

The 5th Key:

The Christian Protestant preaches that salvation comes through faith in Jesus & NOT through a local church where the leaders are in apostasy & promoting abominations.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.—*John 15:1,2*

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.—*John 14:6*

The appeal to men's reason aroused them from their passive submission to papal dogmas. Wycliffe now taught the distinctive doctrines of Protestantism—salvation through faith in Christ, and the sole infallibility of the Scriptures.—*GC 89.1*

"I am the true Vine." The Jews had always regarded the vine as the most noble of plants, and a type of all that was powerful, excellent, and fruitful. Israel had been represented as a vine which God had planted in the Promised Land. *The Jews based their hope of salvation on the fact of their connection with Israel.* But Jesus says, I am the real Vine. Think not that through a connection with Israel you may become partakers of the life of God, and inheritors of His promise. Through Me alone is spiritual life received.—*DA 675.1*

To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.—*Isaiah 8:20*



Let church members bear in mind that the fact that their names are registered on the church books will not save them. They must show themselves approved of God, workmen that need not be ashamed.

Day by day they are to build their characters in accordance with Christ's directions. They are to abide in Him, constantly exercising faith in Him. Thus they will grow up to the full stature of men and women in Christ—wholesome, cheerful, grateful Christians, led by God into clearer and still clearer light. If this is not their experience, they will be among those whose voices will one day be raised in the bitter lamentation: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and my soul is not saved! Why did I not flee to the Stronghold for refuge? Why have I trifled with my soul's salvation, and done despite to the Spirit of grace?"—*9T 48.1*

The 6th Key:

The Christian Protestant preaches that one must die to self DAILY.

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.—*Luke 9:23*

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I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.—*1 Corinthians 15:31*

A union with Christ by living faith is enduring; every other union must perish. Christ first chose us, paying an infinite price for our redemption; and the true believer chooses Christ as first and last and best in everything. But this union costs us something. It is a union of utter dependence, to be entered into by a proud being. All who form this union must feel their need of the atoning blood of Christ. They must have a change of heart. They must submit their own will to the will of God. There will be a struggle with outward and internal obstacles. There must be a painful work of detachment as well as a work of attachment. Pride, selfishness, vanity, worldliness—sin in all its forms—must be overcome if we would enter into a union with Christ. The reason why many find the Christian life so deplorably hard, why they are so fickle, so variable, is that they try to attach themselves to Christ without first detaching themselves from these cherished idols.—*5T 23.3*

Desires for goodness and holiness are right as far as they go; but if you stop here, they will avail nothing. Many will be lost while hoping and desiring to be Christians. They do not come to the point of yielding the will to God. They do not now choose to be Christians. *SC 47.2*

Temptation once resisted will give power to more firmly resist the second time; every new victory gained over self will smooth the way for higher and nobler triumphs. Every victory is a seed sown to eternal life.—*5T 120.3*

The 7th Key:

The Christian Protestant believes and preaches the investigative judgement & the condition of salvation.

And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.—*Zechariah 3:6,7*

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.—

John 15:10

God's purpose in giving the third angel's message to the world is to prepare a people to stand true to Him during the investigative judgement.... This is our purpose in carrying forward every line of work in the cause. *17LTMs, Ms 154, 1902, par. 10*

In the future, deception of every kind is to arise, and we want solid ground for our feet. We want solid pillars for the building.

Not one pin is to be removed from that which the Lord has established. The enemy will bring in false theories, such as the doctrine that there is no sanctuary. This is one of the points on which there will be a departing from the faith.... I want to tell you that Christ lives. He makes intercession for us, and he will save every one who will come to him in faith and obey his directions. Do not think that Satan is not doing anything. Do not think that his army is passive. He and his agencies are on the ground today. We are to put on the whole armor of God.

