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# The Sabbath in The New Earth

by Ralph V. Kime

The seventh-day Sabbath will be kept in the kingdom of God. In the Old Testament definite proof is found 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." Reference to verse 22 indicates the time, "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I shall make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain."

The commandments are kept in heaven. Psalm 103:20: "Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word." Certainly these commandments are the same ones as given in the Decalogue, and recorded in Exodus 20. This is the moral law. The Decalogue includes the Sabbath commandment. Therefore, the Sabbath will be in force. Psalm 111:7f: "The works of His hands are verity and judgment: all His commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness."

In the New Testament, Revelation

21:2 tells of "the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven." "And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it; and the kings of the earth do bring glory and honour into it." (verse 24) This is the new earth, or what we commonly look forward to as heaven. Revelation 22:14 has the promise. "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

In this life most Christians keep the commandments as convenient or in degrees. Some observe a portion. A minority actually obey all Ten Commandments. O, why cannot every one have a desire to walk in the light of the city of God? The beautiful land and city as described in Revelation 21 and 22 ought to be a real incentive.

The Sabbath must be kept in heaven. Millions of persons pray the Lord's Prayer: "Our Father which art in heaven . . . Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven," and yet most of these millions pray for something they willfully neglect.

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# Law and the Children of God

by Marion George Brasher

In the beginning of this discourse it seems well to consider some points of controversy that prevail among many people today. In most of it actual scriptural quotations, without comment, will serve to present the truth in question.

## I. What Is Sin?

We shall let God's holy Word answer. I John 3:4: "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." Romans 3:20 "For by the law is the knowledge of sin." Romans 7:7f: "For I had not known lust (which is sin), except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. . . . For without the law, sin was dead (that is, if the Law were done away with, there would be no sin.)" Paul here makes it clear that he has reference to the Ten Commandment Law. Romans 4:15 "For where no law is, there is no transgression." Romans 5:13: "But sin is not imputed where there is no law."

If sin is the transgression of the Law, what was sin before the Ten Commandment Law was stated at Mount Sinai? Genesis 4:6f: "And the Lord said unto Cain, Why are thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, SIN lieth at the door." The Lord is not so unjust that he would condemn Cain if he had not known better than he had acted. God had in some way (though it is not recorded how) shown Cain his duty. The definite evidence is that Cain didn't wholly obey God's will in his offering (he had some selfish motive) and his disobedience to God's will (or law) was sin.

Read verses 8-13 of the same chapter. "The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. . . . My punishment is greater than I can bear." Cain knew that he was committing sin in murdering his brother, and in his complaint he does not protest to the Lord that he has not sinned. Therefore God has a standard of righteousness—a law (and we see that murder is a violation of the Ten Commandment Law) — and Cain knew it, even though

there is no specific record of the official statement. The period of time covered between the creation and the flood is recorded so briefly that it was impossible to give in that brief history everything that God did or said to man.

Genesis 5:22, 24: "And Enoch walked with God." Genesis 6:5f "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. . . . Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God." Genesis 7:1: "And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation." Genesis 18:19: The Lord said of Abraham: "For I know him that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord." Exodus 16:1: "And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the SECOND month after their departing out of the land of Egypt." Exodus 16:4: "Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no." Exodus 16:22f: "And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread. . . . And he said unto them, This is that which the Lord hath said, Tomorrow 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 overlaid up for you to be kept until the morning. And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein. And Moses said, eat that today; for today is a Sabbath unto the Lord; today ye shall not find it in the field. Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the Sabbath, in it there shall be none."

Under the leadership of Moses, it was the third month before the Israelites came to Mount Sinai and the Ten Com-



mandments were given to Moses on two tables of stone — and before he came down from the mountain from communing with God, they had made a golden calf: to which they offered burnt offerings. God said to Moses (Exodus 32:8). “They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto.” Notice that Moses had not yet delivered to them the Ten Commandment Law, written by the finger of God on the two tables of stone, yet God said he already had commanded them.

All the foregoing scripture passages give clear evidence that God had given to man a standard of righteousness — a law by which his righteousness was measured or judged (and one specific point of that law was the Sabbath) — else how could man know what was sin? How can we say, then, that no law existed before Sinai? Or no law concerning sin or the Sabbath before Sinai? It will be good to review the Ten Commandments, meditating deeply and prayerfully upon each and its full implication for us today.

## II. The Two Covenants

The word covenant means an agreement. Exodus 19:1ff: “In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. . . . And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; . . . Now therefore, if ye WILL OBEY MY VOICE indeed, and keep my covenant, then shall ye be a PECULIAR TREASURE unto me above all people.” Genesis 17:19: God told Abraham: “Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his SEED after him.” Genesis 18:18: “Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the NATIONS of the earth shall be blessed in him.” Again God said to Abraham (Genesis 22:18), “And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.”

Exodus 23:32 (God was speaking to the children of Israel here concerning the Philistines): “Thou shalt make no covenant WITH them, nor WITH thy gods.” Exodus 34:12: “Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant WITH the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a

snare in the midst of thee.” Genesis 6:18: God said to Noah, “But WITH thee I will establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark.” Genesis 6:22: “Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.”

Therefore we see that any covenant God made with his people was an understanding. It was ratified only by their obedience — it either became a mutual agreement or the covenant was broken.

## III. The Ten Commandments

God spoke the Ten Commandment Law to Moses when he went up to the top of the mountain (Exodus 19:20). Exodus 24:12, 18: “And the Lord said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them. . . . And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.” Exodus 31:12-32:19: “And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 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. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel FOR EVER: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed. And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God. And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.” Aaron yielded to their demands. “And the Lord said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I COMMANDED them.” Notice that Moses had not yet delivered unto them the Ten Commandments on the two tables. “And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his



hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables. . . . And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and broke them beneath the mount." Exodus 34:1, 4; "And the Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the word that were in the first tables, which thou brakest. . . . And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up to Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone." Exodus 34:28, 29: "And he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; and he did neither eat bread nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the TEN COMMANDMENTS. And it came to pass, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him." Deuteronomy 10:1: God commanded Moses to put the two tables in the ark of the covenant. Deuteronomy 10:5: "And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the Lord commanded me." Psalm 19:7f: "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: . . . the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes." Psalm 111:7ff: "The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments." Psalm 112:1: "Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments."

