



THE SABBATH



The Sabbath

Did God really rest after creating the world? Why would Almighty God rest? Was it too much work for Him to create the world? Absolutely not! Was He tired? No way! Was He weak? Not for a second! He rested as an example to man that we might devote a day to Him! He knew what was best for His creation! He knew that man would soon become so busy with “life” that he would forget his Creator. God led by example by resting on the seventh day that we might follow His example on the Sabbath each week.

*“And on the **seventh** day God ended His work which He had made;
and He **RESTED** on the **seventh** day
from all His work which He had made.*

*And God **BLESSED** the **seventh** day, and **SANCTIFIED** it:
because that in it He had **RESTED** from all His work
which God created and made.”*

Genesis 2:2-3

Just as Jesus came to this earth to be the perfect example for man to follow, God has always led by example that man might follow “His steps”!

*“For even hereunto were ye called:
because Christ also suffered for us,
leaving us an example, **that ye should follow His steps**.”*

I Peter 2:21

God wanted to remind man weekly to rest in Him. Notice that God did not bless and sanctify the Sabbath for the Jews only, but He blessed and sanctified it 2,000 years before Abram, the first “Jew”. Abram would be born 2,000 years after the Sabbath was blessed and sanctified by God as the seventh day of creation to rest in Him! He knew that man needed a day devoted to Him that we might not turn away from Him. God ordained from the beginning that all men should honour Him on the seventh day. One interesting fact about the Sabbath is that all the cults, heretical churches, false teachers, and worldly accepted churches of the day agree that they do not want to devote the Sabbath day to God as He commanded!

Just as God created man to be masculine, women to be feminine, and marriage to be between one man and one woman, God ordained the Sabbath to be devoted to Him. No person questions that God ordained marriage when creating man or forming Eve from man's rib. Why would man question that God had ordained a day devoted to Him? The reason there is so much resistance to the Sabbath by false teachers is because their father the devil knows that if man would devote an entire day to God, they would serve Him faithfully! Satan desires that man forget God, and you can see the results of those in the churches that have forgotten the Sabbath and the God to which the Sabbath is devoted.

God ordained that man follow His example of working six days a week and then resting on the seventh. This day is devoted to Him for He called it, "**My holy day**", "**The Lord's Day**", and "**The Holy of the LORD**"! God only called the "seventh day" "My holy day", because He had blessed and sanctified it to honour Him. He did this for man's benefit. Read Isaiah 58:13,

*"If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath,
from doing thy pleasure on **MY HOLY DAY**;
and call the sabbath a **DELIGHT**,
THE HOLY OF THE LORD, HONOURABLE;
and shall honour **HIM**, not doing thine own ways,
nor finding thine own pleasure,
nor speaking thine own words [vanity]:
Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD..."*

The Sabbath is a day to honour God as we see expressed above! It is not a day "wasted" doing nothing as those who mock God's holy day. God knows what is best for His creation, but man rebels against God's law, which was given for the benefit of man. The Sabbath was made for the benefit of all men ever created, for it was the first institution of God before the first week had even finished! God knew that man must have a day set apart or sanctified to Him! God led man by example in resting on this day.

*"For He spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise,
And **God did rest the seventh day from all His works.**"*

Hebrews 4:4

From creation, godly men have honoured the seventh day devoted or sanctified by God to Himself. We can see this at the tower of Babel from Genesis 11:9,

*“Therefore is the name of it called Babel;
because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth:
and **FROM THENCE DID THE LORD SCATTER THEM
ABROAD UPON THE FACE OF ALL THE EARTH.**”*

When the LORD scattered them upon the face of the earth, one hundred and five languages kept the word “Sabbath” as the name for the seventh day! Isn’t that amazing that these “heathen” countries, which are all descendants of Adam knew that God had sanctified the seventh day as the “Sabbath” or day of rest! If the “Sabbath” was instituted by God for the Jews only, how would one hundred and five languages have the Sabbath named for the seventh day? If you were to read the Scriptures, you would see that God spoke to man audibly and that man spoke to each other teaching them what had happened at the creation of man. Man kept the Sabbath from the day that God blessed and sanctified it at creation as shown in Exodus 16:23,

*“And he [Moses] said unto them,
This is that which the LORD hath said,
To morrow **is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD:**
bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe;
and that which remaineth over lay up for you
to be kept until the morning.”*

We also see that the Sabbath was a known weekly day devoted to God. When giving the Jews the directions of how to gather the manna, Moses talked of the “rest of the holy Sabbath unto the LORD”, which they kept on the seventh day as God had blessed and sanctified it. Before God had given the commandment on Mount Sinai, the Jews were obeying the Sabbath already!

