

# Questions About Identifying Marks of God's Church (People)

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Based on the following points below, is the pastor saying that the Seventh-Day Adventist Church is God's church in the last days?

1. Keep the commandments - including the sabbath
2. Have the gift of prophecy
3. Came up after 1798 according to the Daniel prophecies
4. Global movement
5. Preaching judgment hour has come
6. Preach three angels messages

Or any other points?

## Answer:

Yes, based on those points, **the pastor is very likely identifying the Seventh-day Adventist Church as God's end-time remnant church** according to its own prophetic understanding and interpretation of Scripture.

Let's walk through each point and how the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church connects it directly to **Revelation 12**, **Revelation 14**, and the **book of Daniel**:

### **1. Keep the Commandments — including the Sabbath**

- Revelation 12:17 describes the remnant as:  
*"...those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."*
- The SDA Church teaches that keeping **all Ten Commandments**, including the **seventh-day Sabbath (Saturday)**, is a visible sign of loyalty to God (see Exodus 20:8–11).

### **2. Have the Gift of Prophecy**

- The "testimony of Jesus" is defined in Revelation 19:10 as:  
*"the spirit of prophecy."*
- Adventists apply this to the **prophetic gift**, especially as manifested in the ministry of **Ellen G. White**, one of the co-founders of the church.

### 3. Came Up After 1798 According to the Daniel Prophecies

- Daniel 7:25 and 12:7 describe **1,260 prophetic days (years)** during which the “little horn” power persecutes.
- This period is interpreted as ending in **1798** when the Pope was taken captive by Napoleon’s general.
- The SDA Church began to form shortly **after 1844**, during the **Millerite Movement** and after the **Great Disappointment**, aligning with the prophetic timeline.

### 4. Global Movement

- Revelation 14:6 says:  
*“Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people.”*
- The SDA Church is one of the **most globally widespread Protestant movements**, present in over **200 countries**.

### 5. Preaching ‘The Hour of His Judgment Has Come’

- This is a direct quote from Revelation 14:7.
- Adventists believe this refers to the **pre-Advent judgment** (also known as the **Investigative Judgment**) that began in **1844**, based on their interpretation of Daniel 8:14:  
*“Unto 2,300 days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.”*
- They claim this is a **unique message** not widely taught outside the SDA Church.

### 6. Preach the Three Angels’ Messages

- The messages of Revelation 14:6–12 — calling people to:
- Fear God
- Give glory to Him
- Worship the Creator (linked to the Sabbath)
- Reject Babylon (apostate religion)
- Avoid receiving the mark of the beast
- The SDA Church teaches it is the **only denomination with a full, prophetic, global message specifically centered on the Three Angels’ Messages**.

### So, Is the Pastor Saying the SDA Church Is God’s End-Time Church?

Yes — by listing these prophetic identifiers, the pastor is aligning with **traditional Seventh-day Adventist teaching** that the SDA Church **fulfills the characteristics** of the “remnant church” described in **Revelation 12:17 and Revelation 14**.

Other typical identifying markers the church may add include:

- Belief in Jesus as our High Priest in the Heavenly Sanctuary
- Baptism by immersion
- Health message and holistic gospel (often called “the right arm of the message”)
- Preparing people for Christ’s soon Second Coming

**Important Note:**

This **does not mean Adventists believe only Adventists are saved**, but rather that **they have a special, end-time prophetic role** to proclaim God’s last message of mercy and warning to the world.

“Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold...” — John 10:16