Psalm 37:30f: "The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom. . . . The law of God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide." Psalm 40:8: "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." Isaiah 8:14 (The prophet of the Gentiles, prophesying of the Messiah): "And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence . . . to the inhabitants of Jerusalem." In verse 16 he says: "Bind up the

testimony, seal the LAW among my disciples." Verse 20: "To the LAW and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Matthew 5:17ff: "Think not that I am come to destroy the LAW, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, TILL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till ALL be fulfilled." ALL means everything, and everything will not be fulfilled till this earth passes away.

Luke 16:17: "And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail." I John 5:2f: "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous." I John 2:3ff: "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby we know that we are in him. . . . Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning." James 2:10f: "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law." This shows that it was Ten Commandment Law to which James had reference. In the next verse he calls it the law of liberty.

I Corinthians 15:66: "The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law." Romans 7:12ff: "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. . . . For we know that the law is spiritual." Romans 7:7: "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet."

Here Paul makes it clear that he has reference to the Ten Commandment Law. The Ten Commandment Law is restated in the fifth chapter of Deuteronomy. In the twenty-second verse it says that God himself wrote this Law on two tables of stone, and that "he added no more."

Revelation 14:12: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they



that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.' This is a part of the third angel's message which John heard on the isle of Patmos. Revelation 22:14: "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

#### IV. The Sacrificial Law of Moses

Exodus 21:1 God said to Moses, "Now these are the JUDGMENTS which thou shalt set before them." Then follow in chapters 21, 22, and 23 divers laws and ordinances. Exodus 24:4ff: "And MOSES WROTE all the words of the Lord, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar upon a hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel." Then he sent young men who offered sacrifices unto the Lord. "And he took the BOOK of the covenant, and read it in the audience of the people; and they said, All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient." Exodus 28: Aaron and his sons were set apart to serve in these ordinances of tabernacle service. Then follow two chapters of consecration of priests, of ordinances, of sacrifices, circumcision, feasts, etc., which were to be carried out in the Aaronic priesthood (Leviticus 1:5, 7f; 2:2), later to be known as the Levitical priesthood. Under this priesthood any sins of the people not done wilfully — not premeditated — unintentional sins were atoned for by offerings of sacrifices, and these sacrifices were offered at certain times. Also there were laws of feast days — days that were to be feast sabbaths, sabbaths of celebration, high sabbaths (Leviticus 23:7, 8, 21, 24, 25, 28). Deuteronomy 31:24-26: "And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law IN A BOOK, until they were finished, that Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord, saying, Take this BOOK of the law, and put it in the SIDE of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee."

Hebrews 7:11ff: "If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law (the Levitical or ceremonial law). . . . For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate

from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. For the law (the Levitical law, the law of Moses) maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the (this) law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore." Hebrews 9:8f: "While as the first tabernacle was yet standing: which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience." Hebrews 10:1ff: "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? . . . For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins." Luke 16:16: "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached." Galatians 3:19: "Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come." Galatians 5:2ff: "Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. For I testify to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. . . . For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love."

Hebrews 9:1ff: "Then verily the first covenant had also ORDINANCES of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. . . . Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ORDINANCES, imposed on them until the time of reformation. But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands. . . . For if the blood of bulls and of goats . . . sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh; how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without a spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" Ephesians 2:15: "Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments CONTAINED IN ORDINANCES; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace."



Colossians 2:14: "Blotting out the **handwriting** of ORDINANCES that was against us, which was contrary to us, nailing it to his cross." Notice that it was handwriting of ordinances that the Messiah blotted out, not the Law that was written by the finger of God.

#### V. Justification; Not under law, but under Grace

Galatians 3:11: "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident: for, The just shall live by faith." Galatians 2:16: "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ." Galatians 3:22: "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by the faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."

We are all sinners before God until we accept the Saviour by faith and repentance. It is he who saves us from past sins — justifies us in the sight of our Creator. He does the justifying — imparts the saving grace — and no deeds of the Law can do that. Galatians 3:24f: "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith (the Law convicted us of sin, showed us what sin is). But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster." A schoolmaster or teacher must have rules of conduct to have any order in school. All those students who would be unruly are kept under subjection by the rules. But after the student becomes a man, a good citizen, does he have the right to beat up a fellowman, or lie, or cheat because he is no longer under the schoolmaster? Just so, when we are true followers of our master we do not have a right to break God's holy commandment because we are not under the Law but under grace. We can say with the Psalmist, "I delight to do thy will, O my God; yea, thy law is within my heart." (Psalm 40:8)

Galatians 2:17ff: "But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. (Remember, sin is the transgression of the Law.) For if I build again the things which I have destroyed, I make myself a transgressor." Romans 6:1ff: "What shall we say, then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? . . . Know yet not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether or sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? . . . For

the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 7:6: "But now we are delivered from (the condemnation of) the law; . . . that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter." Romans 8:3f: "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

So keeping the Law could never justify us or save us from past sins, but the saving faith in the Messiah enables us to serve in newness of the Spirit to fulfill — to carry out — to live — the righteousness of the Law, to keep his commandments from a heart of love, to say with Paul, "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man." (Romans 7:22)

#### VI. The New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31f: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put MY LAW in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people." Notice God did not say a new law, but my Law. Hebrews 8:8f: "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: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; . . . 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." II Corinthians 3:3: "Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink (as was the ceremonial law), but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart." Ezekiel 11:19f: "And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you;



and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh: that they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God." Ezekiel 36:26f: "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them."