The law of Moses would not be given for four more chapters, yet when God gave instruction on how to gather the manna, they were already keeping the Sabbath. In the fourth commandment, God gives us who is supposed to keep the Sabbath, and you will find that He includes everyone!

*“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:
But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God:
in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son,
nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle,
NOR THY STRANGER that is within thy gates.”*

Exodus 20:8-10

God also explains that the Sabbath reminds us of the example that God gave us of devoting the day to Him and resting in Him. Again, we see that God blessed and “hallowed it” or made it holy and separate from the other days of the week. God has never done so with Sunday, nor has He ever commanded that Sunday be kept as any type of memorial to Him! He continues in verse 11 of Exodus 20,

*“For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that in them is, and **rested the seventh day:**
wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.”*

Notice that God said, “Remember...”! You can’t remember something that you don’t already know! If they were not already obeying the seventh day that God blessed and sanctified at creation, how could they “Remember” it? God did not say, “I give you a new commandment called the Sabbath.” He simply reminded them to continue to keep the seventh day as a day devoted to Him! From the beginning all men, not just Jews, were offered the blessing of keeping the Sabbath as God had blessed and sanctified on the seventh day as we see in Isaiah 66:23,

*“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.”*

The Sabbath is so much a part of life, that God records things from one Sabbath to another! So much is taught to us of God’s thinking about the Sabbath as He commanded His people to devote that day to Him. Though all men had been keeping the Sabbath since God blessed and sanctified it on the seventh day of creation, we can see that God desired that His children “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy...” Notice that God said to keep it holy. He did not just say “rest” on that day, but keep it holy by devoting the day to the honour of God.

God personally wrote the law out on two tables of stone. These commandments were so very important that God, Himself, wrote them on the stones with His own finger! These laws were “perpetual” or a never ending covenant that revealed to man God’s thinking about sin. Who do you think wants to remove God’s thinking about sin? If you said satan, you would be correct. Satan is doing everything possible to reject the never changing law of God that gives to man the knowledge of sin.

*“And the tables were **the work of God**,
and the writing was the writing of God,
graven upon the tables.”*

Exodus 32:16

When God gave the law to His children, He said that His laws were “perpetual” or a “sign” between Him and His people. He said this in Exodus 31:13&16,

*“Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying,
Verily My sabbaths ye shall keep:
for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations;
that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you...
Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath,
to observe the sabbath throughout their generations,
for a **PERPETUAL COVENANT**.”*

The false teachers will tell you that this is only a sign between the Jews and God. They will say that the Jews must keep their Sabbath, but the “Christian Sabbath” is “the day of the sun god” or Sunday. But, have we not received of the blessings of Abraham through Jesus becoming a “curse” for us? Are we not the “Israel of God”? Read what Paul teaches us in Galatians 3:13-14,

“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse [punishment we deserve for our sins] of the law, being made a curse for us...That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

Are we ashamed to show by our actions the faith of Abraham? Do we glory in the doctrines of devils of the false teachers or in the cross of Christ by which we crucify our flesh daily as Jesus commanded us to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him in His steps?

Are we the “Christian” pagans of the catholic church and its “protestant” brothers, or are we the Israel of God, the called out body of believers that keep the commandments of God and have the testimony and faith of Jesus Christ? Those who will inherit eternal life are the Israel of God! Why then would we not keep the commandments that are a sign that we walk with God? Read what Paul says of this in Galatians 6:14-16,

*“But God forbid that I should glory,
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world...
And as many as walk according to this rule,
peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the **ISRAEL OF GOD.**”*

Does Paul then say that we are “adopted” sons of Abraham? Does He then say that we receive the blessings of the faithful that God promised to His people as an everlasting covenant? Do those who teach dispensationalism not see what they have cut out of their false teaching... the blessings of God in the everlasting covenant made with God! They hold on to their sins rejecting the eternal blessings promised to God’s people through Jesus Christ our Lord. Read what Paul teaches in Romans 2:28-29,

*“For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly;
neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:
But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly;
and circumcision is that of the heart,
in the Spirit, and not in the letter;
whose praise is not of men, but of God.”*

Jesus also taught this to the religious leaders who claimed to be sons of Abraham; therefore, believing that they were “good enough” by their being a descendant of Abraham. Jesus told them the truth, and you can learn from Jesus’ words how to please Him. Read John 8:31-45 which tells us that God sees our actions, not our false claims of “eternal security” or “saved”! Just as Jesus condemned them for their lack of faithfulness to God shown by their disobedience, so Jesus will condemn all who do not “do the works of Abraham”.

