

Questions About Leaving My Current Church

By Pastor Ed Anderson

I've been listening for a week and a half daily I live in Manteca California. I also want to know what Church 7 th Day Adventist is in my area that Follow your teachings. I will be leaving my current Church, which is GOCC because they teach that sinners will burn in hell forever and now I understand that's not the case , that does turn away a lot of people. I will have to write them as to why. So I need a lot of prayer in that area. I am on your site for emails. Annette N.

Answer:

Dear Annette,

Thank you so much for your heartfelt message and for sharing this sacred journey of faith you are walking. Your decision to **come out of Babylon** and pursue **God's truth** with boldness and humility is a powerful testimony to the Holy Spirit working in your life.

What It Means to Come Out of Babylon

The call to **"Come out of her, My people"** (Revelation 18:4) is a loving, divine plea from God to **separate from confusion**, from false teachings, and from systems that misrepresent His character—especially regarding **worship, judgment, and salvation**. Babylon represents a mixture of truth and error, and one of its most painful lies is the **teaching of eternal conscious torment**, a doctrine that **contradicts the loving, just, and merciful character of God**.

You are absolutely right—**this teaching drives people away** from Jesus instead of drawing them close. The Bible says clearly, *"The wages of sin is death"* (Romans 6:23), not unending torture. God's justice is **final**, not forever tormenting. He is a God of **mercy and grace**, not a cruel tyrant. The truth sets us free (John 8:32).

Your spiritual discernment is growing, and that's something to **praise God for**.

You Are Not Alone

You are not alone in this walk. Just like you, **many are hearing God's voice** calling them out of confusion and into His marvelous light. We will be praying for you as you write to

your former church with grace and truth. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your words. Remember, your goal is not to argue, but to **witness lovingly** to the character of God.

A Church Near You in Manteca, California

There are several **Seventh-day Adventist churches near Manteca**, and I recommend beginning with:

Manteca Seventh-day Adventist Church

- Address: 525 South Union Road, Manteca, CA 95337
- Phone: (209) 823-0137
- Website: mantecasda.org

You can also visit www.adventist.org/find-a-church and search by zip code for other nearby churches.

I encourage you to **call or visit the Manteca church** and mention you've been watching Pastor Ed Anderson's Revelation Prophecy series online. Most Adventist churches warmly welcome seekers and those making new spiritual decisions.

You're on the Email List — Stay Connected!

We're so glad you've subscribed to the email list. We want to **keep pouring truth, encouragement, and biblical teaching into your life**. You are now part of a global family seeking God's truth in these last days.

If you ever want to be baptized (or rebaptized) as part of your decision to fully follow Jesus and come out of Babylon, let us know. We will help you find a pastor locally who can walk with you through that process.

A Final Word of Hope

"He who has begun a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." — Philippians 1:6

Annette, you are stepping into the **light of God's love**, out of confusion and fear, and into **freedom, truth, and assurance**. Jesus is not just calling you *out of something*, He is calling you *into someone*—into His arms, into His truth, and into His family.

We love you, we are praying for you, and we rejoice with the angels in heaven for your courageous steps of faith.

With joy and peace in Christ,

Pastor Ed Anderson & the Future of Hope Team