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The Easy Part of Obedience

Early in His ministry Jesus warned His followers that except their righteousness exceeded that of the scribes and Pharisees, they would not enter the kingdom of heaven. What did he mean? Must His followers be more meticulous in obedience to the law than the Pharisees? Or was He thinking in terms of an entirely different dimension of obedience?

To a great extent, the Ten Commandments deal with behavior that is observable and measurable. Many of us have been taught from childhood to obey these precepts. Some of us might even venture to say with the rich young man, "These have I kept from my youth" (Mark 10:20). And, perhaps, some of us find ourselves looking down on people who have committed adultery or lied, or who don't keep the Sabbath. Surely our righteousness exceeds theirs and we might even venture to say with the Pharisee, "I thank you that I am not like other men..." (Luke 18:11).

But I submit that Jesus holds up for us a standard that goes far beyond the Ten Commandments. It is the standard that is found in His example and teachings — beginning with the Sermon on the Mount. It is the standard that requires mercy, justice, faithfulness, kindness, peace, faith, love, for others as for ourselves, doing for others what we would want them to do to us. However obedient we think we might be relative to the Ten Commandments, next to this standard we all fall grievously short.

Every day is an empty slate waiting for us to be kind, compassionate, patient, forgiving. Each new acquaintance provides an opportunity for us to show forth the love of God, to share the message of eternal life. Each new situation invites us to manifest the character of God by extending care, consideration, mercy, and humility. Yet every day we fall far short of this higher standard of righteousness. Every day we have to cry out with the publican "God have mercy on me, a sinner". Every day we have to thank God that we are saved by His grace, that we are clothed in robes made white by the blood of the Lamb.

Yes, we must order our lives according to God's law — starting with the basics of the Ten Commandments. But that's the easy part of obedience. The real challenge for the child of God is to live every day in accordance with His very nature, which is love. It's a challenge that awaits us anew each day, a challenge that we'll never completely accomplish. Hence, we must rejoice, not in how well we think we observe the Ten Commandments, but in the fact that we are saved by God's grace, that our names are written in heaven because of God's great mercy.

—Richard A. Wiedenheft

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Law-abiding but not Legalistic

by Edmund Rogol

The gospel of justification by faith will make little sense to anyone until he views the matter with reference to the law of God. The gospel is primarily concerned with upholding the law while in the process of saving lawbreakers. It is a divine offer of mercy and forgiveness to guilty sinners without compromising the justice of God and the honor of His law. Could this be the reason that the Apocalyptic portrayal of a final gospel conflict, described in Rev. 14:6-12, involves the law, implicating especially the fourth commandment?

God, in saving sinners, saves them legally. In justification the sinner is declared righteous on the strength of a life that was perfectly righteous, perfectly obeying all the commandments of God in all its magnitude, and doing it as a Man and as our Substitute. God has just grounds for pardoning our transgressions of the ten commandments.

But being saved legally is different from legalism. Giving proper attention to the legal requirements of the law is not legalism. Legalism is using the law for justification. This is illegal. Being lawful and being legalistic are two different things. Legalism is a method of seeking salvation in which one offers his own obedience, however excellent it may be, in the place of Christ's obedience, which alone will satisfy the law's demands (Rom. 8:3,4).

The Law in Scripture

The common Christian understanding of law as found in Scripture is all that God requires of His creatures. However the Bible does not offer a single simple meaning of the term "law". In a great many cases its use designates the Torah, the writings of Moses. Thus the Torah

becomes a comprehensive term for all laws established or recorded under the administration of Moses, and is commonly referred to as the "Law of Moses."

Sometimes the word "law" in Scripture refers to the entire O.T. as in John 10:34, John 15:25 and 1 Cor. 14:21. Occasionally it carries an abstract idea such as "the law of faith" Rom. 3:27, or "the law of the minds" (Rom. 7:23, etc.). But within the comprehensive expression of "the law of Moses" are subsidiary designations such as civil laws, (cities of refuge, etc.) circumcision laws, (for covenantal and national distinctions) laws pertaining to the duties and conduct of priests, laws governing how animal sacrifices were to be performed and disposed, and how the tabernacle was to be maintained. There were laws specifying commemorative festivals and sabbaths and how they should be observed. But central to all these other designations was the Decalogue, the Ten Commandments.