*“They answered and said unto Him,
Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them,
**IF YE WERE ABRAHAM’S CHILDREN,
YE WOULD DO THE WORKS OF ABRAHAM.**”*

John 8:39

As adopted sons of Abraham, we owe it to God to keep His commandments. Is not God the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? Is this His name forever? Read Exodus 3:15,

*“And God said moreover unto Moses,
Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel,
The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham,
the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you:
**THIS IS MY NAME FOR EVER,
AND THIS IS MY MEMORIAL UNTO ALL GENERATIONS.**”*

In this we can see that God’s prophecy of Israel found in Romans 11:26 is true. Through the mutual faith in the Deliverer that has come to Zion to forgive our sins, we receive of salvation as promised to Israel if we continue in His word and keep His commandments showing our love for Him!

“And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.”

You say, “Well, I am under the New Covenant in Christ’s blood.” Do you know who the New Covenant was made with? Read Hebrews 8:9-10 which quotes God speaking.

*“...He saith, Behold, the days come, **SAITH THE LORD,**
when I will make a **New Covenant WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL
AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH...**
For this is the covenant that I will make with
THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL after those days, **SAITH THE LORD;**
I will put My LAWS into their mind,
**and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God,
and they shall be to Me a people.”***

So, God made the New Covenant with the house of Israel and Judah, and we by the grace of God can be “adopted” into the covenant if we keep the laws that He has put into our mind and heart through obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ. He will be a God to us, and we shall be His people. The laws that He has placed within us are the everlasting laws written with His finger and given that we might have the knowledge of sin... and turn from it! Paul explains in Galatians 3:28-29,

*“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free,
there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.
And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed,
and heirs according to the promise.”*

The Sabbath is part of the everlasting or perpetual covenant that God made giving His children a sign that they are devoted to Him. His commandments are eternal, for they are His thinking. If you can change God’s thinking, then you can change His commandments. Read Psalms 111:7-8,

*“The works of His hands are verity [truth] and judgment; **ALL His commandments are sure. They stand fast FOR EVER AND EVER, and are done in truth and uprightness.**”*

Many people miss the truth about the law of God. They throw out the Sabbath being zealous to throw out the law, because they are deceived by false teachers who speak evil of the law. They twist the words of Paul to justify their sinful lusts. If they would only read the scriptures, they would see that the Jews trusted in circumcision; therefore, they felt they were “right with God”. Circumcision became a boast or “eternal security”. Paul spoke against those teaching that circumcision was necessary for salvation [Acts 15:1]. He saw that the Jews wanted to put the Gentiles under that same “yoke of bondage” that they might control them. False teachers first made “void” the law, and then tossed out the Sabbath!

*“As many as desire **to make a fair shew in the flesh,**
they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer
persecution [to escape persecution] for the cross of Christ.
For **neither they themselves who are circumcised KEEP THE LAW;**
but desire to have you circumcised,
THAT THEY MAY GLORY IN YOUR FLESH.”*

Galatians 6:12-13

We know that Paul kept the Sabbath, because he said that he did in Acts 25:8,

*“While he [Paul] answered for himself,
Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple,
nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all.”*

Paul was never accused by the religious leaders of not keeping the Sabbath. If Paul were not keeping the Sabbath, he would be doing something against the law of the Jews and the temple, yet they did not accuse him! He kept the Sabbath, because we know that Paul was not a liar, and he said that he had not broken God’s law. Paul is found in the synagogue on the Sabbath many times in the scriptures [Acts 13:14, 44; 17:2; 18:4, 11], and also at a prayer meeting in Acts 16:13,

*“And on the sabbath, we went out of the city by a river side,
where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down,
and spake unto the women which resorted thither.”*

What people miss about the law is to whom the law was given and to whom it applied. This may be a complete shock to most, but if you would read the scriptures, you would see that God desired that all men would come to Him. Much of the Old Testament is devoted to the prophecy of the Gentiles coming to the Light. But more important than that, God included the Gentiles or strangers in the giving of the law. This was no unknown “secret”, for Isaiah explains this in Isaiah 56:6,

*“Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD,
to serve Him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants,
every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it,
and taketh hold of My covenant;
Even them will I bring to My holy mountain,
and make them joyful in My house of prayer...”*

Have we not in Christ “joined ourselves to the LORD, to serve Him”? This “covenant” that God speaks of is the “everlasting covenant” from the foundation of the world that God would redeem fallen man from their sins, no matter what their “nationality”. God promised to bring them to His holy mountain, which was granting them eternal life!