Having done all, we are to stand, meeting principalities and powers and spiritual wickedness in high places. And if we have on the heavenly armor, we shall find that the assaults of the enemy will not have power over us. Angels of God will be round about us to protect us. I have the assurance of God that thus it will be. In the name of the Lord God of Israel I ask you to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. If you do this, you will have on your side a strong helper, a personal Saviour. You will be covered with the shield of providence. God will make a way for you, so that you will never be overtaken by the enemy... *RH May 25, 1905, par. 28 - RH May 25, 1905, par. 30*



All who consecrate body, soul, and spirit to His service will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical, mental, and spiritual power. The inexhaustible supplies of heaven are at their command. Christ gives them the breath of His own Spirit, the life of His own life. The Holy Spirit puts forth its highest energies to work in mind and heart. —*The Ministry of Healing 159.4*

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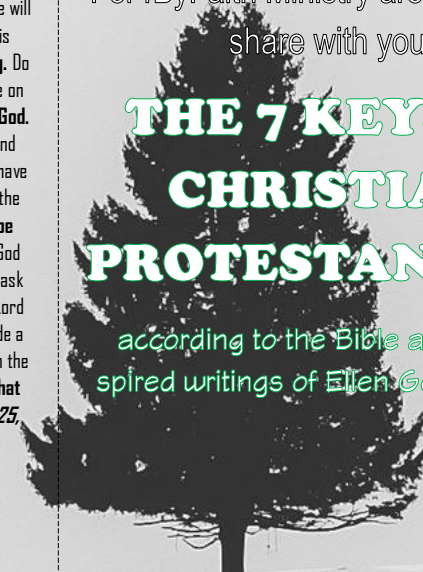
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THE 7 KEYS OF CHRISTIAN PROTESTANTISM

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Revelation 14:9-12

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Key:

GC— The Great Controversy, RH— The Review and Herald, GW— Gospel Workers, IT— Testimonies for the Church, vol. 1, 5T— Testimonies for the Church, vol. 5, DA— The Desire of Ages, SC— Steps to Christ, 17LTMs— Letters and Manuscripts—Volume 17

When and where was the term “Protestantism” originated?

One of the noblest testimonies ever uttered for the Reformation was the Protest offered by the Christian princes of Germany at the Diet of Spires in 1529. The courage, faith, and firmness of those men of God gained for succeeding ages **liberty of thought and of conscience**. Their Protest gave to the reformed church the name of Protestant; its principles are “the very essence of Protestantism.”—D’Aubigne, b. 13, ch. 6. *GC 197.1*

When did the reformation begin and why is it important?

Christ was a protestant. He protested against the formal worship of the Jewish nation, who rejected the counsel of God against themselves. He told them that they taught for doctrines the commandments of men, and that they were pretenders and hypocrites. Like whitened sepulchers they were beautiful without, but within full of impurity and corruption. **The Reformers date back to Christ and the apostles.** *They came out and separated themselves from a religion of forms and ceremonies. Luther and his followers did not invent the reformed religion. They simply accepted it as presented by Christ and the apostles. The Bible is presented to us as a sufficient guide; but the pope and his workers remove it from the people as if it were a curse, because it exposes their pretensions and rebukes their idolatry.* RH June 1, 1886, par. 14

Summary: A Christian, is one who makes Jesus Christ his/her example in their thoughts, deeds and actions. Jesus and His true followers did not fail to speak out (or in other words, “protest”) against the dangerous errors of those who professed to be followers of God. If Christ was a protestant, then His true followers (Christians) should be protestants as well. Therefore, it is important for a true follower of Jesus Christ to know the principles that a Christian Protestant stands for and stands against.

The 1st Key:

The Christian Protestant studies, believes and preaches current events as they are fulfilling Bible Prophecy, as Jesus did the same.

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. And saying, **The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand:** repent ye, and believe the gospel.—*Mark 1: 14,15*

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that **hear** the words of this prophecy, and **keep those things** which are written therein: **for the time is at hand.**—*Revelation 1:3*

In view of the testimony of Inspiration, how dare men teach that the Revelation is a mystery beyond the reach of human understanding? It is a mystery revealed, a book opened. The study of the Revelation directs the mind to the prophecies of Daniel, and both present most important instruction, given of God to men, concerning events to take place at the close of this world’s history.—*GC 341.2*

Ministers should present **the sure word of prophecy** as the foundation of the faith of Seventh-day Adventists. The prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation should be carefully studied, and in connection with them the words, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” [John 1:29.] -*GW 148.1*

The 2nd Key:

The Christian Protestant honors God’s Seventh Day Sabbath & renounces/protests against Sunday worship, as Jesus did the same.

