

“How to witness to a Jehovah’s witness and other denominations” was posted on YouTube on 5/18/20 by Sermons Room. Pastor David Asscherick is the speaker.

David knows a Baptist chaplain for about a year and is finally asked about the Seventh-day Adventist doctrine of the state of the dead. Bear in mind that the presentation is to educate Seventh-day Adventists on how to witness to members of other denominations and what he answers is supposedly the way other Seventh-day Adventists, who aren’t as educated on the subject as he is, should answer the question. You can see and hear his answer around 8:30. He prefaces it with making the motions of chambering a shell in a shotgun and then taking three shots at the questioner. That got a good laugh from his audience.

I guess this is supposed to mean that any time you give a straight answer to a question on a unique point of Seventh-day Adventist doctrine you are being too hostile and aggressive; maybe even violent. He says if he had been asked that even “ten years ago” he “would have given a, you know, five minute rapid fire comprehensive Bible study on what happens when you die.” Then he tells his audience the answer he gave which must have been from his ten years of learning wisdom. It goes, “What you and I believe is experientially identical.” Really?

Just to refresh your memory, Seventh-day Adventists believe that death for the redeemed is like a deep sleep from which one is awakened at the second coming of Jesus Christ in glory. Baptists believe that a saved person immediately is in heaven and an unsaved person is immediately conscious of being burned in Hell. The burning in hell, according to Baptists, is for eternity because they believe the soul is immortal and always retains consciousness. Is that “experientially identical?” I presume this sermon was posted by Sermons Room because it was thought to be a good one. Maybe whoever thought that needs to rethink it. This sermon brings some Scripture passages to mind.

“Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.”
Romans 16:17-18.

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:” 1 Peter 3:15.

Another piece of advice is given around 11:16, i.e., how to explain the Seventh-day Adventist Church to those of other denominations. You’re supposed to tell them, “I’m a Methodist who goes to church on Saturday.”

Maybe you remember that the entire Harmon family (of Ellen G. Harmon fame who became Ellen G. White) was booted from the Methodist Church because they believed Jesus was coming in 1844. That, by the way, was before they began keeping the seventh

day Sabbath holy. There are some other notable differences such as infant baptism, baptism by sprinkling, pouring or immersion and prayers for the dead.

Perhaps David should pick a different church. Maybe we should say, "I'm a Baptist who goes to church on Saturday." Sorry, that's already taken by the Seventh Day Baptists.

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