Hello!

Welcome to this discussion on the "Sabbath"!

Soon, much sooner than you may think, this subject is going to become extremely important to everyone in our world, especially to every person who claims to be a "Christian"!

Read on!...

Art and Script by Jim Pinkoski
PART I
THE ORIGIN OF THE SABBATH

Obviously, the place to start is at the beginning of the Bible! The very first book of the Bible tells us that God created the world we live on and our sector of the universe—and this act was accomplished in six days, and then God chose to rest on the seventh day!

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth..."

Genesis 1:1

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God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good... God called the light Day, and the darkness Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day... on the second day He divided the waters above and below the firmament which God called Heaven, then on the third day God created dry land and the seas and planted grass and trees — on the fourth day God created the sun and the moon... on the fifth day God brought forth birds and fish — and then God made man and woman on the sixth day — and then God blessed the seventh day and He rested on it!

Genesis 1:3-2:3
All the inhabitants of heaven and the universe watched this wondrous event take place...

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WORK WORK NO WORK

The Seventh-day Sabbath honors the creator of our planet, our "Mother Earth"!!

That's why God instituted this weekly event, so we would remember and honor the creator of mankind and our world!!

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

The Earth is hereby created and given LIFE by GOD.

Read Exodus 20:11 and 31:17!
The Sabbath Commandment is the Fourth Commandment of the Lord’s Ten Commandments — It says, “Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.”

Exodus 20:8-11

God gave to Moses the Ten Commandments...

...They were written with God’s own hand!

They are the Lord’s eternal and unchangeable laws! We are told not to murder, not to lie or steal, not to covet our neighbor’s wife or belongings, not to commit adultery or worship graven images, nor take God’s name in vain... We are to honor our parents, worship only God... and worship and rest on the Seventh-Day Sabbath!!

* Exodus 24:12, 31:18, and 32:15,16
Just Which day of the week is the seventh day of the week?

Saturday is the seventh day of the week!

Was the weekly Sabbath day ever intended for only the Jewish people?

No!

First, it was never called “the Jewish Sabbath day.” It was always called “the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.”

Jesus said the Sabbath was made for man (Mark 2:27), that is, for this race, as the word “man” here is unlimited — hence, the Sabbath is for the Gentile as well as the Jew!

Remember: the Sabbath was created 2,000 years before the Jews existed!

“The Bible also says that “woman” was made for man (Gen. 2:18) —

So: if the Sabbath is only for the Jews, then marriage would only be for the Jews as well!

Marriage and the Sabbath are two holy institutions which God set up in even before sin came into existence — both were made for all mankind!

God even pronounced a special blessing upon all the Gentiles who keep the Sabbath! And He said that “all people,” all people, would be welcomed within His house of prayer! (Isaiah 56:6-7)
NOW, DOES IT MAKE ANY SENSE THAT MEN CAN COME ALONG AND ALTER GOD'S TEN COMMANDMENTS??? THE LORD HIMSELF BLESSED AND SANCTIFIED THE SEVENTH DAY, YET MODERN CHRISTIANS IGNORE SATURDAY AND WORSHIP ON SUNDAY INSTEAD!

LET'S PUT IT THIS WAY: SUPPOSE YOUR DOCTOR OFFICIALLY TOLD YOU THAT HE'D SEE YOU EACH MONDAY FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE — WOULD YOU THINK IT WAS RIGHT TO CHANGE THE APPOINTMENT ON YOUR OWN ACCORD MERELY BECAUSE IT WAS "CONVENIENT" WITH YOU, WITHOUT EVER RECEIVING YOUR DOCTOR'S APPROVAL??

WOULD THIS WORK?

NO.

OR THIS: SAY THAT YOUR BIRTHDAY WAS ON JANUARY 7TH, BUT YOU INSISTED ON CELEBRATING IT ON JANUARY 1ST —

HAVE YOU SUCCEEDED IN ACTUALLY CHANGING YOUR BIRTHDAY JUST BECAUSE YOU OPT TO CELEBRATE IT ON ANOTHER DAY??...

OF COURSE NOT!!

IT'S THE SAME THING HERE WITH THE "SABBATH" — THERE ARE LITERALLY MILLIONS OF CHRISTIANS WHO THINK THAT THE SABBATH HAS BEEN LEGITIMATELY CHANGED FROM SATURDAY OVER TO SUNDAY...