We see in the Scriptures that God spoke audibly to “non-Jews” reproving them for their sins. God came to Abimelech, a heathen king, in a dream in Genesis 20:3-5,

*“But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night,
and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man,
for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man’s wife.
But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said,
LORD, WILT THOU SLAY ALSO A RIGHTEOUS NATION?
...in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands
have I done this.”*

Were you not taught that God did not make provision for “heathens” in the Old Testament? Weren’t you told that only Jews could walk with God? Seems to me that God cared to warn Abimelech. Let’s see what God answers Abimelech in verses 6,

*“And God said unto him in a dream,
Yea, I know that thou didst this in the **INTEGRITY OF THY HEART**;
for **I** also **WITHHELD THEE FROM SINNING AGAINST ME**:
therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.”*

Perhaps it is time to start learning the truth from the scriptures, instead of listening to “unstable and unlearned” men who “wrest” the scriptures to your destruction! God made provisions for all men, but Abram stood out among all men as a righteous man. God blessed him, because of his faith shown by his obedient actions. Abraham did not have “head knowledge” faith! He had faith that he showed God by his obedient actions. This is saving faith! All of Abram’s descendants, the Jews, could be blessed by God, if only they would keep the covenant that God made with him. This covenant is found in Genesis 17:1-2,

*“...I am the Almighty God;
WALK BEFORE ME, AND BE THOU PERFECT.
And I will make My covenant between Me and thee...”*

Isn’t it amazing how God makes provision for the “stranger” also on the Sabbath? All throughout the scriptures, Gentiles turned to God as is referenced above. This tells us that satan’s lie, “the Jewish Sabbath”, is for a wicked purpose. There were no Jews with God when He blessed and sanctified the seventh day devoting it to Himself as a day of rest! Just as Paul taught us in Romans 10:12,

*“For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek:
**FOR THE SAME LORD OVER ALL IS RICH
UNTO ALL THAT CALL UPON HIM.**”*

Who do you think does not want a day devoted to God out of every week? Who do you think wants people to forget God and be consumed with the things of this world? You guessed it! Satan, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour with the cares of this world! He has come up with many lies and temptations to cause man to forget God and His commandments by seeking to remove their devotion to God!

Satan does everything possible to fill the churches with false teaching, so that the government approved “not-for-profit” businesses called churches are consumed with the “cares of this world”! As they are side-tracked from walking with God, he fills their churches with wicked theology like changing the “Sabbath” day to the “first day of the week”. If God changed the seventh day Sabbath to Sunday, where did He command it? Scripture references and commands the seventh day or the Sabbath over 175 times! Where is one commandment given from God to change?

“For I am the LORD, I change not.”

Malachi 3:6

*“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,
and cometh down from the Father of lights,
with Whom is **NO VARIABLENESS,**
neither **SHADOW OF TURNING.**”*

James 1:17

God, Who commanded the seventh day to be a day of rest devoted to Him has no variableness [fluctuation; fickleness] neither shadow of turning. He does not have the slightest resemblance of change! Everything that God has commanded, He says over and over again, so that man knows completely that He has commanded it. Where did God say even once that the Sabbath was cancelled? Where did He change the day to the first day or the day of the sun god of the Romans? Where did He say it even one time? Where did Jesus Who kept the Sabbath change the sabbath day from the seventh day? Where did any of the Apostles change the seventh day that God devoted to Himself to the day of the sun?

