’s ministry in heaven. (14)	
Work of threefold message of Revelation 14. (15)	(included in 16)
The time of the threefold message corresponds with the investigative judgment. (16)	(included in 24)
“The body is the temple of God, and therefore members should “abstain from all intoxicating drinks, tobacco, and other narcotics, and to avoid every body and soul-defiling habit and practice.” (17)	Style of life. (21)
“Divine principle of tithes and offerings for the support of the gospel.” (18)	Stewardship. (20) [Broadening of belief]
Perpetuity of spiritual gifts. (19)	Spiritual gifts. (14)
	The Spirit of Prophecy. (15)
“The second coming of Christ is the great hope of the church.” (20)	The second advent of Christ. (25)
Millennial reign of Christ. (21)	The millennium and the end of sin. (26)
Restoration of earth at end of millennium. (22)	The new earth. (27)
	The death of Christ. (9)
	The church. (11)
	Unity in the body of Christ. (12)
	Mission of the remnant church. (16) [Similar to point 20 but with different emphasis.]
	The ministries of the church. (17)
	Marriage and the family. (22)