

SABBATH – Part Four: RESTRICTIONS, KEEP IT HOLY



Some believe you should not enjoy anything that pleases the flesh on the Sabbath.



What about cell phones, tablets, computers and tv watching?



We already know God said no work was to be done and no fire was to be kindled and it was to be a day of rest and holiness to the LORD.



Last week we saw that it included no buying or selling because Nehemiah had to close the city gates so the merchants would not keep coming in on the Sabbath. That means you could not go out to eat and spend money away from your home and also you would be causing someone else to work by cooking and cleaning and waiting on you. You could not shop as that is buying and selling.

If you are a Sabbath keeper are you doing these things? Are you keeping the Sabbath according to all that we have read in the old testament? Remember Isaiah 58:13 said not to do your own pleasure or your own ways – but to call the Sabbath a delight and honor Him then God said He would bless **Israel with the inheritance of Jacob** for doing this. He did not say He would bless the nations as they were not even in the picture when God gave the Sabbath instructions.



JESUS WAS HARASSED BY THE PHARISEES ON SABBATH CONTINUALLY

It was lawful to do things of necessity on that day. The priest worked in the temple on the Sabbaths making offerings and showbread and fires etc.

Matt.12:1-12 - At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day. But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him; How he

entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests? Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless? But I say unto you, That in this place is *one* greater than the temple. But if ye had known what *this* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day. And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue: And, behold, there was a man which had *his* hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. And he said unto 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 days.



Mark 2:23-28 – And it came to pass, that he went through the corn (grain) fields on the sabbath day; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn (grain). And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful? And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was an hungred, he, and they that were with him? How he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and did eat the shewbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him? And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

John 5: 1-24 – After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep *market* a pool, which is called

in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath. The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry *thy* bed. He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in *that* place. Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, **Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.** The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole. And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day. **But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.** Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

HEALING ON THE SABBATH

Luke 13:11-17 - And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up *herself*. And when Jesus saw her, he called *her to him*, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid *his* hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. The Lord then answered him, and said, *Thou* hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or *his* ass from the stall, and lead *him* away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

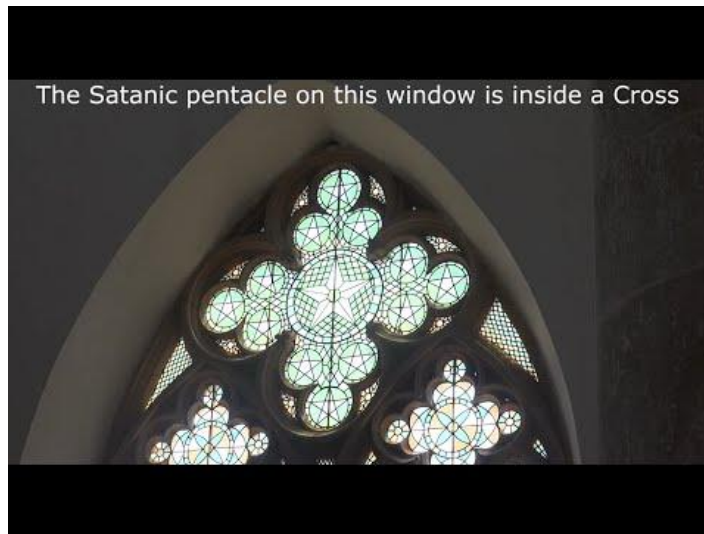
They did water and feed their animals on the Sabbath as Jesus points out here.

CONSTANTINE



Gold medallion minted in 313 AD of "Constantine with Sol Invictus"
Photograph released into the public domain by the author

This is a coin with Constantine and the sun god – “sol invictus” – the unconquerable sun. Constantine was a Roman and he was a worshipper of the fallen angels and never renounced any of this publicly.



As we look at this stained glass window inside a Catholic church we must remember that Constantine was a catholic. To understand that the Catholic religion is a cult you have to do your research. They light candles and pray to dead saints. They pray to and through Mary. This window has pentagrams all through it. It is a Masonic cross, also a sun cross. It is the same width and height. Each end has three circles and this is for satan's false trinity. See the pentagrams all over it which are a highly witchcraft symbol. They weave gargoyles, and fallen angel images all through their artwork as well. All of these things summon more satanic power in.



They still worship the sun god baal to this day – just look at the symbolism in their cathedrals and in their Eucharist rituals. The last picture is the fake tomb of Jesus in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. What an abomination to a Holy God.