The Ten Commandments, though incorporated into the whole Jewish amalgam of law were nevertheless clearly distinguished from other laws. It had its own moral quality, its universal value, kept in segregation from all other laws, were inscribed on stone by the finger of God, indicating permanence, and had a unique special containment in the ark under the mercy seat where the blood was sprinkled on the day of atonement. All these distinctives put the Ten Commandments in sharp contrast to the other laws of Moses.

The timeless eternal principles, adapted to man's fallen situation though they are, the nuclei around which all other laws cluster. It was the transgression of these inviolable principles that made an atonement necessary. It was this transgression

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28	29	30	<p>We observe the Sabbath for the same reason we honor our parents — because we love our Heavenly Father and want to live according to His will.</p>				<p>MAY</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28 29 30 31</p>

that made the creation of the ceremonial and sacrificial laws necessary, and they were instituted to illustrate and prefigure the atonement. The repeated integrations of the Ten Commandments into the whole range of Jewish laws indicated its dominant place and authority relative to the other laws. The many detailed and carefully stipulated rules attached to the sacrificial laws were to teach the awful solemnity of the atonement which was made for the broken law of Ten Commandments. The sprinkling of the blood over the Ten Commandment law gave peculiar singularity to that law.

Sabbath, Logic or Faith

Some, seeking to isolate the fourth commandment from the rest of the commandments, with their obvious timeless moral values, deny that the fourth commandment contains a timeless principle. How then can the fourth commandment be considered having a timeless principle? God's revelation of Himself to man is a revelation of Himself as the Creator in contrast to the creature. If man did not worship his Creator he would lose sight of his own worth. Human value is a relational value. Man, created from the dust of the earth, apart from his relation to God, has no more value than the substance from which he is made. The worship of God is an act of recognition of God's worth, and in so doing he maintains his own relational worth. This is the timeless principle of the fourth commandment. See Ex. 20:8-11, Rev. 14:6,7. The angel of Rev. 14, having the everlasting gospel, commands men to worship God as Creator and Redeem-

er.

Principles need not change with circumstances. For example the principle of love is timeless but the quality and the mode of expressing that love may vary. It is true that one day has no inherent value above another, but the principle it represents does. The principle of the fourth commandment is concerned with how and why God is worshipped, not whether we deem it necessary or what form we think befitting, but how God designates. Who are we to challenge God's designations? We are not asked to understand the wisdom or propriety of the form, for we do not know God's intentions. Neither is it necessary for us to understand how the principles of the Ten Commandments applied before sin or after sin, but we are to be concerned with what God reveals about His law during sin.

We might also note the similarity of the fourth commandment to the commandment in the Garden of Eden. Like the forbidden tree, seemingly no different than any other tree, so also the seventh day, appearing no different than any other day, were both designated specifically by God, involving obedience regardless of logic or human reason. Recognition of God is expected only by faith in His statement of authority and because of an act in history. Such submission by man to God is the highest form of worship.

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What if the Roles Were Reversed?

by David Gjesdal

From time to time over the years, Sabbathkeepers have expressed concern about Sundaykeepers flexing their muscles to implement blue laws or other programs promoting the observance of Sunday. Numerous first-day clergy have tried to influence state legislatures to enact laws that would halt the growing disregard for Sunday. From their pulpits, they are reemphasizing the importance of the "Sabbath concept," of a *day* of rest and worship. To many Sabbatarians this is not encouraging. Many insist that blue laws are a violation of the separation of church and state concept of the United States Constitution. Some Sabbatarians fear oppression by Sundaykeepers — Fundamentalists and Evangelicals in particular because of their aggressive style. Some consider Sunday laws to be the fulfillment of the antichrist prophecies of the Bible.

As a minority, Sabbatarians are very protective and defensive of the Sabbath truth they hold dear—and rightly so. It's understandable that we would be alarmed at any proposals that would curtail

our liberties, enforce conflicting beliefs, or make Sabbathkeeping more difficult.

