

# Baptismal Vows

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has 13 baptismal vows for when a person chooses to become an official member of the church. For those who grow up in the church, this often happens during the transition from childhood to adolescence and you are making more and more choices for yourself instead of your parents or other authority figures making those decisions for you.

If you've been baptized, do you remember your baptismal vows? Just as married people renew their marriage vows, it's a good idea for you to renew your baptismal vows. Take a look at these and see if you're ready to make these vows again at this stage in your relationship with Jesus and His church.

Following are "Simplified Baptismal Vows" taken from *It's My Choice Student Workbook, revised*. Steve and Marit Case. Pacific Press, 2018.

1. I believe in God the Father; in His Son, Jesus Christ; and in the Holy Spirit.
2. I accept the death of Jesus to pay for my sins.
3. I accept the new heart Jesus gives me in place of my sinful heart.
4. I believe that Jesus is in heaven as my best friend and that He gives me the Holy Spirit so I can obey Him.
5. I believe God gave me the Bible as my most important guidebook.
6. By God living in me, I want to obey the Ten Commandments, which include the observance of the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath.
7. I want to help as many people as possible to be ready for the soon coming of Jesus.
8. I believe God gives special abilities to His people, and that the Spirit of Prophecy is given to His chosen people.
9. I want to help God's church with my influence, effort, and money.
10. I want to take good care of my body because the Holy Spirit lives there now.
11. With God's power, I want to obey the basic principles of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
12. I want to be baptized to show people I am a Christian.
13. I want to be a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and I believe this church has a special message to give the world.