#### VII. Children of Israel

Isaiah 62:2: "And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name." All God's children in their spiritual experience have a new name given them. Genesis 17:3ff: "And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of MANY nations (not just of the Jewish nation). Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee." People of every nation, and kindred, and tongue are to share in this spiritual experience. Genesis 17:15ff: "And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her. . . . And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him."

Abraham believed God, and when God commanded him to do anything, there was for him no other course but to step out in faith believing that God would take care of him. Even when commanded to offer his Isaac as a sacrifice, and the child questioned, "Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham replied, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering." (Genesis 22:7f) Genesis 32:24ff: "And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man (angels were spoken of as men. Genesis 19:1, 5) until the breaking of the day. . . . And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel; for

as a prince thou hast POWER WITH GOD and with men, and hast prevailed. . . . And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, for I have SEEN GOD FACE TO FACE, and my life is preserved." Acts 13:9: Saul was called Paul after his religious experience. Revelation 2:17; 3:12: "And I will write upon him my new name." Romans 9:7f: "Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but in Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed." Galatians 3:7ff: "Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. (So then they which be of faith are blessed with the faithful Abraham.) And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all NATIONS be blessed." Ephesians 3:6: "That the Gentiles should be the fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel." Romans 2:28f: "For he is not a Jew which is one outwardly; . . . but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit," Galatians 4:4f: "God sent forth his Son . . . to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." Romans 11:11ff: "I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles. . . . for I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles. . . . And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; . . . thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: for if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, IF thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off."

Romans 8:15: "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." Galatians 3:29: "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Followers of the Master, then, are



spiritual Israelites. The Saviour said of his followers, Nathaniel, that he was "an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile." (John 1:47)

Exodus 31:13ff: "Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: . . . It is a sign between me and the children of Israel FOREVER." "It is a sign between me and you . . . that ye may know that I am the Lord."

#### VIII. Faith Without Works

James 2:20 "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" James 2:14: "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?" James 2:24: "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only." James 2:26: "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." 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." James 2:17f: "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me they faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." Romans 2:11ff: "For there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; (for not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, there, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the meanwhile accusing or else excusing one another.")

After Moses remained so long in the Mount that the people became impatient and worshipped a golden calf, he prayed that if God would not forgive their sins, to blot him out of the book of life. (Exodus 32:32) The Lord answered Moses, "Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." Revelation 3:5: "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels." Matthew 10:22: "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that ENDURETH TO THE END shall be saved." Matthew 24:12f: "And because

iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." See also Mark 13:13.

Revelation 22:19: "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life." How could one's name be blotted out if it had not been there?

#### IX. The First Day of the Week in the New Testament

The first day of the week is mentioned only eight times in the New Testament. In none of these places is there even a hint that the first day was to replace the Sabbath, or was to be regarded as the day of rest or worship.

(1) Mark 16:2: "And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun." As they talked about their Lord, coming to the sepulchre, they saw a young man (an angel). He said to them, "Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him." We see that at that time, he was already gone.

(2) Mark 16:9: "Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils." **Was risen** is a verb of the past perfect tense, which is clear evidence that he had already risen sometime before "early the first day of the week." Where is one single indication in this for worship on the first day? Verses 11 to 14 state that the disciples did not believe that their Master was alive, so they certainly were not assembled to commemorate his resurrection.

(3) Luke 24:1-3: "Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus." Two angels told them, "He is not here, but is risen." He was already gone from the tomb. Again, where is the evidence for first-day worship? There is not a hint.

(4) Luke 24:13: "And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs." They talked together of the things which had happened, and while they did so, the Master himself drew near, and went with them, but they did not know him.



He listened to what they had to say, and beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. Had his resurrection been intended to change the day of worship, this would have been an ideal time to mention it. Then toward evening, when the day was far spent, he ate a meal with them, breaking and blessing the bread. If this was the evening meal, it was already the second day of the week, since the days were reckoned from sundown to sundown.

(5) John 20:1f: "The first day of the week came Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him." Notice he was already gone. Then, when the risen Lord himself met Mary, he said to her, "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God." Notice that this is the same first day as that of the above quotations from Luke's gospel.

(6) John 20:19: "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you." These words were to comfort them in their fear. Notice that they were assembled, not to commemorate his resurrection, but for fear of the Jews. His appearance to them at this time was clearly to prove to them that he had actually risen, since he showed them his hands and his side in proof that it was he and not another. Not one hint is here of his replacing the Sabbath with first-day worship.

In John 20:26 we find that eight days later the disciples were again within, and Thomas with them, with the doors shut. The Master stood in their midst, and again said, "Peace be unto you." This is the same salutation as at his previous appearance on the first day of the week. If that expression made the first day a day of worship, then the same could be claimed for the second day, which was eight days later.

Verse 31 of this chapter tells why these things were written: "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life

through his name." This shows very clearly that they were not written to express any change whatsoever in the Sabbath, or day of worship. We see also that there is positively no evidence that the Saviour even rose from the dead on the first day of the week.

(7) Acts 20:7: "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." This meeting was on what we now all call Saturday night, since the day began at sunset, and not at all on Sunday as we now reckon it from midnight to midnight. Reading the whole story, it is very clear that the central theme of it is the raising to life of the young man who fell out of the window, and not one word is said about it being henceforth a worship day. When "break of day" came, Paul traveled that day and three succeeding days, showing that he considered the first day common along with the other six days of the week. Paul told the elders of the church at Ephesus, "I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you," (verse 20) and "I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." (verse 27) Had there been such an important change as one affecting the day of worship, he certainly would have mentioned it. The very silence concerning such a change is the weightiest of evidence against it.

(8) I Corinthians 16:1-3: "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality to Jerusalem."

Acts 11:28f and Romans 15:25f give a clear idea of what this collection was and for what it was. "There stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the spirit that there should be great dearth. . . . Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren which dwelt in Judea." "But now I go to Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. For it hath pleased them of Macadonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem. It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things."



Now it can be seen very clearly that this laying by in store on the first day of the week, "that there be no gatherings when I come," was simply an exhortation to the people to have what they were able to give ready, so he would not have to go around and gather it up. There is not here one hint of a worship service on the first day of the week, but the story tells of a business collection, or a gathering up of provisions or cash. Nothing is mentioned as to whether the collection was money or provisions.