BUT HAS IT REALLY??

POINT:

THE BIBLE IS A COLLECTION OF 66 SEPARATE WRITINGS, 66 SEPARATE BOOKS, AND FROM BEGINNING TO END FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION, THE HOLY SCRIPTURES SPEAK CONSTANTLY OF THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S HOLY SABBATH!

EVERY TIME WE REST UPON THE SEVENTH DAY, AS GOD DID AT CREATION, WE COMMEMORATE THAT GRAND EVENT!!


POINT: IT IS THE SIGN OF THE TRUE GOD, BY WHICH WE ARE TO KNOW HIM FROM FALSE GODS! "I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD; WALK IN MY STATUTES, AND KEEP MY JUDGMENTS, AND DO THEM: AND HALLOW MY SABBATHS, AND THEY SHALL BE A SIGN BETWEEN ME AND YOU, THAT YE MAY KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD." (EZK. 20:11-20)

POINT: INSTEAD OF ABOLISHING THE SABBATH, JESUS CAREFULLY TAUGHT HOW IT SHOULD BE OBSERVED!!!

(MATTH. 12:1-13)
PART 2

Absolute Proof from the Bible That Saturday Is the Sabbath Day!

FRIDAY
LUKE 23:52-54
"This man went unto Pilate, and beged the body of Jesus. And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. And that day was the preparation, and the Sabbath drew on..."

GOOD FRIDAY

SATURDAY
LUKE 23:55-56
"...and the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid, and they returned and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment."

THE SABBATH

SUNDAY
MATTHEW 28:1
"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..."

EASTER SUNDAY

THE "PREPARATION DAY" FOR THE JEWS WAS THE DAY BEFORE THE SABBATH DAY. JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED AND PUT TO DEATH ON THIS DAY WHICH WE NOW CALL "GOOD FRIDAY"...

THE SABBATH ARRIVED AT SUNDOWN FRIDAY, AND LASTED TILL SUNDOWN SATURDAY — THEN ON EARLY SUNDAY MORN (THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK) IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE TOMB WAS EMPTY AND JESUS HAD RISEN! THIS IS THE DAY WE CALL EASTER SUNDAY...

SATURDAY IS THE LORD'S SABBATH DAY!

*See the Passover Ceremony on page 30*
Part 3

The 1700 Sabbaths

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up for to read. (Luke 4:16)

Jesus lived here among us on our world for approximately 33 years, and this means that he participated in 1700 7th-day Sabbaths!

Yes, 1700 Saturday Sabbaths! One a week for 33 years!

Now, if "Sunday" were supposed to be holy, don't you think that Jesus himself would have told us??

Think about it! Just because the Jews of two thousand years ago rejected Jesus and were scattered, does this mean that God cancelled his blessing of the 7th day of creation??

Hardly!

Jesus never blessed a single Sunday—He worked on every one of those "1700 Sundays"!!

And he honored God by keeping 1700 7th-day Sabbaths!!
PART 4

IS SATURDAY STILL SATURDAY?

The Julian Calendar was established and in use in the Roman Empire forty years before the birth of Jesus.

This is the very same calendar that we now use today, except there's been one change:

Ten days were dropped from it back in 1582!

But this did not affect nor alter the weekly cycle!

"Friday" still followed "Thursday," and "Sunday" still followed "Saturday"! Even nowadays when we add a day for leap year, it doesn't change the order!

The "Saturday" of today is the same "Saturday" of Jesus' Day!

October 1582

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It may come as a surprise, but the 7-day week was almost unknown among ancient cultures. It comes from antiquity, through the Jews, who preserved it when surrounding nations desecrated it! Even the Egyptians had no 7-day week, which was why the Jews had to be "reminded" of it when their Egyptian captivity ended — *

The "day" comes from the rotation of our planet, the "month" from the moon circling the earth, and the "year" from our world going around the sun — but the "week" comes only from one place:

God's command to honor the 7th-day Sabbath!!

* See page 28
PART 5

40 BIBLE FACTS CONCERNING "SUNDAY"

Ahem...