But what if the roles were reversed? What would Sabbatarians be like if they were the majority—and if first day Christians were in the minority? Would we attempt to enact seventh-day blue laws? Would we make it difficult for Sundaykeepers who wanted to work on Saturday so they could worship on Sunday? What would happen to "separation of Church and State"? Would Sundaykeepers be defensive of their rights and prefer "liberal" Sabbatarians. Would Sundaykeepers be publishing a magazine espousing the need for religious liberty? Would they be raising cries of "antichrist attempts to control everyone" regarding Sabbatarian efforts to legislate seventh-day observance? What would Sabbatarians really be like, if the roles were reversed? How would we treat those with different views? Probably the way we do now.

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And He Came To Nazareth

Nazareth, circa 15 AD

by Brian Jones

We see a carpenter's shop on a winding, dusty road toward the edge of town, - a shop that all week long bustles with the orderly, efficient production of ploughs, yokes, cabinets, tables, chairs and all objects that call for the use of wood. It is located in the slums, but undoubtedly it is the best carpentry establishment in all Palestine, for He who designed and constructed the universe works there, albeit incognito for the present. The days are never slack, for work is always plentiful. From the first day of the week onward, customers are seen going in and out of the shop. Their labors seem virtually incessant, because the customers are dependent for their livelihood on the speedy repair of broken farm implements and on the rapid production of new ones. It is often nightfall before one hears the last noises of the saw, the hammer and the plane at that humble shop in Nazareth.

But lo, what do we see on the sixth day of the week? Work ends at mid-day. The shop is carefully swept and cleaned. All tools are placed in their proper receptacles. By early afternoon the shop is empty and still, for the Sabbath draws nigh, and it is the day of preparation. Joseph's family works cheerfully and diligently to ready their home for the ushering in of God's holy day.

The sun arcs serenely toward the western horizon, spreading its golden rays in genial profusion upon the green hills and valleys. As the shadows lengthen, the light dims into purple dusk. All afternoon the streets have grown gradually emptier of people. Herdsmen and farmers come home from the fields. Even the children cease their play well before the day expires. The poignant, beckoning bray of the shofar pierces the calm even-

ing air. Soon melody breaks forth in every home. The captivatingly wistful songs of Zion, palpitant with longings for Paradise, welcome in the Sabbath. Lamps are lit, and the light of sacred celebration, tinged with a life of hallowed Sabbath memories, dances in every eye. Conversation modulates to heavenly themes over the simple family meal. Rich and poor alike are free from their weekly toils for another blessed Sabbath Day. God draws exceedingly nigh to commune with His children in this sacred tabernacle of time. Evening dissolves into night, and all go sweetly to their slumbers, for the burdens of the week are laid down, and all care is cast upon Him who cares for His own.

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The next morning the carpenter's shop remains closed. No customers try the door or even cast more than a casual glance at it as the townspeople, streaming from mansions and hovels, all go afoot to the synagogue. Jesus and His family go, too.

Nazareth, AD 27

Years later a bronze-faced young man, with a familiar, peaceful look, joins a streaming concourse of worshippers on an oft-trodden path. "And He came to Nazareth where He had been brought up: and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable

year of the Lord... And He began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. And all bare witness and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth" (Luke 4:16-19, 21, 22a).

The Lord of the Sabbath, full of grace and truth, had come to usher in the ultimate Sabbath rest in the restoration of His everlasting gospel. By His life and teachings He magnified the law and made it honorable, keeping blamelessly all His Father's commandments; and by His sacrifice caused His righteousness to roll from Calvary as a mighty stream into every willing heart, leaving also the legacy of His Spirit to guide His followers into all truth. He avowed, "I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done" (John 13:15). He kept the Sabbath in both life and death. "There remaineth therefore a keeping of the Sabbath to the people of God" (Heb. 4:9).

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NEWS

FROM THE SEVENTH DAY COMMUNITY

Adventist Budget Cuts

Despite yearly tithe increases slightly above the rate of inflation, local conferences in the SDA North American Division have had to cut back in recent years. US membership growth and greater local needs have combined with explosive increases in the Third World church to squeeze mid-level institutions. Real per capita income is sliding. Because of this short fall, the General Conference and the North American Division have begun to eliminate some positions and to reevaluate the allocation of funds, though few want to decrease contributions to foreign missions. Indeed, bold new missions work has been planned to reach the 1.8 billion people who have no Adventist presence in their communities. Adventists face some very hard choices in coming months and years involving close scrutiny of many long-standing priorities. Is the giving of members in wealthy nations not keeping pace due to lack of zeal or because real income has fallen? That has been a hard question for many 7th-day churches to answer.