Not only did the Apostles not change what God instituted, but they did not have the authority as men to change anything that God had instituted. Not one of them ever changed anything else that Jesus had taught them! No one changed it! ...except satan and his “ministers of righteousness” as we are warned in II Corinthians 11:13-15,

*“For such are **false apostles, deceitful workers,**
transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.
And no marvel; for satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.
Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers
also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness;
whose end shall be according to their works.”*

Would satan be excited if you started to devote an entire day to God? No! How do you think he would feel? Look at the sin that is practiced openly in the churches that supposedly name the name of Jesus Christ! Why is sin so accepted in these churches? Why does false teaching destroy the truth in these churches? God’s foundation from the beginning of the world stands sure or secure in His people who love and obey Him. Why do those naming the name of Jesus not obey Him? Is it because they are not His children? They obey the doctrines taught or invented by man as Paul taught us in II Timothy 2:19,

*“Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal,
The Lord knoweth them that are His.
And, **let every one that nameth the name of Christ**
depart from iniquity.”*

Those who claim that the Sabbath has turned to Sunday, do not even devote that day to God or rest upon it! They defy God by making their own day of which they have never been able to show me one command of God to change the Sabbath to Sunday. I have attended at least 10 different types of churches in the past that claim that the seventh day was changed to the day of the sun god. NOT ONE OF THEM even pretend to devote that day to God. They dress up, **go to play church**, and then after church they watch television, sports, go to movies, go out to eat, go to entertainment places, gossip with others, and treat the “day of the sun god” as the day that it really is... **not the Sabbath of the LORD!** Look at their lives and you can tell that they do not devote anything to God even in their disobedience to God on the day that **THEY CHOOSE** to call the “Lord’s day”!

The Sabbath is the “**Lord’s day**” as God, Himself, called it that in Isaiah 58:13. God never called Sunday “the Lord’s day”, but He did call the Sabbath MY HOLY DAY, a DELIGHT, THE HOLY OF THE LORD, HONOURABLE, and a day of rest!

You can see that we are in the last days of apostasy when men push aside the Word of God to listen to the thinking and doctrines of men! Listen to what Jude 8 says about those who “despise dominion” [hate the law] and “speak evil of dignities” [misrepresent the Divine established law]. Here, Jude warns of the false teachers that reject the law of God including the fourth commandment.

*“Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh,
despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.”*

In the churches today, the religious leaders are filthy dreamers who love the world and the pleasures of the world. They defile their flesh by practicing sin in the name of the grace of God by “...turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness [an excuse to sin].” They hate the law of God twisting the writings of Paul to continue in sin that “grace may abound”! They speak evil or misrepresent the Divine law of God that is established forever! They mock the Sabbath as a wasted day of sitting around doing nothing. To them devoting a day to God “is nothing”! They show what is in their hearts!

If you really love God with all your heart, soul, and mind; wouldn’t you joyfully enjoy a day devoted to Him upon which He commands you to rest from your labors? The reason people don’t keep the Sabbath is because they desire to fulfil their own lustful cravings that want entertainment, the pleasures of this world, the making of money, or the leisure to do as one pleases by following the crowd on the Broad Way that leads to destruction!

We referenced how God has always led man by example, and we see this again with the seventh day being devoted to God in the life of Jesus. Jesus faithfully kept the Sabbath and even rebuked the religious leaders who added many burdens to the simple law of God. They added the lies of the Talmud and Mishna [the laws of man added to the law of God]. These laws were enforced upon the Jews as if they were the laws of Moses, but they were rules that man added to the law of Moses.

What did Jesus think of the seventh day devoted to God? Did He keep the Sabbath? If He were going to “change” the day, don’t you think He would have told us? Don’t you think He would have explained why He changed something that He established from the beginning of time? Not only did He keep the Sabbath; not only did He teach about the Sabbath; but He also told us the purpose for the Sabbath in Mark 2:27-28,

*“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.”*

The Sabbath was made for man that man might devote that day to God! Notice that Jesus did not say that the Sabbath was made for the Jews or the circumcision. The Sabbath on the seventh day of creation when God rested was made for the benefit of all men that will submit themselves to God. Man was not made to be “enslaved” to the day devoted to God as a day of rest. The Sabbath was made for man’s benefit. The Jews had added so many rules to the Sabbath that soon they could barely move without breaking the Talmud and Mishna laws. This is why Jesus rebuked them for making the rules of the Sabbath more rigorous than what God had commanded! They cared more about keeping their new “Sabbath rules” than they did for people. Jesus said it is lawful to do well or good on the Sabbath day in Matthew 12:12,

*“How much then is a man better than a sheep?
Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.”*

We see that Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath; because He is glorified on the Sabbath devoted to Him! He healed on the Sabbath, because this was the work of God showing the compassion of God compared to the cold-hearted rules of the doctrines of men. Jesus asks the cold-hearted religious leaders that changed the rules of the Sabbath day to “enslave” those under them if it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath or evil.