1. The very first thing recorded in the Bible is work done on Sunday, the first day of the week. This was done by the Creator Himself. If God worked on this day, how can it be wicked for us to work on Sunday?
2. God commanded men to work upon the first day of the week. (Exodus 20:9-10) Is it wrong to obey God?
3. None of the patriarchs ever kept it. None of the holy prophets ever kept it.
4. By the express command of God, His holy people used the first day of the week as a common working day for at least 4,000 years.
5. God Himself calls it a "working" day. (Ezekiel 46:1)
6. God did not rest upon it. (Hebrews 4:7)
7. Christ did not rest upon it.
8. Jesus was a carpenter (Mark 6:3), and worked at his trade until He was 30 years old. He kept the Sabbath and worked 6 days in the week, as all admit. Hence, He did many a hard day's work on Sunday.
9. The apostles worked upon it during the same time. The apostles never rested upon it.
10. Christ never blessed it.
11. It has never been blessed by any divine authority.
12. It has never been sanctified.
13. No law was ever given to enforce the keeping of it, hence it is no transgression to work upon it. "Where no law is, there is no transgression." (Romans 4:15)
14. The New Testament nowhere forbids work to be done on it.
15. No penalty is provided for its violation.
16. No blessing is promised for its observance.
17. No regulation is given as to how it ought to be observed, whereas this be so if the Lord wished us to keep it?
18. It is never called the Christian Sabbath.
19. It is never called the Sabbath day at all.
20. It is never called the Lord's Day.
21. It is never called even a rest day.
22. No sacred title whatever is applied to it. Then why should we call it holy?
23. It was simply called "first day of the week."
24. Jesus never mentioned it in any way, never took its name upon his lips, so far as the record shows.
25. The word "Sunday" never occurs in the Bible at all.
26. Neither God, Christ, nor inspired men ever said one word in favor of Sunday as a holy day.
27. The first day of the week is mentioned only 8 times in all the New Testament. (Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2,3; Luke 24:1; John 20:1,19; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2)
28. Six of these texts refer to the same first day of the week.
29. Paul directed the Saints to look over their secular affairs on that day. (1 Corinthians 16:2)
30. In all the New Testament, we have a record of only one religious meeting held upon that day, and even this was a night meeting, Saturday night! (Acts 20:7-12)
34) There is not an intimation that they ever held a meeting upon it before or after that. 35) It was not their custom to meet on that day. 36) There was no requirement to break bread on that day. 37) We have an account of only one instance in which it was done. (Acts 2:46) (But Acts 2:46 says they broke bread daily!) (Notice also: Acts 20:7 mentions nothing about wine, so they must not have held a full communion service.) 38) Jesus celebrated it on Thursday evening (Luke 22), never on Sunday.

39) The Bible nowhere says that the first day of the week commemorates the resurrection of Christ. Baptism commemorates the burial and resurrection of Jesus! (Rom 6:3-5)

40) Finally, the New Testament is totally silent with regard to any change of the Sabbath day or any sacriﬁence for the First Day.

There you have it, 40 Bible facts concerning Sunday, the day the Bible refers to as “the First Day of the Week”! So!

The question we need to ask is this: If the Bible never authorized “Sunday” as the weekly day of worship, who did??

— Before I answer this extremely important question, I want you to again review those 40 points. Each and every one of you should be reading your Bible to verify everything that I or anyone else tells you in regard to God’s Holy Word!

And:

If you’re going to believe in Jesus Christ, you have to spend time in His Word! And realize that the Bible is the inspired Word of God!...

God’s Word is truth, it is as eternal as God Himself! Accordingly, whoever turns against God’s Word commits a grievous error...

Now I’ll answer that question...
PART 6

THE, uh, "CULPRIT"

THE CHURCH OF ROME IS THE SOURCE OF "SUNDAY WORSHIP" IN THE CHRISTIAN WORLD!

SO, PLEASE BEAR WITH ME AND I SHALL TELL YOU HOW THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH MANAGED TO DO THIS!
The Roman Catholic Church changed the weekly Sabbath from Saturday over to Sunday...

This change came about in the 200-400 A.D. time period. Around 200 A.D., there arose a dispute over picking one day during the year to honor Christ's Resurrection — and Rome picked a Sunday for this. Later, when Lent was brought into the Church, each Sunday during the forty days was designated to honor the Resurrection.

Then, in the 4th century, the Church made the decision to keep every Sunday in the year!

... and to stop Christians from "Judaizing" on the seventh day of the week, the powerful Roman Church passed laws to ensure Sunday observance — on pain of death!

Thus they forcefully annulled the Sabbath day!

