



## THE RESTORATION

"And on the seventh day God rested from the work he had done. ... He blessed the seventh day and hallowed it'. The 'shabbat', the biblical sabbath is tied to this mystery of God's rest. If we Christians celebrate the Lord's day on Sunday, it is because on that day the Resurrection of Christ occurred."

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He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. (John 14:21)

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# THE SABBATH DAY CHANGE

Satan's trick for deceiving the entire world.

Without a doubt, Satan is the greatest deceiver/manipulator of all time. His job to kill, steal, and destroy has ultimately lead many believers into an unwitting revolt against God's word. Despite the fact that these believers want to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven when they leave the earth, Satan has managed to deceive them into adopting a "Burger King" mentality which suggests that you can have it your way and enter into the kingdom of Heaven. This, Satan's greatest trick ever, has allowed him to creep into the minds of church leaders and establish his own doctrines.

Refusing to believe that so many could possibly be deceived so quickly and failing to read the Bible for themselves, believers fail to question the authority of newly developed doctrines by religious organizations. Even amidst the Bible's warning to "...let God be true, but every man a liar" (Romans 3: 4), people continue to be more concerned with understanding man's interpretation of God's commandments than with keeping the commandments. This is especially important with respect to the fact that man neither has a heaven or a hell to put anyone in.

The Sabbath Day, one of the Ten Commandments, is holy because it was written with God's own finger (Deut.9:10), for all of God's ways are righteous and all of His works are holy (Psalms 145:17). If you ask any pastor about the commandment not to murder, steal, commit adultery or etc., he/she will quickly identify these transgressions as sin; however, as soon as the Sabbath commandment is mentioned, the response is: a) The Sabbath commandment was given to the Jews (Israelites) only, b) the Sabbath Day was nailed to the cross, or c) God changed the Sabbath Day (7th Day) to the 1st Day of the week because Christ rose on this day. Despite the lack of biblical evidence to support either of these institutionalized claims, believer accepted them.

"For as **the new heavens and the new earth**, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. 23And 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. "(Isa 66:22-23).

The Sabbath is a perpetual (everlasting) covenant that will be observed in the new heaven and in the new earth (Isaiah 66:22-23). It was given to Israel first because God used Jacob and his seed to bless all the families of the earth (Genesis 28:14).

Jesus recognized that the Sabbath was made for man as he explained in Mark 2:27. God promised to bless anyone who keeps the Sabbath and calls it a delight (Isaiah 56: 2, 4, 6; 58:13) Since God is not a covenant breaker, he never changed the Sabbath day saying,

"My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips."  
(Psalms 89:34)

Colossians 2: 8-14 explains that it was philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men and the rudiments of the world that were against us, not the Sabbath day. Not only did Jesus signify this by keeping the Sabbath day, he declared himself Lord of the Sabbath day (Luke 4:16.Mark 2:28). Neither Christ's resurrection from the dead, nor the disciple's gathering on the first day of the week signaled a change of the Sabbath day, for by remaining in the grave on the Sabbath Jesus honored it, and although the disciples met on the first day they never abandon Sabbath keeping. God has never changed the Sabbath day; furthermore, Christ demonstrated his endorsement of Sabbath keeping when he said:

"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. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:17-8).

Some thirty years after the crucifixion of Christ, Paul and the saints kept the Sabbath day holy(Acts: 13:9;19: 6; 27:24; Acts 17:2). Was the Sabbath Day intended to be an everlasting covenant? Isaiah 66:22-23 supplies a resounding yes. Anyone who claims to keep the commandments but who breaks the Sabbath is a liar.

"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. So speak ye, and so do,as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty."

Are you planning to go to heaven? Perhaps you should plan to keep the Sabbath as well.