*“Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing;
Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil?
to save life, or to destroy it? And looking round about upon them all,
He said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand.
And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.”*

Luke 6:9-10

Who is Jesus? Is He not the Creator of the world that rested on the seventh day? Was it not Jesus Who blessed and sanctified that day that men might keep the seventh day holy unto Him? What changed? Did He change His mind? Why would He keep the Sabbath and then after His resurrection “change” the day without telling anyone? What does Hebrews 13:8 say of Jesus and His gospel?

*“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.
Be **NOT** carried about with divers and strange doctrines...”*
[like the cancellation of the Sabbath]

Jesus led by example and kept the Sabbath. Who do these false teachers think that they are that they can contradict the perfect example and command of God? Not only did Jesus keep the Sabbath while He was alive, but in His prophecy of the destruction of Jerusalem that would happen almost 40 years later, He mentioned the Sabbath still being observed in Matthew 24:20,

*“But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter,
neither **on the sabbath day.**”*

Seems like if the day was going to be “changed”, don’t you think the God who blessed and sanctified it, would have known? Why did He prophesy this if the day were going to be “changed”? Also after His resurrection, we see that those close followers of His still honoured the Sabbath. If they were really close followers like we know they were, shouldn’t they have already known that the Sabbath day was changed to “the sun god day”? We read in Luke 23:56 that they rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment.

*“And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments;
and **rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.**”*

Remember, it is satan that is double-minded by teaching every wind of doctrine with the sleight of men. His deceitful craftiness is shown by his not wanting one day a week devoted to God! Do you realize how your life would change, if you devoted one day a week to God? Don’t you know how you would feel about the things of this world, if you could “come apart and rest a little while” on the seventh day each week? Building upon this deceit, satan has completely rewritten the gospel as he rejects the righteous law of God, and he changes the nature of God through the false teaching of eternal security and dispensationalism!

Paul encourages us to beware of such false teachers and their every wind of doctrine in Ephesians 4:14,

*“That we henceforth be no more children,
tossed to and fro, and carried about with
EVERY WIND OF DOCTRINE,
by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness,
whereby they lie in wait to deceive.”*

What was the day that Jesus met with His followers every week? The answer is that Jesus met with His followers every day. They were together every day, except when He would send them ahead, so that He could pray. They were together just like a family as we also should meet daily to follow Jesus’ example. In the same token, when did the apostles meet together in the upper room? The answer is the same, for we see that they were together on various days. When did the first church meet in the book of Acts 2:46?

*“And they, continuing **DAILY** with one accord in the temple,
and breaking bread from house to house,
did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart.”*

Was this just a one-time occurrence? No, read Acts 5:42,

*“And **DAILY** in the temple, and in every house,
they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.”*

Well, what about the two verses that name the first day of the week? Yes, they met on that day also, because they met daily. You have “Sunday religion”, but we are to serve God with all our hearts every day. You may be so busy dressing up and trying to impress others, that you are not obeying God! Just because “the first day of the week” is mentioned in the New Testament twice compared to the over 175 references, commandments, and teachings on the Sabbath day, does not mean that you can change the God ordained, blessed, and sanctified seventh day Sabbath. Jesus warned us,

*“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing,
but inwardly they are ravening wolves.*

YE SHALL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS...”

Matthew 7:15-16

Look at the fruit of the churches that reject the law, the gospel, and the Sabbath... they have “*NO FRUIT TO PERFECTION*”. Why would you not want to devote an entire day to God? Why would you not want to rest in Him on that day? How can you change the day that God ordained to another day without God’s commandment? Please tell me where was the Sabbath day changed? What commandment of God changed the day devoted to God from the beginning of the world that Jesus Himself kept?

When Paul came to ask counsel of the Apostles in Acts 15, James, one of the “pillars” of the church [hand chosen by Jesus], expressed his pleasure in knowing that the Gentiles did not have to be circumcised for salvation. In his explanation, he makes a statement that shows us that the Sabbath would not change. All the apostles and the Holy Spirit agreed with the “charge” that they gave to the Gentiles. Listen to what he says in Acts 15:20-21,

“But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

[You didn’t know the Holy Spirit commanded this... did you?