Leaders of first-day churches deny the fact that the Roman Catholic church instituted first-day observance in an effort to destroy the Sabbath of the Bible. They say that the "early church fathers" kept the first day of the week. A careful investigation will show what "early church fathers" it was who did so. Also, "The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine" will be an eye-opener to anyone who really wants the truth about how this attempted change in the Law of God occurred. Should we obey God or man?

#### X. The Sabbath in the New Testament

Some have made the assertion that, because the first day of the week is mentioned eight times in the New Testament, that is evidence that it replaces the Sabbath at the day of worship. We find the weekly Sabbath, the holy and sanctified Sabbath of the Lord, mentioned not eight, but forty-four times.

##### (1) From the Gospels.

Matthews 12:1-12: In this passage of twelve verses alone, the Sabbath is mentioned eight times. The Pharisees attempted to accuse the Master's disciples of breaking the Sabbath; but he tells them, "The Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day." What, then, is the Lord's day? There was a man which had his hand withered, and, that they might accuse him, they asked, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day?" He asked them, "What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the Sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do WELL on the Sabbath day."

Matthew 24:20. In this chapter, the Saviour foretold the destruction of Jerusalem which was to occur forty-four years after his resurrection, and gave them this admonition: "But pray that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day." This fact speaks for itself.

Matthew 28:1-6: "In the end of the

Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women. Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." What does this seem to indicate about the time of the Saviour's resurrection?

Mark in his gospel mentions the word Sabbath (referring to the weekly Sabbath) nine times. Mark 1:21: "And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the Sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught." Mark 2:23f: "And it came to pass, that he went through the cornfields on the Sabbath day; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn. And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the Sabbath day that which is not lawful?" In the next three verses the Master shows them that the relief of hunger is perfectly in keeping with the rightful observance of the Sabbath, and in verse 28 he asserts: "Therefore the Son of man is Lord of the Sabbath." Again we see it made known by Mark which day is the Lord's day.

We also see, in the first verse of the next chapter, that the Saviour was on his way to church when the Pharisees were criticising, and that in church they were on hand to accuse again. Mark 3:1-4: "And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand. And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the Sabbath day; that they might accuse him. And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth. And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace." He silenced them in their attempt to accuse him of Sabbath-breaking.

Mark 6:1f: "And he came out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him. And when the Sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue." Mark 16:1: "And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had brought sweet



spices that they might come and anoint him."

Luke 6:1-5: Here again we find recorded, by Luke, the Pharisees criticism of the disciples plucking the corn when they were hungry, and Luke also declares that the Master replied to them, "The Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath." So Luke recognized which day is the Lord's day. Luke 14:1-6: Here the Great Physician heals a man who has dropsy, and again the Pharisees seek to accuse him. As in the other instances, he proved to them that by their own standards of Sabbath observance, he had not broken the Sabbath. "And they could not answer him again to these things."

John 5:5, 6, 8, 9, 16, 17: Here we have the story of a certain man who had had an infirmity for thirty-eight years, and when the Master Healer saw him lie there, and knew for how long he had been in that state, he healed him. It was the Sabbath, and therefore the Jews persecuted the Saviour, and sought to slay him, because he had done those things on the Sabbath. But he answered them, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." In this connection, see the following from Isaiah 58: 13f: "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 shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

This prophet of the Gentiles tells us that it is the Lord's work, and only the Lord's work, that we are to do on the Sabbath day. The Master was doing only the Lord's work in healing a man who had been a cripple for thirty-eight years. Any mind of reason would never for a moment hold that the Saviour meant that God disregarded his own precepts. John 7:22ff: "Moses therefore gave you circumcision. . . . If a man on the Sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses be not broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the Sabbath day? Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment." These are the Lord's own words to the criticising Pharisees.

**(2) From the Acts of the Apostles, the Apostolic Church**

Act 1:12: "Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the Mount called

Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a Sabbath day's journey." This was right after the ascension.

Acts 13:14ff: "But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and sat down. . . . Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience. . . . And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached into them the next Sabbath. . . . And the next Sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God." Notice that Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles (Acts 13:47; Romans 11:13), was preaching to Gentiles in a Gentile city on the Sabbath day.

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." Reading from the twelfth through the fifteenth verses, we see that the church at Philippi was born here. This is known as the first Gentile church.

Acts 17:2: "And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbaths reasoned with them out of the scriptures."

Acts 18:1-3: "Paul came to Corinth and abode with Aquilla and Priscilla, because he was of the same craft, and wrought; for by their occupations they were tentmakers." "And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. . . . And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them." This means seventy-eight successive Sabbath services to Gentile people by the apostle to the Gentiles. Remember that he was a tentmaker; yet we do not find one instance where he worked on the Sabbath. Always, wherever we find the Master or his disciples on the Sabbath day, it is recorded that they were at a church service or on their way to church.

Many voice the opinion that Christians today should emphasize the things that their Leader emphasized — and that he did not emphasize Sabbath-keeping. He did not need to emphasize the strictness of it. It is very clear that that received emphasis enough. His effort was to raise it from the coldness of the letter into the realm of the Spirit; which he did magnificently, if only we have his Spirit in use to see it in that glorious light. Not in one single instance can any thoroughly hon-



est follower of his say that he minimized the sacredness of the Sabbath, or removed the sanctity which God had placed upon it; but always he showed the Sabbath to be for the blessing of mankind, both spiritual and physical. He emphasized the evils of his day, and if we are truly his, we want to emphasize the evils of this age — one of which is the wholesale denouncement of his holy Sabbath day (which denouncement was instituted by the Roman Catholic church, the beast of Revelation 14 and Daniel 7).

