

SABBATH – Part Six: NEW COVENANT, FREEDOM



Shared by Pastor Erustus:

About question of the Sabbath as the only true day of worship as one of the Commandment in the OT, according to Colossians 2:16, 17- when we begin to add rules and regulations to the finished work of Jesus Christ, then we render the grace of God to be of no importance. I believe the law with all its observation was to point to the coming Jesus Christ. Mark 1:27- **The Sabbath was made for man not man for Sabbath. It was a day man was to rest and this pointed to the spiritual rest for man which was to come through Christ.**

We must emphasize on the spiritual purpose and benefits of the seventh day in our life rather than just observing a day from a legal point of view. It's a day to renew our commitment to Jesus and love to one another as children of God. In 1Corinthians 16:2 & Acts 20:7 :The early church set aside the first day of the week to commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus and also to worship God. As

Christians we must purpose to live a holy life in this sinful generation. **Jesus is our Sabbath hence in Him we must walk and be the light in this dark world not only in one day in a week but all days of the week 24/7 & 365 days a year.**

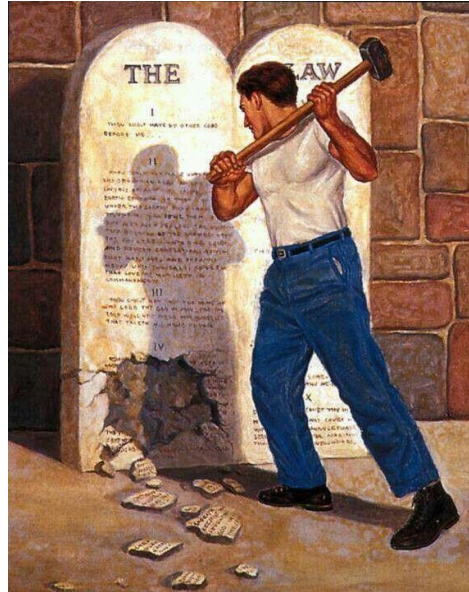
(Galatians 3:24 – 25) The bible says the Law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ. After the faith is come we are no longer under the school master which is the law. It taught us the coming of Christ. Everything natural that was done under the law including resting from physical works for the children of Israel who were a natural people pointed us to the spiritual things that Christ would do under the New Covenant. As natural people God made the Sabbath for them to rest from physical work. The spiritual meaning of the Sabbath was pointing to Jesus Christ who is the Sabbath Himself in the new covenant. In which when you accept Him, He gives you rest as His spiritual sons. Jesus said "come to Me all you who are heavy laden and burdened then I will give you rest; and learn of Me for My yoke is light. We being spiritual, our rest is not in a day but in Christ Jesus. The Law was a heavy yoke for Israelites who were natural people and they failed to keep it.

Jesus came to deliver us from the law to enable us to serve in newness of spirit not in the old or letter(law). (Romans 7:6)

Christ is the end of the law. (Galatians 5:4, James 2:10) We cannot mix Christ with the law. He became a curse on the cross to deliver us from the curse that was brought by the law that no one was able to keep. He said on the cross (IT IS FINISHED) it was the bondage of the law that Jesus finished to give us grace to enable us to walk in newness of the Spirit under the New Covenant not the Old Covenant.

The law only showed us shadows and types of Christ. Resting on the Sabbath for Israelites was a shadow for our rest in Christ in the New Covenant. So if Jesus is the Sabbath and now He lives in us, we are to worship Him each day as He gives us rest in Himself from all spiritual burdens and labor.

I am going to share the scriptures that Pastor Erustus mentioned and show you what the Bible says about the Sabbath in the New Covenant. I pray by the end of this series that everyone has peace on this subject as well as the 10 commandments.



1 Cor. 16:2 - Upon the first *day* of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as *God* hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. (this was about giving, they were taking up an offering each time they met and setting it aside to help the church in Jerusalem)

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.

They had no problems meeting on the first day of the week. They were not on the same calendar we are today but we see this was not called the Sabbath or the 7th day. We have discussed the many calendar changes and all of the fighting over it. The Jewish count has been lost and they argue among themselves about all of that as well. So let's move along.

Definition Sabbath: n. (Heb. To cease, to rest, as a noun, cessation, rest, L. sabbatum.)

1. The day which God appointed to be served by the Jews as a day of rest from all secular labor or employments, and to be kept holy and consecrated to His service and worship. This was originally the seventh day of the week, the day on which God rested from the work of creation; and this day is still observed by the Jews and some Christians, as the Sabbath. But the Christian church very early began and still continue to observe the first day

of the week, in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ on that day, by which the work of redemption was completed. Hence it is often called "The Lord's Day". The heathen nations in the north of Europe dedicated this day to the sun, and hence their Christian descendants continue to call the day Sunday. But in the U.S., Christians have to a great extent discarded the heathen name, and adopted the Jewish name Sabbath. (This is from an 1828 dictionary. I don't see any Christians calling the day they go to church Sabbath now.)