Now, remember: This is the same Church that instigated the Inquisition, to ensure "total obedience."

It's a well-known historical fact that 50-100 million supposed "heretics" were put to death by the Church of Rome during the more than 12 centuries that they dominated Europe!

* Not until 1965 did the Church of Rome stop branding Protestants as "heretics." They now deem it fit to refer to Protestants as "separated brethren."
NOW, WAIT...
BEFORE WE GO ANY FURTHER...

I WANT TO TRY TO MAKE SOME THINGS AS CLEAR AS POSSIBLE...

THIS BOOK IS PRESENTING SOME VERY FIRM PRINCIPLES OF TRUTH, AND TO DO THIS I HAVE TO HEAVILY DWELL UPON THE "POSITIVE" AND THE "NEGATIVE" ASPECTS OF VARIOUS RELIGIOUS DOGMAS...

NOW, EVERYONE KNOWS THAT NUMEROUS "BAD" THINGS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE NAME OF "RELIGION" AND "CHRISTIANITY" IN OUR PAST HISTORY — AND FOR ME TO EFFECTIVELY TELL ALL THAT I NEED TO TELL, SOME OF YOU MAY THINK THAT I'M TOO BLUNT...
IF THIS IS THE CASE, I'M SORRY...  

...IT'S A SHAME TODAY THAT WE ALL OFTEN SEEM TO NEED TO "ARGUE" OVER SO MANY THINGS, RELIGIOUS OR OTHERWISE...  

WHAT I WANT TO ASK OF YOU WHILE YOU READ THIS BOOK IS TO TRY TO KEEP IN MIND THIS ONE THING:  

THE MAIN MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE IS "LOVE"!  

AND PLEASE BELIEVE THIS, LOVE MOTIVATES MY "URGENCY"!  

NOW, I MAY "RAISE MY VOICE" IN THIS BOOK, EVEN "SHOUT," BUT I AM ONLY TRYING TO IMPRESS UPON YOU, THE READER, THAT THESE THINGS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT....  

PLEASE DON'T SEE THIS AS "ANGER" OR "MEANNESS." IT'S A DEEP-FEEL COMPASSION, PRODDED ON A BIT BY AN ALL-TOO-HUMAN "ANXIETY" THAT MANY WON'T CARE, OR LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY —  

OUR PLANET IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING THE END TIMES WHEN THE GLORIOUS SECOND COMING OF CHRIST WILL TAKE PLACE, AND I CURRENTLY SEE OUR RACE AS A CHILD RIDING A TRIKE TOWARDS THE EDGE OF A CLIFF, UNKNOWINGLY...  

WOULDN'T YOU "RAISE YOUR VOICE" TO SHOUT A WARNING??  

THIS BOOK IS A PLEA TO EVERYONE, ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE...  

THE BOTTOM LINE TO ALL OF THIS IS THAT GOD LOVES US, AND WANTS TO SAVE YOU, BUT HE WON'T BE ABLE TO UNLESS YOU LOVE HIM, AND LOVE HIS LAWS!  

LET'S CONTINUE WITH THIS HISTORICAL AND BIBLICAL STUDY OF THE LORD'S SABBATH...
"Let all judges and all city people and all tradesmen rest upon the venerable day of the sun. But let those dwelling in the country, freely and with full liberty attend to the culture of their fields; since it frequently happens that no other day is so fit for the sowing of grain, or the planting of vines; hence, the favorable time should not be allowed to pass, lest the provisions of heaven be lost."

Given the seventh of March, Crispus and Constantine being consuls, each for the second time.

321 A.D.

THE 1st SUNDAY BLUE LAW!

Lots of Christians think that this event was "oh-so-wonderful" — yes, it was good that Constantine helped end the persecution of Christians, but this law orders people to break the 4th Commandment!!

The questionable conversion of Constantine brought a flood of Pagan compromise into the Church! ... Idols... "Mother-Goddess" worship... Caesar-like proclamations of being God... and worship on the Sun-Day!
Q. What is the Third Commandment?
A. The Third Commandment is: Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.
Q. Which is the Sabbath day?
A. Saturday is the Sabbath day.
Q. Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?
A. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.
Q. Why did the Catholic Church substitute Sunday for Saturday?
A. The Church substituted Sunday for Saturday, because Christ rose from the dead on a Sunday, and the Holy Ghost descended upon the Apostles on a Sunday.
Q. By what authority did the Church substitute Sunday for Saturday?
A. The Church substituted Sunday for Saturday by the plenitude of that divine power which Jesus Christ bestowed upon her.
Q. What does the Third Commandment command?
A. The Third Commandment commands us to sanctify Sunday as the Lord's Day.