More on SDB Conference

The SDB General Conference, held August 5-11 in Lindsborg, Kansas, reported last month), had the theme, "All One in Christ Jesus." On Sabbath, attendance reached about 550. Due to Iraq invading Kuwait, a special business session telegraphed a unanimous message to President Bush that the GC was praying for him and the country. Dale Thorngate, SDB Executive Secretary for 9 years, delivered his final annual report before

stepping down, mentioning the following: Net church membership grew by 110, the largest increase since 1985. Five pastors and three new churches were added between conferences (and one church came on board during the session). "I do have a concern about our future," he said, "as I see no denominational leader emerging... I believe that God has called Seventh Day Baptists to two specific tasks for the next decade. The first is to train...ethical and thinking leadership, not just for our churches, but for our communities and our world. The second task is to the defining of the Sabbath for the 21st Century--true to its original purpose--and the sharing of the Sabbath with the rest of the world."





Baptists Help Refugees

About 8% of the people living in the Southeast African nation of Malawi (and many more each day) are refugees from communist Mozambique, where a civil war and mismanagement have destroyed the economy. Malawi, itself, is one of the world's poorest nations--a landlocked place dependent upon trade with and aid from South Africa and having a per capita income of only \$160. One of the larger SDB missionary works is there; and it recently added one worker at the Chipho clinic and two at refugee camps. According to Medical Administrator Royul J. B. Mkandawire, the Chipho site is drilling a well, while a mission at Makapwa is fighting for an allocation of electricity.

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al Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day) is subsidizing 43 workers in 5 countries and plans to develop a new urban mission in a place to be decided. The agency also sponsored delegates from Kenya and India to October's COG International Ministerial Conference in Mexico. Recently 70 people joined the COG in India, where 15 church buildings are being roofed and 5 built. In a recent two-month period the COG reported almost 150 new members in the US and Canada.

Messianic Jewish Retreat

Sabbathkeepers from Beth Messiah Congregation of Rockville, Maryland, and related groups met in retreat Memorial Day weekend at Messiah College in Gaithersburg. Six hundred from the Baltimore-Washington area enjoyed seminars on "Preparing for the Last Days." A musical evangelistic program in a Washington, DC, park caused the formation of a new Bible study group; and back at the college "Marvin and the Mashugies" entertained during the talent show.

Discrimination in Finland

Last month this column reported on a resolution made by the SDB General Conference deploring discrimination in Finland. This is most of the text of that resolution:

Whereas the largest newspaper in Finland, Helsingin Sanomat, February 3rd, 1990, reported that one of our constituents, Anna Maria McElwain, is having difficulty at the Music Conservatory of Turku... because of Sabbath observance, we report the following facts... While Finnish law and the conservatory affirm religious freedom, no investigation of the matter nor sanctions against teachers involved in religious discrimination have taken place despite the written complaint tendered to the Conservatory by Miss McElwain... Investigation reveals that Finnish nation-

als also report that discrimination against Sabbath observers in schools and places of employment is of long-standing and widespread occurrence, dating back to the establishment of a Protestant State Church... The established Church of Finland levies taxes on Finnish industries, thus making buyers of Finnish goods clandestine supporters of the State Church of Finland. Therefore, should response to these letters be lacking or unsympathetic, be it... resolved that Seventh Day Baptists be encouraged to avoid purchasing products made by Finnish-owned industries as long as their profits are taxed for the support of a State Church which creates an atmosphere of intolerance to minority positions. Letters to that effect should be sent to appropriate embassies, Helsingin Sanomat, and to the Music Conservatory. We commend Miss McElwain for her firm stand on Sabbath observance.





It would be good for members or even leaders of other groups to show solidarity with the SDBs on Miss McElwain's behalf. Send letters to Seventh Day Baptists, USA and Canada, 3120 Kennedy Road, Janesville, WI 53547.

