



Points of Historical Review and Prophetic Preview (Studies 4 & 5):

1. Adventism has been given six messages, in their order, which contain the landmark truths for our time. All six center on the Most Holy Place ministry of Jesus. (Rev. 14:6, 7; Rev. 14:8; Matt. 25:1-13; Rev. 14:9-12; Rev. 3:14-22; Rev. 18:1-5)
2. These messages are the most important ever given to the world, and encompass much:
 - a. They are cumulative messages which highlight our mission, and what we as messengers need to accomplish it.
 - b. They are all end-time applications of the everlasting gospel (cross centered), even as they unfold the final judgment (in all its phases) on sin and death, and on those identifying with sin and death (the kingdoms of this world as identified in Daniel and Revelation). This judgment includes facing hidden sins, described as sending our sins beforehand to judgment. (1Tim. 5:24, 25)
 - c. They are the last messages of mercy to the world. They reveal why the earthly system cannot continue, and why God's kingdom will last forever.
3. The climax of the Third Angel's Message explicitly identifies the Faith of Jesus as one of the landmark truths. (Rev. 14:12). Each of the other messages incorporates the truth of the Faith of Jesus in symbols or by implications.
4. The history of Seventh-day Adventism reveals that the Faith of Jesus has been left out of the experience of the church, causing a delay to enter the heavenly Canaan similar to the delay of Israel of old to enter the earthly Canaan through unbelief (Heb. 3:19; 4:6, 11).
5. The law and the gospel "going hand in hand" (Rom. 3:20-22, 31; Gal. 3: 21-24; Rev. 14:12) in one's witness (from the home to the world) is "the special power of the Holy Spirit" that is pictured as "the light that is to lighten the whole earth with its glory." This expression of the Faith of Jesus has been resisted and kept away from the world, causing "the time of preparation" to be prolonged. (1888, p. 211, 212, 217, 375, 1525, 1575). The Faith of Jesus is Adventism's missing landmark.
6. Those who keep the faith of Jesus in the end time will be the final demonstration that faith is indeed the victory in the great controversy with good and evil. Scripture pictures the vital necessity of this in multiple ways, many framed in end-time settings:
 - a. This faith working by love is the truth the devil left when he fathered the lie. (John 8:44)
 - b. The wise virgins have their vessels full of the Spirit whose character qualities reveal *agape* love empowering the dynamic of faith working. (Matt. 25:4; Gal. 5:22)
 - c. Laodicea's overcomers buy from the heavenly Merchantman His gold (faith and love tried in the fire of sin), His eyesalve (enabling them to see what He sees), and His white raiment (the righteousness which faith and love comprises). (Rev. 3:18; 19:7, 8)
 - d. Those saved at the end are those whose love endures in the face of abounding lawlessness (lovelessness)--obviously a supernatural accomplishment of God's presence, of faith acting contrary to feeling; this final witness carries the truth of the gospel, the cross, to the entire world. (Matt. 24:12-14)
 - e. Those who keep the faith of Jesus remain solidly Creator focused (Rev. 14:6), while those who give up this faith worship the creature. (Rom. 1:25; Rev. 13:8, 15; 14:9)
7. The total dependence on God, the boldness, the endurance, which the overcomers at the end manifest, is a response of appreciation to His love and faith manifested toward the sinful human race of which they are part. (1 John 4:17-19; Rev. 14:12)