REMEMBER:
THE PAPACY LONG AGO CHANGED AND REWRITHE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS — THEIR THIRD COMMANDMENT IS REALLY THE FOURTH!

THIS ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF THE PAPACY TO "IMPROVE" THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IS ILLUSTRATED ON PAGE 19!
PART 9  THE BIG CHANGE!

THE

LAW

I

THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

II

THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE, OR ANY LIKENESS OF ANY THING THAT IS IN HEAVEN ABOVE, OR THAT IS IN THE EARTH BENEATH, OR THAT IS IN THE WATER UNDER THE EARTH: THOU SHALT NOT BOW DOWN THYSELF TO THEM, NOR SERVE THEM: FOR I THE LORD THY GOD AM A JEALOUS GOD, VISITING THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHERS UPON THE CHILDREN UNTO THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION OF THEM THAT HATE ME; AND SHOWING MERCY UNTO THOUSANDS OF THEM THAT LOVE ME, AND KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.

III

THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN; FOR THE LORD WILL NOT HOLD HIM GUILTLESS THAT TAKETH HIS NAME IN VAIN.

IV

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY. SIX DAYS SHALT THOU LABOUR AND DO ALL THY WORK: BUT THE SEVENTH DAY IS THE SABBATH OF THE LORD THY GOD: IN IT THOU SHALT NOT DO ANY WORK, THOU NOR THY SON, NOR THY DAUGHTER, THY MAIDSERVANT, NOR THY MAIDSERVANT, NOR THY CATTLE, NOR THY STRANGER THAT IS WITHIN THY GATES: FOR IN SIX DAYS THE LORD MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH; THE SEA AND ALL THAT IN THEM IS, AND RESTED THE SEVENTH DAY: WHEREFORE THE LORD BLESSED THE SABBATH DAY, AND HOLY'D IT.

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THE REAL TEN COMMANDMENTS

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X

THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOUR'S HOUSE; THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOUR'S WIFE, NOR HIS MAIDSERVANT, NOR HIS MAIDSERVANT, NOR HIS OSS, NOR ANYTHING THAT IS THY NEIGHBOUR'S.
**Why was this done??**
To make Christianity more attractive to Pagans!

**New and Improved**

**The Law**

As changed by the Papacy*

1. *I*:
   - Thou shalt not have strange gods before me.

2. **II**:
   - Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

3. **III**:
   - Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

4. **IV**:
   - Honor thy father and thy mother.

5. **V**:
   - Thou shalt not kill.

6. **VI**:
   - Thou shalt not commit adultery.

7. **VII**:
   - Thou shalt not steal.

8. **VIII**:
   - Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

9. **IX**:
   - Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.

10. **X**:
    - Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.

**The Altered Ten Commandments**

*See Daniel 7:25 / They think they have changed God's Law, but they really have not! See Matthew 5:18!*
PART 10
THE COUNCIL OF TRENT


...but THE CATHOLICS INSISTED ON "THE SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION," THE BIBLE AS INTERPRETED BY THE CHURCH AND THE REASONING OF ITS "HOLY FATHERS," THE POPES AND BISHOPS, ETC., OF EARLIER GENERATIONS...

This illustration is from an old print dome of the council in the 1500's.

These meetings lasted for over 17 years; the reason for their first recess was due to a plague in Trent, then the council was frequently adjourned when they could not reach agreement...
"There was a strong party even of the Catholics within the Council who were in favor of abandoning "tradition" and adopting the Scriptures only as the standard of authority! This view was so decidedly held in the debates that the Pope's legates actually wrote to him that there was "a strong tendency to set aside tradition altogether and to make Scripture the sole standard of appeal." But to do this would manifestly be a big step toward justifying the claims of the Protestants..."

By this crisis there was developed within the Ultra-Catholic portion of the Council the task of convincing the others that "Scripture and Tradition" were the only sure ground to stand upon—If this could be done, the Council could be convinced to issue a decree condemning the Reformation, otherwise not...