Gift Subscriptions

You can share THE SABBATH SENTINEL with a Sabbathkeeping friend or acquaintance—an older person who is alone, a friend who has moved away, a pastor or church leader—anyone who is interested in knowing more about the Sabbath and Sabbathkeepers.

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LAW

ON THE LEGAL FRONT

In *Fordyce v. Frohnmayer* the Rutherford Institute, a conservative legal foundation, is suing the National Endowment for the Arts in a Washington, DC, federal district court claiming NEA has "open and notorious hostility toward religion." NEA, claims Rutherford, has violated the First Amendment by funding anti-Christian projects. One offense is the granting of \$15,000 to "artist" David Wojnarowicz for a catalog and exhibition entitled "Tongues of Flame", which depicts, among other things, Jesus Christ with a needle in his arm shooting up heroin. The catalog calls New York's Cardinal John O'Connor a "fat cannibal". The cannibal part no doubt refers to O'Connor's participation in the mass, in which the emblems of the body and blood of Christ are taken, and is an attack upon all Christians. Rutherford Institute calls the catalog "a message of hate and animosity toward institutionalized religion" which "bears the direct involvement... of the federal government." Rutherford president John Whitehead said, "the government should not become the patron of hate art..."

This column has mentioned other Christophobia sponsored by NEA, some details of which TSS readers might have liked not to know. Your dept. editor isn't thrilled to print that garbage; but believes disclosure of such atrocities is necessary. The "arts community" is currently screaming "censorship" because four projects were recently turned down by NEA. One of those projects according to *The Wall Street Journal*, is a theater act by John Fleck, in which he urinates on stage into a toilet made up like a shrine complete with a picture of Christ. An "enthusiastic" peer group had recommended funding.

Updates: The *Minneapolis City Council*, which had banned the opening of storefront churches (TSS Oct. '90), let a Baptist church occupy a storefront in a business section that doesn't want the church.

Alima Delores Reardon, who won the right to wear the scarf and long dress of her Muslim religion while she taught in Philadelphia public school (TSS Jun. '90), lost that right August 9th. The US 3rd Circuit Court overturned a lower decision which had struck down a Pennsylvania law against religious garb in the classroom.

Short subjects:

Religious News Service says a major church-state issue this year may be students' distribution of religious literature in public schools.

The Supreme Court dismissed a suit brought by Abortion Rights Mobilization against the Catholic Church. ARM sought to eliminate the church's tax exemption because Roman Catholicism opposes abortion. Its public stand makes the RC Church a political organization, says ARM.

Forbidden Passions is the new gay soap opera which shows men kissing and lying in bed with each other. It is seen in 16 major US markets.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS????

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Free sample copy Scripture "Original Text Studies" Hebrew and Greek. Editor John Purvins, Box 1, Little Chute, WI 54140. (12)

For Sale: 32-year old family business five miles from Spring Vale Academy in Owosso, Michigan. Complete janitor supply store grossing in excess of \$200,000. For information, write Smith Janitor Supply, Inc., P.O. Box 162, Owosso, MI 48867.

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Singing Evangelism Tour: Rosalie and Ian Tremaine of Australia are planning a singing tour in the U.S. during 1991 (see "Adventure in Evangelism" July '90 TSS). Groups interested in sponsoring and/or inviting them to come to sing and testify can write 69 Gulfview Rd., Christies Beach, South Australia, 5165 Australia. (11-12)

Free subscription to The Prophetic Word Magazine! Learn the prophecies now being fulfilled! Learn the prophecies for our future! Write Box 2442, Abilene, TX 79604. (2-1)

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Lantana, FL: The Christian Church of God holds weekly Sabbath services. Serving southeast Florida (West Palm Beach area). For Information write P.O. Box 3827, Lantana, FL 33465. (4-3)

Light Magazine opens your understanding to the meat of the Word. News events explained prophetically. No charge. YNCA POB 50, Kingdom City, MO 65262. (11-10)

Concert Tour - June 1990. Spring Vale Academy SOUND choir will be touring the eastern US. If your church is interested in hosting or hearing a gospel concert by Sabbathkeeping young people, write SOUND, 4150 S. M-52, Owosso, MI 48867. (12)

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Jesus came into the world so we might have eternal rest, of which the Sabbath is a tiny foretaste.

