Christian Sabbath

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INTRODUCTION

- Failure to obey is unbelief. The children of Israel, because of unbelief, didn't enter Canaan, the promised land.
- Actually, there's not a single scripture that ever describes Sunday as the Christian Sabbath.

1 The Sabbath Made Known to the Children of Israel

Genesis 2:1–3; Exodus 16:23–30; Exodus 31:16–17

- It wasn't mentioned as ordained to Adam. It wasn't mentioned as even ordained to Noah. Even to Abraham.
- The first time the Sabbath is mentioned in the Bible, is to the children of Israel.
- It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever.
- If you break the Sabbath day, you might be put to death. And certainly, as Christians, we understand the law of Moses has been done away.

2 Jesus Kept the Sabbath Because He Was a Jew

Luke 2:22–24; Mark 2:27–28; Matthew 5:17–18

- Jesus kept the Sabbath because indeed he was a Jew.
- What they failed to understand is that the law of Moses is the law of the Lord.
- Lord of the Sabbath meant he had authority over the Sabbath. He was superior to the Sabbath.
- Do not think that I came to destroy the law or the prophets. I did not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

3 The Law Nailed to the Cross

Galatians 3:23–25; Colossians 2:14–16

- The first law, the law of Moses, was as a shadow of the better which was to come.
- And with Jesus Christ, the work of the law was completed.
- Having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us, he has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.
- Let no one judge you in food or in drink or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbath.

4 The Ministry of Death Engraved on Stones

2 Corinthians 3:7–14

- If the ministry of death written and engraved on stones was glorious.
- The only time you find anything written and engraved on stones from God was the Ten Commandments.
- If what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.

- The Sabbath day has been taken away with the taking away of the law.

5 Why Do We Worship on the First Day

Acts 2; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1–2

- Because the first day of the week was the day of the week our Lord arose from the grave, first and foremost.
- It was also the day of the week in which the Lord's church was established.
- Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them.

6 There Remains a Rest for the People of God

Hebrews 4:1–11; Psalm 95:7–8

- I don't call Sunday the Christian Sabbath. But the Sabbath for Christians.
- There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.
- The word Sabbath literally means rest or ceasing from work.
- Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Beware, brethren. Don't fall away like the children of Israel. Don't become so concerned with the things of today, the things that are passing, that are just temporal. Remember who you are, child of God, where you're going, to heaven.**

MY NOTES