

SHARE YOUR STORY

I want to include in my book (about GLC leaving the SDA church) some of the stories of our ex-SDA members of how their lives were changed by the gospel of grace and their abandonment of old SDA beliefs. Please share your story (not more than 2 typewritten pages - single-spaced) and submit it to me no later than June 30, 2009. I plan to publish the book for release in November, 2009 (in celebration of the 7th anniversary of GLC's separation from the SDA denomination).

Your story should include the following:

1. SDA Background
 - Did you grow up in an SDA home?
 - Were your parents SDA or denominational workers?
 - Did you go to an SDA school or college?
 - Did you work for the SDA denomination?
 - Did you serve as an officer of a local SDA church or organization?
2. How your life was changed as a result of understanding the gospel.
 - How was your life in a legalistic religion?
 - What made you miserable the most?
 - How is your life now under grace?
 - What do you appreciate the most?
3. Please choose one topic and relate how abandoning that belief has helped you spiritually.

_____ The SDA church is God's true "remnant" church and only faithful SDAs will be saved in the end. At the end-time, all true believers of Christ will join the SDAs.

_____ True followers of Christ shall keep the seventh-day Sabbath (as mandated by the Fourth Commandment) because it is the seal of God (as opposed to worshiping on Sunday, which is the "mark of the beast"). In the end-time, God will separate the Sabbath-keepers and will judge the Sunday worshipers after a brief period of intense persecution of Sabbath-keepers under a universal "Sunday Law."

_____ Ellen G. White is God's last-day prophet and her writings are as inspired as the Holy Scriptures. All true doctrines have been interpreted by her and no teaching that she did not teach or endorse is approved by God.

_____ On October 22, 1844, at the end of the 2,300-year prophetic period, Christ entered the Most Holy Place in the heavenly sanctuary to begin the "Investigative Judgment" of all professed believers, starting with the dead. This process involves the investigation of the record of their lives to see if

they have lived in obedience to God's Law. The names of those who are found to be in disobedience will be removed from the Book of Life and they will be punished in hell. This process will go on until all the living have been "judged." The probation of the living that have been judged is closed and they are irrevocably lost for the remainder of their living days.

_____ Ellen White condemned the teaching that a person can know that he is saved, in contradiction to clear New Testament statements regarding the saint's "standing" before God and his assurance of salvation.

_____ You were not taught if you were "born again" in spite of the importance that Christ Himself placed on the sinner's rebirth as a prerequisite for entering His Kingdom.

_____ You did not know very much about the Holy Spirit, His work and His gifts and your church did not teach or emphasize the importance of the role of the Holy Spirit in the apostolic church and in the New Testament era.

_____ Your worship experience was focused on family lesson study, Sabbath-keeping, church-mandated Sabbath programs and rituals, and sermons that mainly employed Ellen White's writings as theological basis.

_____ Old Testament dietary rules and "health reform" practices from Ellen White's books are important to "sanctification" or "translation" for heaven. What a person ate "defiled" him both physically and spiritually and rendered him unfit for salvation.

_____ Christ's commandment to "love one another" takes a backseat to other pillar SDA doctrines. SDAs have separated themselves from other Christians because of the Sabbath and SDA dietary rules.