Church uses BSA Lit in Outreach

Last March the Berean Church of God in Ft. Worth, Texas, shared the Sabbath truth with about 500 families in its neighborhood. Getting together to do all the stuffing, sealing, and stapling in assembly-line fashion, church members sent out BSA's booklets "Why the Seventh-day Sabbath?" and "Roman Catholic and Protestant Confessions" along with information about their local church. Joyce Green, editor of the congregation's paper, reports "We are beginning to get some

response, however, we look at this as a long term project to achieve a real impact. Our sign outside has apparently caused some comment at the Sundaykeeping church about a block from us. Their billboard now also proclaims, 'Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath.' We also heard they had a sermon on the Sabbath."

We invite other reports on how BSA materials are used to promote the seventh-day Sabbath.



Berean Church of God workers included people of all ages - from 16 to 72.



The sign at 4147 Meadowbrook St. invites people to come and visit the congregation.

Resources Available From BSA

Books

- History of the Sabbath & Sunday* by John Kiesz (64 pp.) . . . \$3
From Sabbath to Sunday
 by Samuele Bacchiocchi (372 pp.) . . . \$10
Divine Rest for Human Restlessness
 by Samuele Bacchiocchi (320 pp.) . . . \$10
Sabbath at Sommerhase Story and Lesson Book (128 pp.) . . . \$7
 Activity Packet . . . \$3
The Law, the Gospel, and the Sabbath
 by Frank M. Walker (91 pp.) . . . \$3
God's Sabbath for Mankind
 by Richard A. Wiedenheft (42 pp.) . . . 50¢
 Directory of Sabbath-observing Groups (263 pp.) . . . \$7

Back issues of *The Sabbath Sentinel* . . . 10 for \$3

Booklets

- Why the Seventh-day Sabbath* (12 pp.) . . . 20¢ ea.; \$17/100
Bible Truths about "Salvation by Grace Through Faith"
 by Frank M. Walker (32 pp.) . . . 50¢ ea.; \$8/20
Has Sabbath Time Been Lost?
 by Joseph M. McGuire (10 pp.) . . . 15¢ ea.; \$9/60
Roman Catholic and Protestant Confessions
about Sunday (12 pp.) . . . 20¢ ea.; \$17/100
The Bible Sabbath—Seventh Day or
First Day? (6 pp.) . . . 14¢ ea.; \$12/100

Tracts

- The Rest of Your Life* (2 p.) . . . 10¢ ea.; \$8/100
What Happened to the Sabbath? (2 p.) . . . 10¢ ea.; \$8/100
 Sample copies of tracts are available free if you enclose with your
 request a self-addressed #10 envelope with 45¢ postage.

Promotional Aids

- Sabbath Calendars . . . \$1.75 ea. for 10 or more; \$2.00 ea.;
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 "The Seventh Day is the Sabbath" . . . \$5/dozen
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Scattered like salt around the world are more than 6 million Christians who uphold the seventh-day Sabbath. They are of diverse races, languages, and religious backgrounds; they are dispersed among some 200 different Sabbathkeeping groups ranging from huge denominations to independent, local fellowships. Yet each individual and each group, whether large or small, has an exciting, ongoing story to tell; each has a desire to proclaim Jesus Christ and to share the truth of the Sabbath.

Since 1945 The Bible Sabbath Association has been dedicated to helping Sabbathkeepers of all persuasions learn about and from one another and to promoting the one commandment that is repudiated by Christendom in general.

What is BSA?

BSA is a strictly nonsectarian association with members from a wide variety of groups, including Seventh-day Adventists, Seventh Day Baptists, various Churches of God (Seventh Day), sacred name assemblies, charismatic groups, and others; some members have no church affiliation.

BSA is *not* a denomination or church

and does *not* seek to bring about mergers among various groups. We believe there is strength in diversity and encourage Sabbathkeepers to seek fellowship with and to support their own individual churches or assemblies.

BSA accepts as members all who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Savior, who regard the Bible as the Word of God, and who uphold the seventh-day Sabbath. BSA takes no official position on other theological issues.