And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the **Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.**—*Mark 2:27, 28*

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to **enter into that rest,** lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.—*Hebrews 4: 9-11*

For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and **from one sabbath to another,** shall **all flesh come to worship before me,** saith the LORD.—*Isaiah 66: 22, 23*

(Further reading: Acts 15:21; 16:13-15; 18:4; Rev. 1:10; Is. 58:13; Ex. 20:1, 8-11; Jer. 11:7-10); Luke 4:16

Protestant churches accept a sabbath of her creating, while they reject the Bible Sabbath, they virtually admit this assumption. They may claim the authority of tradition and of the Fathers for the change; but in so doing they ignore the very principle which separates them from Rome—that **“the Bible, and the Bible only, is the religion of Protestants.”** The

papist can see that they are deceiving themselves, willingly closing their eyes to the facts in the case. As the movement for Sunday enforcement gains favor, he rejoices, feeling assured that it will eventually bring the whole Protestant world under the banner of Rome. — *GC 448.2*

Q. What is the Third Commandment? (Remember they renumbered the God’s Ten Commandments)

A. The third Commandment is: Remember thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Q. Which is the Sabbath day?

A. Saturday is the Sabbath day.

Q. Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

A. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.”

[The Convert’s Catechism of Catholic Doctrine, 1951 printing, page 50.]

The 3rd Key:

The Christian Protestant preaches against Church & State union, as Jesus did the same.

Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no? But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me? Shew me a penny, Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar’s. And he said unto them, **Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar’s, and unto God the things which be God’s.**—*Luke 20:22-25*

“The principles contained in this celebrated Protest ... constitute the very essence of Protestantism. Now this Protest opposes **two abuses of man in matters of faith:** the first is **the intrusion of the civil magistrate,** and the second the **arbitrary authority of the church.** Instead of these abuses, Protestantism sets **the power of conscience** above the magistrate, and **the authority of the word of God** above the visible church. In the first place, it **rejects the civil power in divine things,** and says with the prophets and apostles, **“We must obey God rather than man.”** In presence of the crown of Charles the Fifth, it uplifts the crown of Jesus Christ. But it goes farther: it lays down the principle that all human teaching should be subordinate to the oracles of God.”—*Ibid.*, b. 13, ch. 6.

The protesters had moreover affirmed their right to utter freely their convictions of truth. They would not only believe

word of God presents, and they denied the right of priest or magistrate to interfere. The Protest of Spires was a solemn witness against religious intolerance, and an assertion of the right of all men to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences.—*GC 203.4*

Conformity to worldly customs converts the church to the world; it never converts the world to Christ. Familiarity with sin will inevitably cause it to appear less repulsive. He who chooses to associate with the servants of Satan will soon cease to fear their master. When in the way of duty we are brought into trial, as was Daniel in the king’s court, we may be sure that God will protect us; but if we place ourselves under temptation we shall fall sooner or later.—*GC 509.1*

(Further reading: 1 Samuel 8)

The 4th Key:

The Christian Protestant obeys God’s Word made known & to be made known unto them.

When first constrained to separate from the English Church, the Puritans had joined themselves together by a solemn covenant, as the Lord’s free people, “to walk together in all His ways made known or to be made known to them.”—J. Brown, The Pilgrim Fathers, page 74. Here was the true spirit of reform, the vital principle of Protestantism. It was with this purpose that the Pilgrims departed from Holland to find a home in the New World.—*GC 291.3*

But the path of the just is as the shining light, that **shineth more and more** unto the perfect day.— *Proverbs 4:18*

God leads His people on, **step by step.** He brings them up to different points calculated to manifest what is in the heart. Some endure at one point, but fall off at the next. At every advanced point the heart is tested and tried a little closer..... Those who come up to every point, and stand every test, and overcome, be the price what it may, have heeded the counsel of the True Witness, and they will receive the latter rain, and thus be fitted for translation.—*17187.1*

In the Scriptures thousands of gems of truth lie hidden from the surface seeker. **The mine of truth is never exhausted.** The more you search the Scriptures with humble hearts, the greater will be your interest, and the more you will feel like exclaiming with Paul: **“O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!”** **Every day you should learn something new from the Scriptures.** Search them as for hid treasures, for they contain the words of eternal life. **Pray** for wisdom and understanding to comprehend these holy writings. If you would do this you would find new glories in the word of God; you would feel that you had received new and precious light on subjects connected with the truth, and the Scriptures would be constantly receiving a new value in your estimation.—*57266.1* (Further reading: Matt. 28:19,20; Is. 30:9,10)