

# The Wheel Model Overview of Seventh-Day Adventist Beliefs

This wheel model gives a general overview of Seventh-day Adventist's beliefs. The spokes represent Adventist beliefs that other denominations see as a group unique to Christianity. Like the rubber wheel, Adventist beliefs are played out in the world. Below is the key to this wheel model

## THE HUB OF THE WHEEL

### SAVIOR

Jesus is the core to the Adventist theology: His incarnation, ministry, death, resurrection, and Second Coming.

### SALVATION

By His death on the cross, Jesus offers forgiveness and restoration. Through His blood, sinners are made right with God and transformed into His likeness.

## THE SPOKES OF THE WHEEL

### SABBATH

Jesus rested on the seventh-day from his works of creation and redemption. Sabbath keeping reminds of believers of His great works of creation and redemption. It is a sign of loyalty to Jesus.

### SECOND COMING

Jesus is returning to redeem those who believe in him. This is a literal coming that takes place before the 1000-years. Jesus says the time is near for his coming, therefore, believers must watch and be ready.

### STATE OF THE DEAD

Jesus said death is sleep in the story of the death of Lazarus. He declares that He is the resurrection, the life, and the One who holds the keys to death and the grave.

### SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

The Spirit continues to bring His gifts for service to the church for the uplifting and maturity of its believers. One of these gifts is the gift of prophecy.

### SANCTUARY

Upon His ascension, Jesus entered into the presence of the Father in the heavenly sanctuary as explained in the book of Hebrews. There, Jesus is the mediator of his grace and mercy accomplished on the cross. At a point in this

ministry, Jesus reviews the claims of those who say they believe in Him to determine the authenticity of their claims. When He is finished with His review, He will return to redeem His followers.

#### SPECIAL SELECTION

Jesus has called his believers who are living in the last days of earth's history to be his ambassadors for his Gospel message. This message is illustrated by the Three Angel's Message in the book of Revelation, chapter 14.

#### SPIRITUAL SUPPORTS

Jesus calls his followers to Bible study, meditation and prayer so that they know Him, experience salvation, grow in faith, and have their characters become like His.

#### THE RIM OF THE WHEEL

##### SCRIPTURE

The Bible is the only creed and source that holds all Christian beliefs together.

#### THE INNER TUBE OF THE WHEEL

##### SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the Father's gift to humanity. The Spirit is another Comforter like Jesus. The Spirit enables believers and helps them know the Truth. Love is the fruit of the Spirit.

#### THE RUBBER WHEEL THAT MAKES CONTACT WITH THE WORLD

##### SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE

Jesus has called his believers to bring their 10% tithe and their offerings to sustain the church in its ministry to advance the Kingdom of God

##### SCHOOLS

Jesus came as a teacher. Adventist education is the largest Protestant private school system in the world. These schools are Christ-centered, Bible-based, character developing, and service oriented while preparing students for the Christian life in this world and the one to come.

##### SOUNDNESS

Jesus came as a healer. Adventist health system is worldwide. This health system brings the healing Gospel to many.

## STANDARDS

Jesus calls his followers to live a Christ like lifestyle in righteousness, godliness and obedience. This lifestyle is a powerful witness to the transforming power of Jesus and results in Christianity being light to the world.

## SHARING

Jesus calls his followers to be fishers of men, “Go and make disciples of all nation, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Matthew 28: 19-20

## SERVICE

Jesus said “I did not come to be served but to serve”. Jesus calls believers to follow his example and become servants to all.