Do you abstain from all this?]

***FOR MOSES OF OLD TIME HATH IN EVERY CITY
THEM THAT PREACH HIM,
BEING READ IN THE SYNAGOGUES EVERY SABBATH DAY.”***

As you can tell by the book of Acts that the apostles including Paul met at the synagogue to hear the Old Testament read on the Sabbath. The Gentiles were commanded to abstain from idols, fornication, and blood as also the law states. Notice that the apostles and Paul did not change or order the Gentiles to “meet” only on Sunday. This was commanded by the Holy Spirit as you can read in Acts 15:28. They did not mention any change to the Sabbath at all, nor has anyone, but satan commanded it!

*“For it seemed **good to the Holy Ghost**, and to us,
to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things.”*

You are thinking, “But the Sabbath is fulfilled in the death on the cross. It was nailed to the cross.” If it were nailed to the cross, why did Jesus prophesy that it would still be honoured 40 years later. Why did His followers honour the Sabbath at His resurrection? When Jesus died, did He die for the whole world or just for the Gentiles?

Doesn't it seem very funny that those who invented dispensationalism made it so strangely convenient for themselves? Is it not just a coincidence that every other supposed "dispensation" has to keep the commandments of God... except the dispensation that they are in? How convenient!

The Sabbath represents the eternal rest that is promised by God to His people. No man that is alive has entered into that rest... for we are all on this temporal earth. Though in the not-for-profit churches, they sing of a little bit of heaven on earth, the true saints of God know that this is not our eternal rest. Those who think that it is contradict the Scriptures, for we have not entered into our rest, but we are to "strive" that we may enter into our rest. Hebrews 4 talks of our eternal rest and how God refused to allow the Jews to enter into their rest, because they did not keep the commandments of God. Paul warns us in verse 1,

*"Let us therefore **fear**,
Lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest,
any of you should seem **to come short of it.**"*

The same way that they did not enter into their rest in the promised land is the same way that people will "come short of it" today! I Corinthians 10 tells us that the Jews entering into the promised land was an example that we not sin as they did. We will not receive or enter our eternal rest, if we sin as they did. We daily battle or crucify our flesh and the lusts thereof. This is not a time to rest, but a time to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling as Paul commanded in Philippians 2:12,

*"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed,
not as in my presence only,
but now much more in my absence,
**WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION
WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING.**"*

Is this made to say something that it does not? No, just as Jesus commanded in the gospel for all men to strive that they might enter in at the strait gate, so we are to obey Jesus and strive for perfection. Those who could not enter into the promised land were examples to us that we do not follow in their actions that showed their unbelief. No man has entered into his rest.

Paul explains that we should “fear” that we come short of entering into God’s eternal rest by turning away from God in Hebrews 4:1,

*“Let us therefore **fear**, lest,
a promise being left us of entering into His rest,
any of you should seem **to come short of it.**”*

False teachers who teach eternal security deceive by saying that they have already entered into their rest! This is not eternal life! This is not our rest! There is an eternal rest for God’s people, but we must labour through obedience to the gospel to enter into God’s rest. Listen as Paul explains this in Hebrews 4:9-11,

*“There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.
For he that is entered into his rest [death],
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.”*