We claim to take the Bible only as our guide of faith and practice. Then, since we can find no authority in the Bible for first-day observance, we should certainly emphasize this as one of the evils of today. I John 2:6: "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk, even as he walked." If we should have the temptation to evade our perfect Example in the observance of the Sabbath by the assertion that he kept the Sabbath only because he was a Jew; and that if we keep the Sabbath because he kept it, then we are obligated to keep the Passover because he kept it; we should remember that Matthew and Luke both said that the ceremonial law and the prophets were until John. (Matthew 11:13; Luke 16:16). Some have been heard to present the former idea, and under almost the same breath quote these verses from Matthew and John to prove that the Ten Commandment Law ended with John the Baptist, thereby contradicting their own statements. Just before his trial and crucifixion, the Saviour instituted the sacrament of the Lord's Supper for Christian observance instead of the Passover.

### (3) From the Epistles

Many voice the opinion that the silence of the epistles upon the Sabbath is evidence that it is of little importance. This very silence is most emphatic support for the Sabbath, since the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles are so full of it. Only a person most devoid of sound reason argues such a point, not to mention a person filled with the Holy Spirit. No one who is wholly honest with God, and therefore with his Son (who said over and over that he and his Father are one) will advance such an excuse. If we desire to be honest, we are not going to study the Sabbath question to search for excuses to support a popular opinion. "A doubleminded man is unstable in all his ways." "Draw nigh unto God, and he will draw nigh unto you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and

purify your hearts, ye doubleminded." (James 1:8;4:8)

All the epistles are NOT silent on the question. If one will go to God with a burning, consuming, longing, vitalizing zeal to have God's holy truth illuminated in his heart, and in that attitude only, study the fourth chapter of Hebrews, "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and . . . the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward."

"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. . . . For we which have believed do enter into rest. . . . For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest this seventh day from all his works. . . . For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day (the day of eternal rest in our eternal home. Some argue that Jesus is our rest, and that belief on him suffices for the Sabbath). There remaineth therefore a rest (in eternal life) to the people of God." God's holy, sanctified Sabbath is a commemoration of creation, "a sign between God and his people forever," and a type or symbol of that heavenly rest; and is just as important as the symbol of baptism or the Lord's Supper — considered in the fullest purpose of God, even more so. "For he that 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. (It is an example of unbelief to refuse the holy Sabbath of God.) For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword; piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit . . . and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight; but all things are naked and opened to the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

Can we convince God of our humility, be our attitude ever so humble, when his holy Word says that he gave us a specific day, by placing upon it his stamp of sanctification, and then say, O, it doesn't make any difference which day we keep, just so we humble ourselves before God. Only complete submission to God blessed, glorious, Holy Spirit can give one understanding of this fourth chapter of Hebrews. To anyone else it has no meaning. "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in the time of need."



We do most emphatically need the grace of God to help us to overcome all desire for popular opinion.

The following quotation is one that truly speaks out in the epistles. Paul wrote (II Timothy 4:3f), "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts (the lust for popularity, or love of preconceived ideas, or approval of one's denomination) shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." The first-day observance doctrine is a Roman Catholic fable, and a commandment of men.

Even though a brilliant man may assume the title of Reverend or Doctor and contrive to explain away the holy, sanctified Sabbath that God gave to his people as "a sign between him and his people for ever," in whatever beautiful terms and in a cloak of humility, yet he cannot "alter the line that God hath writ." God's truth will stand throughout all the ages, and our Master has an answer for that attitude. "Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not . . . done many wonderful works? And then I will profess unto them . . . depart from me." How can any man who in this matter misleads people who are trusting him to lead face God even in prayer asking any petition of him?

God in his infinite wisdom knew the needs of men all down through the ages; that he needed a whole day every week for refreshment in the Spirit; that true refreshment, wholeness, could not be experienced (no matter how much he dedicates his material, physical, carnal work to God) according to God's plan without this whole day of dedication. That he made us thus is not for us to question if we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and body; and that he did give us the specific day is not to be refuted. Has man reached such heights of spiritual attainment that he does not need to obey God's voice? Has the beast of Daniel 7 and Revelation 14 not brought all this confusion into the man-recognized church, how much more would the world be influenced by the church! God is not the author of confusion, but of peace; but his peace is the eternal and unchangeable word of truth in our hearts.

Revelation 14:8ff: "And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, that great city (confusion). Genesis 11:9: Isaiah 9:8), because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. 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 (mind), or in his hand (practice), 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. . . . Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

Do we truly have a conscience toward God, or is it a conscience only to our fellowmen? Ecclesiastes 12:13: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." His commandments cover every duty to God and to our fellowman. Micah 6:8: "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" This sums up the whole of the Ten Commandments in one sentence — our whole duty to God and to our fellowman. Mark 12:29ff: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength; this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Again we have the sum of the whole Ten Commandment Law. Love is the fulfilling of the Law. How can we prove to God or man our love, without fulfilling in our lives every precept of that eternal and unchangeable Law? "And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he; and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God."

If the Messiah were here in person today he would be just as unpopular among a great majority of the religious leaders as he was on the day of his crucifixion regarding both tables of the Law, the truth of the holy Sabbath, and the attitude of many toward our fellowmen. True, "the letter (alone) killeth but the Spirit giveth life (to the letter)." Read the Master's own attitude toward the letter in Matthew 5:21-32. Paraphrasing James 2:18, let



us say, Show me the Spirit without the letter and I will show you the Spirit by the letter.

Do we think that God is pleased with people living the popular way? O, no! Praise his holy name! No more than he was pleased with his people worshipping idols because that was the popular thing — and because it is the popular thing is the only reason under heaven for disregard of the blessed, holy, sanctified Sabbath of the Lord.

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**Your Congressman Will Vote For a Blank-day Calendar Some Day Unless You Tell Him About The Standard Calendar Now**

It is well known that strenuous efforts have been made to secure the adoption of the World Calendar, or some other "blank-day" calendar — and these efforts have not ceased. It is also a matter of common knowledge to most readers of THE SABBATH SENTINEL that such a calendar will make it next to impossible to observe either the Bible Sabbath or any other day of rest.