Constantine is responsible for the Church of the Holy Sepulcher being built.



This church is supposedly built over the place where Jesus was buried. If you look into this at all you will know this is a lie. I don't believe Jesus' tomb was here. Look at the extravagance of it all and the demonic black and white checkerboard floor. The domed ceiling is in worship to the sun.



In 2016 Jordan's muslim king was overseeing the restoration of Jesus' tomb. What a joke all of this is.

Constantine waited until near death to be baptized believing that he would be less likely to be kept out of heaven because of sin. He did not believe and follow the Holy Bible. This is not how you get saved. You confess and repent of your sin and ask Jesus to come into your heart and lead and guide you by His Holy Spirit with a sincere heart. Then Jesus will cleanse you from all of your sin and the Holy Spirit will help you to hate sin the way God does and help you to live for God and to please Him, to walk by faith and live a righteous life.

John 3:3-6 - Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Constantine did not understand what water baptism is. It is an outward sign of an inward change, a testimony to those present, being buried with Christ and raised to walk in the newness of life. It is also a command given by Jesus Christ and you do it soon after salvation. Paul is an example of this. (Romans 6:4 / Matt.28:19 / Acts 9:17-18)

CONSTANTINE AND SUNDAY

As early as [Pope Sixtus I](#), some Christians had set Easter to a Sunday in the lunar month of [Nisan](#). To determine which lunar month was to be designated as Nisan, Christians relied on the Jewish community. By the later 3rd century some Christians began to express dissatisfaction with what they took to be the disorderly state of the [Jewish calendar](#). They argued that contemporary Jews were identifying the wrong lunar month as the month of Nisan, choosing a month whose 14th day fell before the spring equinox.

Christians, these thinkers argued, should abandon the custom of relying on Jewish informants and instead do their own computations to determine which month should be styled Nisan, setting Easter within this independently computed, Christian Nisan, which would always locate the festival after the equinox. They justified this break with tradition by arguing that it was in fact the contemporary Jewish calendar that had broken with tradition by ignoring the equinox, and that in former times the 14th of Nisan had never preceded the equinox. Others felt that the customary practice of reliance on the Jewish calendar should continue, even if the Jewish computations were in error from a Christian point of view.

Constantine enforced the prohibition of the [First Council of Nicaea](#) against celebrating the Lord's Supper on the day before the Jewish [Passover](#) (14 [Nisan](#)) (see [Quartodecimanism](#) (those who held Passover on the 14th of Nisan) and [Easter controversy](#)). This marked a definite break of Christianity from the Judaic tradition. From then on the Roman [Julian Calendar](#), a solar calendar, was given precedence over the lunisolar [Hebrew Calendar](#) among the Christian churches of the [Roman Empire](#).

Constantine made some new laws regarding the [Jews](#), but while some of his edicts were unfavorable towards Jews, they were not harsher than those of his predecessors. It was made illegal for Jews to seek converts or to attack other Jews who had converted to Christianity. They were forbidden to own Christian slaves or to [circumcise](#) their slaves. On the other hand, Jewish clergy were given the same exemptions as Christian clergy.

According to DelCogliano, "by the early 4th century all Christians were celebrating Easter (pagan fertility ritual to a pagan goddess named easter) on a Sunday.

Remember the new moons move around and so it means that Passover and the Resurrection Day would move around also. Accordingly, it was not the Quartodeciman practice that Constantine sought to eliminate, but rather the so-called 'Protopaschite' practice which calculated the paschal (Passover & Easter) full moon according to the Jewish lunar calendar and not the Julian solar calendar".

According to one account, "A final settlement of the dispute was one among the other reasons which led Constantine to summon the council at Nicaea in 325. At

that time, the Syrians and Antiochenes were the solitary champions of the observance of the 14th day. The decision of the council was unanimous that Easter was to be kept on Sunday, and on the same Sunday throughout the world, and that 'none hereafter should follow the blindness of the Jews'".

