

Question About Whether If I'm Baptized by Seventh-Day Adventist Pastor if I Turn into An Adventist Automatically

By Pastor Ed Anderson

If I'm baptized by SDA am I saying I'm changing my religious status to SDA?
I do not want to change to SDA. I'm in the process of getting someone to Baptism me but not until Jan 2026 is the next available spot. Thank You for answering my request. I don't want to cause a habit in my house.

Answer:

Thank you so much for your heartfelt message and for sharing your desire to follow Jesus in baptism—that is truly the most important step, and heaven rejoices with you!

To answer your question: **being baptized by a Seventh-day Adventist pastor does not automatically make you a member of the SDA Church**, unless that is something you specifically choose and request. We believe baptism is first and foremost a personal commitment between you and Jesus Christ, representing your desire to publicly follow Him and be born again in the Spirit (John 3:5).

If your intent is to be baptized as a follower of Jesus—without formally joining any specific denomination at this time—that can be respected. Some people choose to delay church membership until they feel ready. What matters most is your heart's surrender to Christ.

As for your timeline, please know that if the Lord impresses you to be baptized sooner—or if any concerns arise—we'd be happy to walk with you through that process prayerfully and respectfully, without pressure.

If you ever want to talk more privately about baptism, church membership, or your spiritual journey, I'm here for you.

God bless you as you continue seeking Him!

In Christ's love,
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