We see from the 1828 Dictionary that The Lord's Day referred to the first day of the week. Although "theologians" seem to still debate on what this day actually means.

Rev.1:10 - I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard a loud voice behind me like a trumpet

If this was referring to the Sabbath I believe it would have plainly said Sabbath. After all we see Sabbath all through the Bible. John was one of the disciples and he certainly knew about the Old Covenant and the keeping of the Sabbath. He also knew Jesus and that He was the New Covenant and that he was free from the law.



THE CHURCH IS NOT ISRAEL

The church is not the same as Israel. We did not take their place. The door of salvation and grace through Jesus Christ has been opened to us but we did not supplant Israel. God still loves them and will deal with the Israelites that reject Jesus as well as anyone else who rejects Him during the tribulation. The tribulation is called The Time of Jacob's Trouble for a reason.

The following promise was given to Abraham and we are the manifestation of it.

Gen. 17:4,11 - As for Me, behold, My covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt Me and you.

This covenant was brought into manifestation through Jesus Christ when He died on the cross for all who would come and believe on Him. We are Abraham's spiritual seed through Jesus Christ and thereby he is the father of many nations because Jesus came through the lineage of Isaac.

Gal.3:23-29 - But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (The body of Christ is one. We are all to keep the New Covenant commands. The Jews who are saved do not have different commands to keep than us.)

Gal.5 - Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage (going back under the law). Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; **but faith which**

worketh by love. Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? This persuasion *cometh* not of Him that calleth you. A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be. And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased. I would they were even cut off which trouble you. For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. **FOR ALL THE LAW IS FULFILLED IN ONE WORD, EVEN IN THIS; THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF.** But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the

Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

NO ONE COULD KEEP THE LAW

John 7:19 – (Jesus speaking) Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?

RESEARCH FROM A WEBSITE THAT WAS TRYING TO SAY A DAY IN THE BIBLE IS FROM DAWN TO DUSK:

Response to Fred

Written by: [Donnel Brown](#) December 30, 2015

The manna does not explain the argument because the manna fell in the morning and not at night. Manna fell for the morning of the first day to the fifth. On the sixth day double the amount of manna fell for the sixth and the Sabbath. This is an event that happened probably very early in the morning or at night but all we know they awoke and saw it.

Why can't we leave YAH's word alone? Why do we have to put our spin on it. If morning or sun-up started the day then YAH could have sent the manna in the evening. If the morning and the evening were the first day HE would have said it , but instead HE said the evening and the morning were the first day.

I have heard YAH's Word being twisted all sort of ways to make doctrine or for some personal gain, I am tired and somewhat disappointed that I cannot find the truth. Maybe I am destined for hell and I am not supposed to understand. Maybe YAH's truth is hidden from me. Bye

This Sabbath Day research seems to be making people fight and argue and just feel confused and hopeless just like this man's last statement. This is just not freedom – it is bondage.

FREE FROM THE LAW THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST

Romans 7:6 – But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

James 2:9-12 - But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. 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.

John 1:17 – For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 10:25 - Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Matthew Henry Commentary

One day in seven is to be kept holy. Six days are allotted to worldly business, but not so as to neglect the service of God, and the care of our souls.

Col. 2:14-17 - Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross; *And* having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath *days*: Which are a shadow of things to come; **but the body is of Christ.**

Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. The things to come here is talking about the millennial reign when the feasts and Sabbaths will be reinstated. This has to do with the restoration of Israel. But the body is of Christ is speaking of the church, we have been freed from the law through Christ Jesus. The body is the nations and Israelites who believe in Jesus Christ.

CLOSING

WHAT SHOULD GENTILES/NATIONS KEEP

Church meeting in Jerusalem to discuss what the gentiles should keep.

Acts 15:8-11, 20 – And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Spirit, even as He did unto us; And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. Now therefore why tempt (test) ye God, to put a yoke (burden) upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they. But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

The 10 commandments and those 613 ordinances were given to the Jews. Not the gentiles. We don't come to God through the keeping of any of that – but only through faith in Jesus Christ. Now some are trying to have faith in Jesus and then go back under the law. That is not scriptural but is Hebrew Roots movement. You are putting yourself under a curse when you do that.

Gal. 3:10 - For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

PRAYER

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>

No agreement on when a day begins and ends

<https://www.worldslastchance.com/yahuwahs-calendar/when-does-a-day-begin.html>