It is of vital importance that we contact someone either in the Senate or the House of Representatives, or both, who is willing to sponsor the Standard Alternate-Month Civil Calendar. Every Senator and Congressman should at least be informed of the evils of the

"blank-day" calendars, and be made aware of the existence of a calendar which eliminates the only defects of the Gregorian calendar without doing any damage to the seven-day weekly cycle.

We urge every reader of this magazine to write to his Senators and Congressmen advocating the Standard Calendar, and that he send with his letter some of the literature which The Bible Sabbath Association has prepared for this purpose. Booklet No. 5, "The Standard Alternate Month Civil Calendar," tells the whole story and sells for 10c each, or \$7.00 per 100. A two-sheet printed letter entitled "Calendar Reform" is available to send with these booklets; and also a short summary of the proposed calendar reform is now available. These may be obtained from the Secretary of the Association, Mr. George A. Main, Box 3, Pomona Park, Florida.

The Standard Calendar is already in use by association and individuals, and has proved to be satisfactory. Now is the time to fight the "blank-day" calendars, not after one has been adopted. And the way to fight it is by having a calendar adopted which will preserve to us the right to worship according to the dictates of our conscience.

Do your part now. Write to Mr. Main for full information as to how you can help with this important project.

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## *D.V.B.S. as Seen by the Sentinel*

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Certain sections of the country have been recently holding the annual Daily Vacation Bible School sessions. The Sentinel, let it be clear, heartily approves of giving our children the best and the purest Bible teaching during the early years, the formative time of the lives of our children. The youth of today, it is well known, will be the leaders in the secular and religious world of tomorrow. It is our duty, then, to teach them and equip them properly to administer the duties which will, all too soon, be thrust upon their shoulders. It will then become their duty to rear another generation.

We may learn from Eccl. 12:1 and 2 Tim 3:15 that child training and youthful instruction are requisites, from a Bible teaching standpoint, if we would see the salvation of our children and fit them to win for Christ the future generations which it will be their duty to instruct in his righteousness. It is to be regretted that pure teaching from the Word should be limited to but two weeks' time following the close of the public and secular schools. Time spent in such classes can be spent to good advantage, keeping our children off the streets, preventing them from maintaining contacts of an undesirable nature, such as may easily come by wandering aimlessly about the streets of our cities. That time could be used, and should be used, to good advantage, even the eternal advantage of the soul's welfare, by spending the time that would be wasted, yea, spending that time in Bible study. **THROUGH THE WORD ONLY, WE HAVE SALVATION.**

The writer attended the very inspirational closing services of the D.V.B.S. which has just been held in our city. It is truly wonderful how well our children respond to the teaching of just a few days. It is thrilling to hear them sing the songs of Zion and of deliverance from sin. The Father's blessing upon each of those who participated. May each child feel an urge to read the Word and study deeper in a continued search for TRUTH and LIGHT. Our Father will impart unto them, if they will ask him, any wisdom and under-

standing that may be lacking. It was generally good that the writer's own children had a part in these services. He hopes the TRUTHS learned will never be lost, and that the enrichment of life, through learning from the source of life, will always be cherished by all those who participated. It is hoped that many of the children may some day stand behind the sacred desk proclaiming the saving truths that they have learned.

Now, here is the sad thing, the regrettable feature of the program which is supposed to be 100% Bible founded. Satan has been busy, leaving no stones unturned, to show that our Father is a liar! He has injected this venom into the teachings of such schools. It is almost imperceptible, but it is there. The writer feels, very sincerely, that there is a studied effort somewhere along the line to use this very inspirational and enthusiastic program to route or detour such a fine group of boys and girls off the proper track, causing them to forget the Commandments which our Creator has given to guide us in our proper conduct thorough life. By faith we are saved, and by grace empowered to do those things which are called for in the Ten Commandments. The Creator never asks anyone to do the impossible. We can do all things, even keep the Commandments, through Christ who strengthens us. Philippians 4:13,19.

Satan would inject into such a laudable program the inference that our Creator changes! He would make him a liar! We know that this cannot be, for Heb. 13:8 plainly tells us that the Saviour is the same yesterday, today, and forever. There are other references which could be given, but this one from the New Testament should be one of the outstanding ones.

The enemy has placed in the literature for such daily vacation Bible training the lie which says that the Sabbath has been changed, that now, Sunday, not the 7th day or Saturday, is the Sabbath. My own daughter holds one of the study booklets which classes the 7th day Sabbath right along with the



rest of the ceremonial law *which was nailed to the cross when Christ died!* Learned scholars and teachers well know that the ceremonial law of Moses and the Ten Commandments are not the same thing, yet they persist in feeding these minute bits of spiritual poison to the minds and hearts of our children. All the while they do this, they claim that the 4th Commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day," still stands and is binding. They then go through all sorts of fantastic didos and philosophical gymnastics to show that the 4th Commandment now reads as usual, the 7th day, but actually means the 1st day. All rather confusing isn't it? Since when, and where, did the Lord change the time of the Sabbath? Has he changed his immutable Law, the standard of all righteousness, and the code of conduct for man so long as he lives? Rom. 7:1. By that standard of righteousness we shall all be judged! Who is lying and misleading our future men and women Has God changed? Surely he is not lying? Romans 3:4. Shall not the SENTINEL cry out against this gross misleading of our children?

Crime and lawlessness rolls on! Our youth, many of them, are ensnared in such teaching that says there is no law. We soon find out that the law of the land has teeth in it if we disobey it. Is the Law of Jehovah any less potent? Our youth are taught to believe that the very law after which all human laws are patterned, has been changed, abrogated, or otherwise nullified. This inculcates a looseness of moral character and fiber that will weaken under temptation. Is there any wonder that some of the D.V.B.S. students of today may very likely be the enemies of society and the criminals of tomorrow? O, Father, spare us that anguish! Help us to show that sin is transgression of your Law, and that sin when it is finished brings forth death! Help us to save our children in their formative years, and bring them to a healthy respect for LAW AND ORDER, hating anything that will ultimately end in LAWLESSNESS AND DISORDER or CHAOS.