The question was debated day after day, until the Council was brought to a standstill. Finally, after a long and intensive debate, the Archbishop of Reggio introduced into the Council substantially the following argument:

"The Protestants claim to stand upon "the written word only"—they profess to hold the Scripture alone as the standard of faith. They justify their revolt by the plea that the Church has apostatized from the written word and follows tradition. Now the Protestants' claim, that they stand upon the written word only, is not true. Their profession of holding "the Scripture alone as the standard of faith" is false!

THE PROOF:
The written word explicitly enjoins the observance of the seventh day as the sabbath. They do not observe the seventh day, but reject it! If they do truly hold the Scripture alone as their standard, they would be observing the seventh day as is enjoined in the Scripture throughout. Yet they not only reject the observance of the sabbath enjoined in the written word, but they have adopted and do practice the observance of Sunday, for which they have only the tradition of the Church... consequently the claim of "Scripture alone as the standard" fails, and the doctrine of "Scripture and tradition" as essential is fully established, the Protestants themselves being the judges!

By this observation the Archbishop scored a telling point. For the Protestants' own statement of faith (the Augsburg Confession of 1530) had clearly admitted that "the observation of the Lord's Day" had been appointed by the Church only!

The argument was hailed in the council as pure inspiration—"the party for "Scripture alone" surrendered... and the council at once unanimously condemned Protestantism and the whole Reformation as only an unwarranted revolt from the communion and authority of the Catholic Church..."
"Thus it was the inconsistency of the Protestant practice with "Protestant Profession" that gave to the Catholic Church her long-sought and anxiously desired ground upon which to condemn Protestantism and the Whole Reformation Movement... All because the Protestants rejected the Bible's holy seventh-day sabbath!!"

"...so the Catholics won out... and the Protestants failed in winning an important victory for the Lord... "tradition" was to continue..."

**Part II**

"Tradition"

"Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?..."

MATT. 15:2

"The Jews had enacted a rule that let a person by-pass leaving his possessions to his parents in case of his dying, which ran contrary to the commandment to "honor thy father and mother"..."

"...thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition!"

MATT. 15:6

Clearly the Lord is not pleased with us following the "traditions" of men in place of His commandments!

"In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men," said the Lord in Matthew 15:9! But this is exactly what the Catholic Church has perpetrated!! And when Protestants endorse worshipping on "Sundays," they support the Roman Church's "traditions"!!!
PART 12

ROME'S CHALLENGE!

THIS 32-PAGE PAMPHLET REPRINTS FOUR EDITORIALS THAT APPEARED IN THE CATHOLIC MIRROR BACK IN SEPTEMBER 2, 9, 16 AND 23, 1893!

THE CATHOLIC MIRROR WAS THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF CARDINAL GIBBONS AND THE PAPACY IN AMERICA...

IN 1893 THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE SUPREME COURT, DECLARING OUR COUNTRY TO BE "A CHRISTIAN NATION," PASSED THE ORDERS THAT THE WORLD'S FAIR WAS TO BE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS...

THE INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH PUBLISHED A 22-PAGE BROCHURE WHICH CITED THE FACT THAT IT IS IMPROPER FOR OUR GOVERNMENT TO LEGISLATE PUBLIC BEHAVIOR IN REGARD TO "RELIGIOUS" MATTERS!...

IT'S CALLED "SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE"!...

SEE, IF PEOPLE DIDN'T WANT TO ATTEND THE WORLD'S FAIR ON "SUNDAY," THEY COULD STAY HOME! BUT BY PASSING A LAW TO STOP ALL FROM ATTENDING, THAT'S GETTING VERY CLOSE TO LEGISLATING RELIGION!

THE ADVENTISTS OUTLINED THEIR BELIEF IN WORSHIPPING THE LORD ON HIS SATURDAY SABBATH DAY, VIA "FREE WILL," AND THE CATHOLIC MIRROR WROTE THEIR ARTICLES TO VERIFY THAT "SUNDAY" IS THE BIBLE SABBATH DAY!!
"IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, REFERENCE IS MADE, 126 TIMES TO THE SABBATH, AND ALL THESE TEXTS CONSPIRE HARMONIOUSLY IN VIGORIZING THE WILL OF GOD COMMANDED THE SEVENTH DAY 'TO BE KEPT,' BECAUSE GOD HIMSELF FIRST KEPT IT, MAKING IT OBLIGATORY ON ALL AS 'A PERPETUAL COVENANT.' NOR CAN WE IMAGINE ANY ONE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO QUESTION THE IDENTITY OF SATURDAY WITH THE SABBATH OR SEVENTH DAY, SEEING THAT THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL HAVE BEEN KEEPING THE SATURDAY FROM THE GIVING OF THE LAW, A.M. 2514 TO A.D. 1893, A PERIOD OF 3383 YEARS... " 