Our Mission

- To encourage understanding, communication, and cooperation among all Sabbathkeeping Christians.
- To promote the knowledge, acceptance, and observance of the seventh-day Sabbath among all Christians.
- To defend the freedom of Christians in all nations to rest and worship on the seventh day of the week; and to seek the repeal of all legislation that hinders Sabbath observance.

Our Services

See complete listing of publications and other resources listed inside back cover of calendar.

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For those who do know Him—the liberty of His Sabbath.



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CALENDAR COMPARISON AND BIBLICAL FESTIVALS

Biblical Months	Corresponding Gregorian Months	Annual Holy Days and Festivals
1st Abib (Nisan)	March—April	Passover, Abib (Nisan) 14 Days of Unleavened Bread, Abib (Nisan) 15-21 (Numbers 28:16-25; Matthew 26:29)
2nd Ziv (Iyar)	April—May	Second Passover, Ziv 14 (Numbers 9:10,11; 2 Chronicles 30:2)
3rd Sivan	May—June	Pentecost (Leviticus 23:15,16; Acts 2:1)
4th Tammuz	June—July	
5th Ab	July—August	
6th Elul	August—September	Feast of Trumpets, Ethanim (Tishri) 1
7th Ethanim (Tishri)	September—October	Day of Atonement, Ethanim (Tishri) 10 Feast of Tabernacles, Ethanim (Tishri) 15-21 Last Great Day, Ethanim (Tishri) 22 (Leviticus 23:23-26, 36, 39; Zechariah 14:16)
8th Bul (Chesvan)	October—November	
9th Chislev	November—December	Hanukkah, Feast of Dedication, Chislev 25-Tebet 3 (John 10:22)
10th Tebet	December—January	
11th Sebat	January—February	
12th Adar	February—March	Purim, Adar 14 (Esther 9:21)

NOTE: The Bible Sabbath Association takes no position concerning the observance of annual festivals. The above information is provided as a Bible study aid and as a service to those who observe these occasions.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 1991

National and Traditional Holidays

New Year's Day	Tues., Jan. 1
Lincoln's Birthday	Tues., Feb. 12
Washington's Birthday (observed)	Mon., Feb. 18
Palm Sunday	Sun., Mar. 24
Good Friday	Fri., Mar. 29
Easter Sunday	Sun., Mar. 31
Mother's Day	Sun., May 12
Victoria Day (Canada)	Mon., May 20
Memorial Day (observed)	Mon., May 27
Flag Day	Fri., June 14
Father's Day	Sun., June 16
Canada Day	Mon., July 1
Independence Day	Thurs., July 4
Labor Day	Mon., Sept. 2
Columbus Day	Mon., Oct. 14
Thanksgiving Day (Canada)	Mon., Oct. 14
Election Day	Tues., Nov. 5
Veteran's Day	Mon., Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thurs., Nov. 28
Christmas Day	Wed., Dec. 25

Biblical Holy Days and Festivals

Purim	Thurs., Feb. 28
Abib (or Nisan) 1	Sat., Mar. 16
Passover (Abib or Nisan 14)	Fri., Mar. 29
Days of Unleavened Bread	Mar. 30-Apr. 5
Pentecost	Sun., May 19 or Mon., May 20
Feast of Trumpets (Tishri 1)	Mon., Sept. 9
Day of Atonement (Tishri 10)	Wed., Sept. 18
Feast of Tabernacles	Mon., Sept. 23 to Sun., Sept. 29
Last Great Day	Mon., Sept. 30
Hanukkah	Mon., Dec. 2 to Mon., Dec. 9

NOTE: The dates given above are based on the traditional Jewish calendar. Some groups use a calendar based on the observed new moons and other factors. The Bible Sabbath Association takes no official position regarding the calendar. However, if you are interested in further study on this subject, we would be happy to put you in touch with several sources of information.

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NOTE: Dates given for moon phases and seasons on the individual calendar pages are based on Universal Time; hence, they may vary from the observed moon phases in different areas.

The following     are used to denote moon phases.

New Moon First Quarter Full Moon Last Quarter

January 1991

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SABBATH
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7 	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 	31		

For 24 hours each week since Creation, the Sabbath has invited men to accept God's gift of eternal rest.

DECEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

FEBRUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		