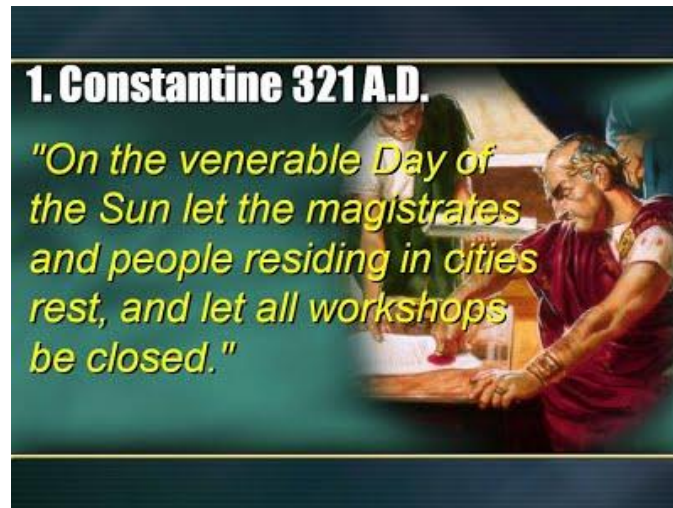
In a letter to the bishops who had not been present, Emperor [Constantine I](#) said that it had been decided to adopt a uniform date, rejecting the custom of the Jews, who had crucified Jesus and whose practice often meant that two passovers were celebrated in the same solar year: *We must remember that Constantine was a Roman pagan and he mixed Christianity and paganism. The catholic church welcomed paganism in and just changed the name of their pagan fertility rituals to "Christianize" them. This is not pleasing to a Holy God. Just one example of this is their winter solstice in honor of the sun god on December the 25th which they renamed Christmas. *

In doing this, however, Constantine required those who had not converted to Christianity to pay for the new city. Christian chroniclers tell that it appeared necessary to Constantine "to teach his subjects to give up their rites ... and to accustom them to despise their temples and the images contained therein," This led to the closure of temples because of a lack of support, their wealth flowing to the imperial treasure; Constantine did not need to use force to implement this.

So it became more popular and certainly cheaper to be a Christian. However, the people did not convert to Christianity with a sincere heart and desire to have Jesus as their Savior and Lord but rather to save money and have favor. This was a clever plan of satan to mix the wheat and the tares. Now the tares are in the pulpits and have become worship leaders and teachers in the churches and colleges and universities.

LEGAL REFORMS

Constantine's laws enforced and reflected his Christian attitudes. [Crucifixion](#) was abolished for reasons of Christian piety, but was replaced with [hanging](#), to demonstrate the preservation of Roman supremacy.



On March 7, 321, Sunday, already sacred to Christians and to the Roman Sun God [Sol Invictus](#), was declared an official day of rest. On that day markets were banned and public offices were closed, except for the purpose of freeing slaves. There were, however, no restrictions on performing farming work, which was the work of the great majority of the population, on Sundays.

Some laws made during his reign were even humane in the modern sense, possibly inspired by his Christianity: a prisoner was no longer to be kept in total darkness but must be given the outdoors and daylight; a condemned man was allowed to die in the arena, but he could not be branded (marked) on his "heavenly beautified" face, since God was supposed to have made man in his image, but only on the feet. Publicly displayed [gladiatorial games](#) were ordered to be eliminated in 325.

Notice at that time they were still marking or branding people on their face.

CLOSING

Thinking about Constantine and others changing the calendar and time in general:

Daniel 7:25 - And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time (half a time). This verse has a Mandela Effect in it, it never said dividing of time, it

should say half a time (in today's world that means 6 mos.). Rev. 12:14 mentions this, it is a 3 ½ year period during the tribulation. Remember satan is constantly grooming up antichrists to do his bidding. He wants to be ready anytime the rapture happens or God says it is now time for the tribulation. We will see this changing of times and laws continue.

This verse is about the antichrist. There have been many that have changed times and laws up to now. I think this will continue and like Ms. Jeanette said, will happen during the time of the beast. There will be a worldwide change of time and laws made about it and it will be obvious to Christians when this happens, it is foretold in Scripture.

PRAYER

You alone do great wonders. You are our Shield and Buckler.

Hosea 14:9 - ...for the ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.

Help us not to be destroyed for lack of knowledge. Help us to study to show ourselves approved unto you LORD, that we would not be ashamed, help us to rightly divide Your Word.

Sabbath Lovers Will HATE THIS VIDEO! - Dr. Gene Kim

(I agree with this teaching, but be careful because Dr. Kim has some false teachings such as OSAS)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNuv3iARd3k>

Constantine made celebrating "easter" the day before Passover illegal

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constantine_the_Great

Passover and "Easter" celebrated at the same time

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quartodecimanism>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Council_of_Nicaea

<https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/jordans-muslim-king-to-fund-restoration-of-tomb-of-jesus/>