Our children may learn the Ten Commandments forward and backward and be able to speak them off with machine gun rapidity, but if they are taught that even one of the Commandments has been abrogated, changed, or otherwise nullified, how can they ever have respect for the other 9 precepts which make up the Decalog? Will not such respect be damaged greatly, if not wholly, and altogether become lost?

Can they not reason: If the 4th Commandment has changed, and man can do the changing, with full approbation from the Lord, why cannot the others be altered to fit the individual's desires, whims and fancies, and still have the smile of his approval? How long can we play with his Law, teaching our children that it is right and proper to do it, and that we need not fear the consequences in the judgment? This is rather presumptuous, isn't it? The SENTINEL is disturbed, but not in the least surprised when he beholds such crass presumption being foisted upon the innocent children which the Father has seen fit to entrust to us. This rank disregard for the Commandment which our Saviour, himself, our Example, observed, is nothing more than what we might expect from a people, who, claiming to know him, have actually forgotten him and all that he stands for. If his custom and manner was to keep the Bible Sabbath, should we do any differently by worshipping and resting on another day than he did? Luke 4:16, 31 and 1 John 2:6.

It is truly serious when we teach our children to claim to know him, but all the while teach them to avoid his Commandments. In truth, we teach them to lie! 1 John 2:4 says, "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the TRUTH IS NOT IN HIM. That's very strong Scripture, friends, but let us face the issue and the facts squarely! Let the SENTINEL declare unto those who persist, in the face of knowing better, or having been enlightened, and they still continue in this lying delusion, that a fearful judgment awaits them. No liars will be given access to the glories beyond this life. They shall not enter into the heavenly rest, into the eternal Sabbath blessing of our Saviour. Rev. 21:8, 27; 22:15. The Sabbath of creation and the Creator will be restored in the new earth. Sunday will not be observed then. Isa. 66:23. To hate the TRUE SABBATH now, and to fail to observe it after coming to know that it still exists, means that you are sinning against light, and that if you persist, the oft reproval, and your hardening of heart and stiffening of neck will mean that you will be cut off, and that, without remedy! Read Prov. 29:1.

The Spirit is calling today, calling for us to come out from Romish and pagan or heathen worship. Let us heed Rev. 18:4 and hurry to come into conformance with his will.

Noting that the D.V.B.S. is being used to recruit Sunday converts and



anti-Law promoters, teaching children to disregard Truth as it comes from the Bible regarding the Sabbath question; the SENTINEL is aroused to sound the alarm and the warning, and to ask that those who have been taken in by this cunning propaganda, consider and weigh the facts and fancies, accepting the facts and rejecting Satan's insertions of untruth and Creator-belittlement.

One writer has likened the attempt to change the Law of God to an ancient mischievous practice of turning in a wrong direction a signpost erected at an important junction where two roads meet. The perplexity and hardship which this practice often caused was great. A signpost was erected by God for those journeying through this world. One arm of this signpost turned out willing obedience to the Creator as the road to felicity and life, while the other arm indicated disobedience as the path to misery and death. The way to happiness was as clearly defined as was the way to the city of refuge under the Jewish dispensation. But in an evil hour for our race, the great enemy of all good turned the signpost around, and multitudes have mistaken the way.—Prophets and Kings.

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"The bigger a man's head gets, the easier it is to fill his shoes."

### No Sabbath Work — No Unemployment Compensation

The LAKE UNION HERALD, publication of one of the union conferences of the Seventh-day Adventists, reports that unemployment compensation was denied members of that church because they could not accept jobs which involved work on the Sabbath. What do you think will happen should a planned economy give the government the right to say where and when a man shall work? This is a foretaste of that time when "no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark."

"The Bible is not any book you might select from a pile of seven books. There is but one Holy Bible, one only. Jesus Christ is not any man you might select out of a group of seven men; there is but one Lord Jesus Christ, and only one. The Sabbath Day is not any day you might choose out of a week of seven days; the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God."—The Resurrection—When? by Ithamar Quigley.

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"The reason we keep the first day of the week holy is for the same reason that we observe many other things—not because of the Bible, but the church has enjoined it."—Plain Sermons on the Catechism (Church of England), Vol. 1, page 334.

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## Should YOU Be With Us?

Some of our readers may not fully understand the nature of The Bible Sabbath Association. All of you are no doubt aware of the fact that in practically every state of the union there are laws which provide fines or possibly imprisonment for those who do work on Sunday. Fortunately for those who wish to obey the Ten Commandments, including the one which enjoins on us rest on the seventh day and work on all other six, these laws are not generally enforced.

However, many of you may not be aware of the fact that there are old and well established organizations whose major purposes are to prove that the first day, and not the seventh, is the Christian sabbath, and that all who will not refrain from work thereon should be fined and imprisoned.

What is more logical, therefore, than that those who wish to obey the Sabbath commandment should organize to advance its truths and to defend themselves from fine and imprisonment?

You will realize also that Sunday-keeping churches have recognized that it requires an organization **independent** of the church to promote Sunday observance effectively. This organization exists because Sabbath-keepers also have come to know that an **independent** organization is necessary to promote Sabbath observance and prevent by education some of the persecution of the Dark Ages.

If you want to join in such a program, you should become a member of this Association. Any officer will gladly give you full information.

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"The moral law which the Catholic Church inculcates on her children is the highest and holiest standard of perfection ever presented to any people, and furnishes the strongest incentives to virtue. "The same Divine precepts delivered through Moses to the Jews, on Mount Sinai, the same salutary warnings which the Prophets uttered throughout Judea, the same sublime lessons of morality which Jesus gave on the Mount—these are the lessons which the Church teaches from January to December. . . . This code of Divine precepts is enforced with as much zeal by the Church as was the Decalogue of old by Moses, when he said, "These words, which I command you this day, shall be in thy heart; and thou shalt tell them to thy children; and thou shalt meditate upon them, sitting in thy house, and walking on thy journey, sleeping and rising." "The Faith of Our Fathers, by James Cardinal Gibbons.

