

law are clashing opposites and cannot be united.

In light of these passages it is evident that the Bible teaches salvation by grace alone. Yet, according to the doctrine of the investigative judgment, obedience to the law of God is necessary for salvation, for according to the doctrine of the investigative judgment, unless those who have believed on Jesus obey the law of God so that their characters will be found to be in harmony with it when their records are examined in the investigative judgment, they will not be saved. It is obvious, therefore, that the doctrine of the investigative judgment contradicts the Biblical teaching of salvation by grace alone.

Third, this doctrine violates the Biblical teaching about the sovereignty of God.

In their book, Questions On Doctrine, the Seventh-day Adventists have a section called, "Fundamental Beliefs," and in that section the Seventh-day Adventists say:

This investigative judgment determines who of the myriads sleeping in the dust of the earth are worthy of a part in the first resurrection, and who of its living multitudes are worthy of translation.<sup>90</sup>

In her book, The Triumph Of God's Love, Mrs. White says:

There must be an examination of the books of record to determine who, through repentance of sin and faith in Christ, are entitled to the benefits of His atonement. The cleansing of the sanctuary therefore involves a work of investigation -- a work of judgment. This work must be performed prior to the coming of Christ to redeem His people; for when He comes, His reward is with Him to give to every man according to his works.<sup>91</sup>

Again in their book, Questions On Doctrine, the Seventh-day Adventists say:

<sup>90</sup>Questions On Doctrine, op. cit., p. 15.

<sup>91</sup>White, op. cit., p. 249.