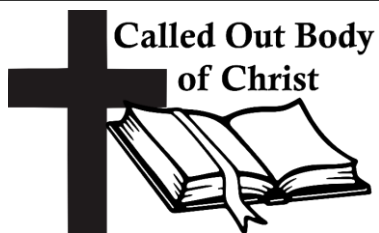
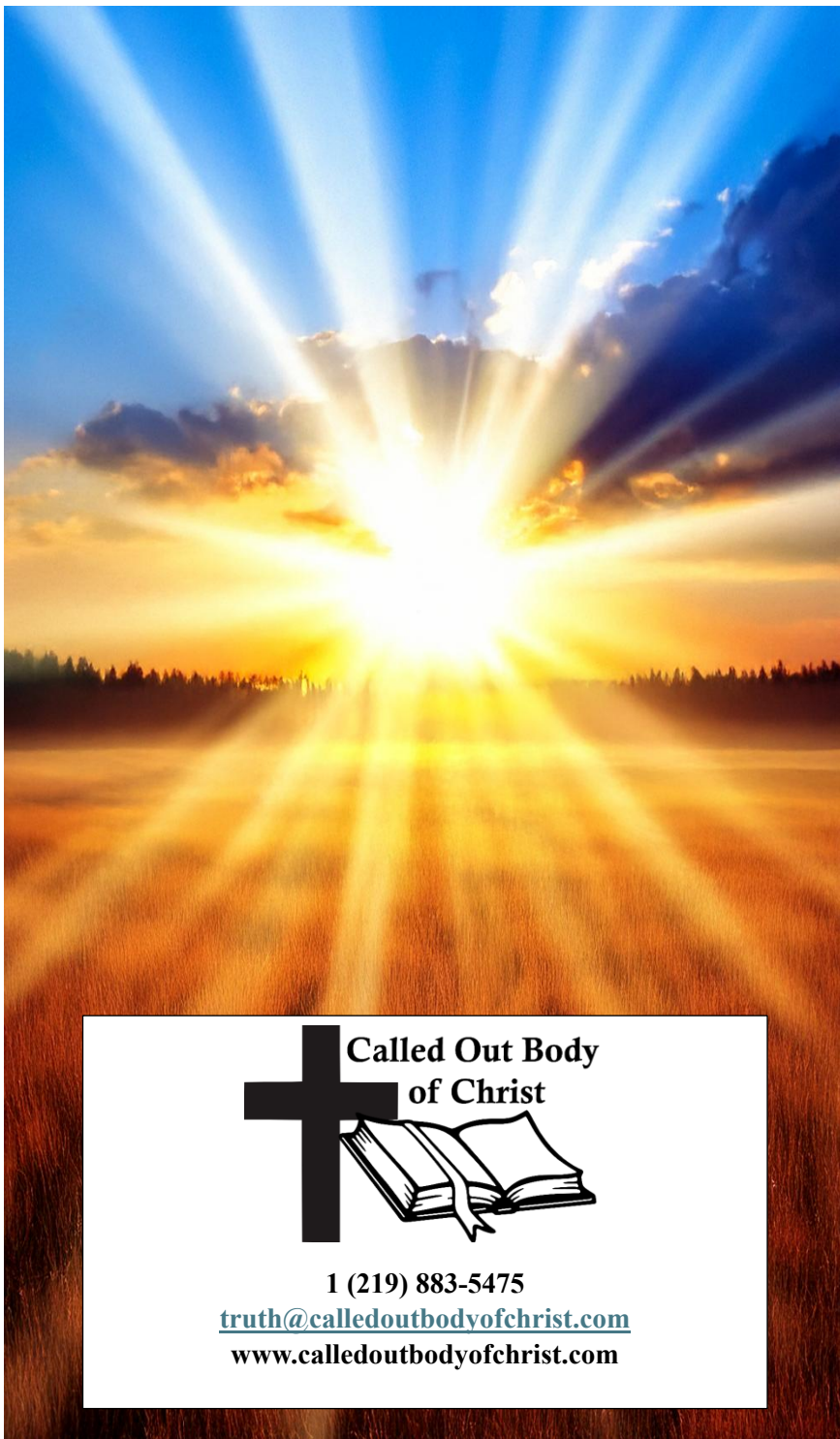
Paul warns every man that they do not fall from the grace of God through unbelief shown by not keeping the commandments of God just as the Israelites did! He commands all men to labour or as Jesus said in Luke 13:24, “Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and SHALL NOT BE ABLE.” He warns of those who claim to be His followers, but they practice iniquity, and He says that He does not know them. This is not the promise that the “stranger” received from God in Isaiah 56:3-5,

*“Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from His people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.
For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep My sabbaths, and choose the things that please Me, and take hold of My covenant;
Even unto them will I give in Mine house and within My walls
a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters:
I will give them AN EVERLASTING NAME, that shall not be cut off.”*

Here, Isaiah prophesied about those in the New Covenant that join themselves unto the LORD though they’re the sons of the stranger! God promises to bless those who keep “My Sabbaths”, choose the things that please God, and take hold of “My covenant”.

Notice, God does not say covenants, because all the covenants that God made with man are the same covenant known to God as the “everlasting covenant”. God had covenanted that He would redeem man from their sinful state before He created the earth. If man would only “*Walk before Me, and be ye perfect*”, God promises eternal life. The sacrificial death of Jesus made us accepted in the beloved as adopted sons of Abraham; the Israel of God; and joint heirs with Christ.

Let us labour to enter into His rest and let us rest and devote the seventh day Sabbath to Him!



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