

History of Doctrinal Change in the Church of God, 7th Day

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Here are some changes in our Church teaching:

1860s: advocated pacifism, rather than participation in the Civil War

1870s: adopted the observance of an annual Lord's Supper service

1880s: adopted the name Church of God adopted "Articles of Faith"

1917: revised and enlarged its "Articles of Faith"

1920s: advocated the practice of tithing for the support of its gospel ministry added Seventh Day after Church of God to distinguish it from other denominations 1930s: began teaching that members should not eat unclean meats, nor use tobacco and alcoholic beverages [NB: prior that it was taught but not, apparently, required]

1949: adopted a new and more comprehensive statement of faith; What the Church of God Believes and Why

1950s: affirmed that a convert is born again at conversion

1980s: affirmed that grace is the only means of salvation and that good works must follow, but have no merit in obtaining salvation

1994: adopted a more concise statement of doctrines entitled Doctrinal Beliefs of the Church of God (Seventh Day)

1998: affirmed the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ

2002: expressed its continuing support for the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath as a memorial of Creation and a celebration of our redemption in harmony with God's moral law and the gospel

These are some changes made since the 1860s. Hope this helps some.

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God Bless.

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[NB: there were also changes regarding D&R. Apparently in 2002 there was a change in emphasis on cremation]