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"No Christian whatever is free from the obedience of the commandments which are called moral."—The Methodist Discipline, Article 6.

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"We believe that the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government."—The Baptist Church Manual, Article 12.

"It must be confessed that there is no law in the New Testament concerning the first day." Buck's Theological Dictionary (Methodist).

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"The Scripture nowhere calls the first day of the week the Sabbath. . . . There is no Scriptural authority for so doing, nor, of course, any Scriptural obligation." The Watchman (Baptist).

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"The Christian Sabbath, Sunday, is not in the Scripture, and was not by the primitive church called the Sabbath." Dwight's Theology (Presbyterian).

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"The seventh day, the commandment says, is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. No kind of arithmetic, no kind of almanac, can make seven equal to one, or the seventh mean first, nor Saturday mean Sunday. . . . The fact is we are all Sabbath-breakers, every one of us." Rev. George Hodges (Episcopal).

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"The moral law doth forever bind all, as well justified persons as others, to the obedience thereof. Neither does Christ in the gospel in any way dissolve, but much strengthen, this obligation."—The Presbyterian Confession of Faith, Article 5.



## Sunday Baseball

It may sometimes seem to us that the pleasure-loving American public has more or less made Sunday laws unenforceable — but those laws are still on the books, and they have not been forgotten. The Philadelphia Methodist Conference at its 164th annual meeting this spring has asked for strict enforcement of Pennsylvania blue laws as they affect Sunday baseball. This church group has endorsed a proposal that pressure be put upon officials of the government to restrict baseball to the hours from two p. m. to six p. m., which according to the Rev. Dr. B. Smith Stull is the only time state laws permit baseball on Sundays. Nor does the conference intend to stop with a resolution — if the police fail to act, the conference is to proceed to take legal steps to have the law enforced. Maybe you don't want to see a baseball game in Philadelphia on Sunday evening, anyway — but every step taken to promote or enforce blue laws is a step to deprive you of the right to worship (or not to worship) as you choose.

## Vote On Sabbath — Or Don't Vote

The laws of the state of Montana require that school elections in that state shall always be held on Saturdays. There are several thousand citizens of the state who believe that they cannot conscientiously transact the business of the state on the Sabbath, and these citizens are denied the right to have a voice in determining the policies of the educational system which they are taxed to support.

"Money is like some men, the tighter it gets, the louder it talks."

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"Obstacles are those frightful things we see when we take our eyes off the goal."

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"Don't race a train to a crossing—if it's a tie—you lose."

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"A good friend is a person who will do anything for you, when he knows you cannot give him anything in return."

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"A friend is one who knows all about you, but likes you anyway."

## Tell Us About It

Does your city or state have laws which seek to establish the sanctity of Sunday in violation of the Constitution of the United States? Look them up and tell us what they are. We think that those who read his magazine have a right to know to what extent the movement to unite church and state and enforce the observance of a particular brand of religion by law has progressed. For that is the purpose of every Sunday law — to *compel* people to observe Sunday as a day of rest because some people think it should be so observed.

## From Nigeria

A member of The Bible Sabbath Association has been carrying on correspondence with several students in Nigeria, and has received these encouraging replies: "All these times I had been blindly led, and was quite ignorant as touching the Scriptures . . . I must now learn to seek the Lord first, and his kingdom. I shall endeavor to study and to keep the holy Sabbath from polluting it." "Surely the God's Sabbath is the real church. I can assure you that I will come out from darkness, . . . for I have seen the light." "I have told my friends that we are going astray by attending this first day in the week."

"The head never begins to swell until the mind stops growing."

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"There is no surgical technique by which a new idea can be grafted on a closed mind."

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"A man's character is like a fence—it cannot be straightened by white-wash."

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"The hardest tumble a man can take is to fall over his own bluff."

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"Love the land you live in, or go live in the land you love."

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"Some people are like blotters; they soak it all in, but get it all backwards."

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"Worry is like a rocking chair—it will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere."

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"Sin has many tools, and a lie is the handle that fits them all."—O. W. Holmes

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"Folks who are always laughing at other peoples looks should get themselves a new mirror."

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"One of the world's most uncommon commodities is common sense."

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"Horse sense—is that sense a horse has that keeps him from betting on the human race."

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"To sin by silence when they should protest, makes cowards out of men."—A. Lincoln

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"They are slaves who dare not be in the right with two or three."—J. R. Lowell

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"The Law of God is and must of necessity be unchangeable and eternal."—Dwight's Theology (Presbyterian), Vol. LV, page 120.

"The cynic is one who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing."—O. Wilde

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"It is quite clear that, however rigidly or devoutly we may spend Sunday, we are not keeping the Sabbath . . . The Sabbath was founded on a specific, divine command. We can plead no such command for the observance of Sunday. . . . There is not a single line in the New Testament to suggest that we incur any penalty by violating the supposed sanctity of Sunday."—The Ten Commandments, by Dr. R. W. Dale, English Congregationalist.

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"When you help someone up a hill, you find you are closer to the top yourself."

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"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."—J. F. Clarke

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"The truth can always be told in a few words, a lie takes a lot of explaining."

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## Do You Know How To Divide?

Our mathematical geniuses have devised "robots" which can perform miracles with figures. Those machines can do with unbelievable accuracy calculations which would require weeks or months for the human mind to accomplish—and do them in minutes of time. But there is something which these machines cannot do. They cannot take a year of  $365\frac{1}{4}$  days, and divide it into 12 equal months, with each month having not only an equal number of days but each starting on the same day of the week. Nor can these machines divide such a year into equal weeks, and still have each year start always on the same day of the week.

### Don't Be Fooled — It Can't Be Done

There is much talk about calendar reform and blank days—even the United Nations has been asked to consider one of these impossible blank-day calendars, but has again declined to consider it. There are defects in the present-day calendar which can and should be corrected. If you would like reliable information on this important subject, send 10 cents for booklet, THE STANDARD ALTERNATE-MONTH CALENDAR.

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