

Therefore, the doctrine of the Sabbath as a test of loyalty to God in the last days has no Biblical support, for it is based on the Seventh-day Adventist interpretation of this passage.

Second, this doctrine contradicts the Biblical teaching of salvation by grace alone.

In their book, Questions On Doctrine, the Seventh-day Adventists state very plainly that they believe in the Biblical teaching of salvation by grace alone, and that they do not believe that the observance of the Sabbath on the seventh day of the week is necessary for salvation, for in that book the Seventh-day Adventists say:

Seventh-day Adventists do not rely upon their Sabbath keeping as a means of salvation or of winning merit before God. We are saved by grace alone. Hence our Sabbath observance, as also our loyalty to every other command of God, is an expression of our love for our Creator and Redeemer.¹⁴⁰

Yet, although the Seventh-day Adventists state very plainly in their book, Questions On Doctrine, that they believe in the Biblical teaching of salvation by grace alone, and that they do not believe that the observance of the Sabbath on the seventh day of the week is necessary for salvation, they also state very plainly in that book that they believe in the doctrine of the Sabbath as a test of loyalty to God in the last days, for in that book the Seventh-day Adventists also say:

Seventh-day Adventists believe that Bible prophecies predict a resurgence of papal power, with legal enforcement of its mark of authority, in the last days. That, we understand, is when the "mark of the beast" will be imposed -- in connection with the last great religious crisis affecting all mankind (Rev. 13:16,17). That is why Seventh-day Adventists have such deep convictions concerning the Sabbath as a coming test.¹⁴¹

According to the doctrine of the Sabbath as a test of loyalty to God

¹⁴⁰Questions On Doctrine, op. cit., p. 153.

¹⁴¹Ibid., p. 179.