"EXAMINING THE NEW TESTAMENT FROM COVER TO COVER, CRITICALLY, WE FIND THE SABBATH REFERRED TO 61 TIMES. WE FIND, TOO, THAT THE SAVIOR INEVitably SELECTED THE SABBATH (SATURDAY) TO TEACH IN THE SYNAGOGUES AND WORK MIRACLES. THE 4 GOSPELS REFERENCE THE SABBATH (SATURDAY) 51 TIMES... " 

"... THE REDEEMER REFERS TO HIMSELF AS 'THE LORD OF THE SABBATH'... HE NEVER ONCE HINTED AT A DESIRE TO CHANGE IT... ... THUS THE SABBATH (SATURDAY) FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION !!! " 

"HENCE THE CONCLUSION IS INEVITABLE... THAT OF THOSE WHO FOLLOW THE BIBLE AS THEIR GUIDE, THE ISRAELITES AND SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS HAVE THE EXCLUSIVE WEIGHT OF EVIDENCE ON THEIR SIDE, WHILE THE BIBLICAL PROTESTANT HAS NOT A WORD IN SELF-DEFENSE FOR HIS SUBSTITUTION OF SUNDAY... " 

"... WHILST THE PHARISEES OF OLD KEPT THE TRUE SABBATH, OUR MODERN PHARISEES HAVE NEVER ONCE IN THEIR LIVES KEPT THE TRUE SABBATH WHICH THEIR DIVINE MASTER KEPT TO HIS DYING DAY, AND WHICH HIS APOSTLES KEPT, AFTER HIS EXAMPLE, FOR 30 YEARS AFTERWARD, ACCORDING TO THE SACRED RECORD... " 

"THE BIBLE AND THE SABBATH CONSTITUTE THE WATCHWORD OF PROTESTANTISM; BUT WE HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT IT IS THE BIBLE AGAINST THEIR SABBATH... WE HAVE SHOWN THAT NO GREATER CONTRADICTION EVER EXISTED THAN THEIR THEORY AND PRACTICE! WE HAVE PROVED THAT NEITHER THEIR BIBLICAL ANCESTORS NOR THEMSELVES HAVE EVER KEPT ONE SABBATH DAY IN THEIR LIVES... " 

NOW, REMEMBER, THIS WAS FROM THE PEN OF AN EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE CATHOLIC THEOLOGIAN — AND HE TOLD IT EXACTLY LIKE IT IS... "

* NOW, IN 1980, IT'S BEEN 3478 YEARS.
"THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH FOR OVER 1,000 YEARS
BEFORE THE EXISTENCE OF A PROTESTANT,
BY VIRTUE OF HER DIVINE MISSION, CHANGED
THE DAY FROM SATURDAY TO SUNDAY..."

"WE SAY BY VIRTUE OF HER DIVINE MISSION, BECAUSE HE WHO CALLED HIMSELF THE
'WORLD OF THE SABBATH' ENLIGHTENED HER WITH HIS OWN POWER TO TEACH, 'HE THAT HEARETH YOU,
HEARETH ME',... AND PROMISED TO BE WITH HER TO THE END OF THE WORLD... SHE HOLDS
HER CHARTER FROM HIM — A CHARTER AS INDEBBLE AS PERPETUAL..."

"THE PROTESTANT WORLD AT ITS BIRTH FOUND THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH (SUNDAY)
TOO STRONGLY ENTRANCED TO RUN COUNTER TO ITS EXISTENCE... IT WAS
THEREFORE PLACED UNDER THE Necessity OF acquiescing in the ARRANGEMENT, thus
IMPLYING THE CHURCH'S RIGHT TO CHANGE THE DAY, FOR OVER 300 YEARS..."

"...THE ISRAELITES AND SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
ARE WITNESSES OF THIS WEEKLY DESECRATION OF
THE DAY NAMED BY GOD SO REPEATEDLY..."

"THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD CANNOT PRESENT A MORE STUPID, SELF-DETRUING
SPECIMEN OF DERELICITION OF PRINCIPLE THAN THIS... THAT IMMENSE CONCURS OF BIBLE
CHRISTIANS, THE METHODISTS, HAVE DECLARED THAT THE SABBATH HAS NEVER BEEN
ABROGATED, WHILST THE FOLLOWERS OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND, TOGETHER WITH HER
DAUGHTER, THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES, ARE COMMITTED BY THE 20th
ARTICLE OF RELIGION THAT THE CHURCH CANNOT LAWFULLY ORDAIN ANYTHING
'CONTRARY TO GOD'S WRITTEN WORD',
YET GOD'S WRITTEN WORD ENJOINS HIS WORSHIP TO BE OBSERVED ON SATURDAY
ABSOLUTELY, REPEATEDLY, AND MOST EMPHATICALLY... ALL BIBLICAL SECTS OCCUPY
THE SAME SELF-DETRUING POSITION WHICH NO EXPLANATION CAN MODIFY, MUCH LESS JUSTIFY."

"THEY HAVE IGNORED AND CONDEMNED THEIR
TEACHER, THE BIBLE... AND THEY HAVE
ADOPTED A DAY KEPT BY THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH... THE 'MOTHER OF ABOMINATIONS'..."

"...THEIR PRETENSE FOR LEAVING THE BOSOM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WAS FOR APOSTASY
FROM THE TRUTH AS TAUGHT IN THE WRITTEN WORD... THEY ADOPTED THE WRITTEN
WORD AS THEIR SOLE TEACHER, WHICH THEY HAD NO SOONER DONE THAN THEY ABAN-
DONED IT, AS THESE ARTICLES HAVE ABUNDANTLY PROVED..."

SHOCKING, ISN'T IT?

BY THE WAY, THE PROPHET
ISAIAH CLEARLY
FORETOLD THAT THE SABBATH
WOULD BE FALSELY DONE
AWAY WITH, BUT THEN
REESTABLISHED!
READ ON...
PART 13

THE REPAIRER OF THE BREACH

Isaiah 58:12-14 discusses an amazing prophecy that proclaims the glory and importance of the Lord’s Seventh-Day Sabbath and tells that in the last days it will be restored!!

"And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations: and thou shalt be called The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

If thou turn away thy foot 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!"
THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH WAS INTRODUCED IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN, AND WAS INTACT FOR GOD'S PEOPLE UP UNTIL THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH TOOK CONTROL OF CHRISTIANITY!

AGAIN...

IN THE EARLY THIRD CENTURY THIS CHURCH INTRODUCED WORSHIP ON ONE SUNDAY A YEAR IN HONOR OF THE RESURRECTION, THEN WHEN "LENT" WAS ESTABLISHED THEY INSTIGATED SUNDAY-WORSHIP ON EACH SUNDAY DURING THE FORTY DAYS — BUT UP TO 300 A.D. BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY WERE KEPT!

THEN CAME THE "WORSHIP-ON-SUNDAY—UPON-PAIN-OF-DEATH" ORDERS FROM CONSTANTINE, THE WORLD'S FIRST SUNDAY BLUE LAWS! THIS WAS SOON FOLLOWED UP BY POPES WISHING TO DO AWAY WITH THE SUPPOSEDLY "JEWISH" SUNDAY SABBATH THAT THE CHRISTIANS KEPT, SO THEY MADE SATURDAYS A DAY OF ENFORCED FASTING AND MOURNING, WHILE FEASTING AND CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION ON SUNDAYS! AND THIS HELPED THE CHURCH TO CONVERT THE SUN-WORSHIPPING PAGANS WHO WISHED TO KEEP THEIR 'SUN'-DAY!

SO, THERE'S THE BREACH!!

BROUGHT ABOUT BY NO ONE ELSE BUT THE PAPACY! THE "BREACH," THE PERIOD DURING WHICH MOST OF THE CHRISTIAN WORLD IGNORED THE LORD'S HOLY SABBATH!

1260 YEARS OF PAPAL DOMINANCE

SABBATH-KEEPING IS CANCELLED BY ROME, CONSTANTINE'S SUNDAY BLUE LAW IN 321 A.D.

CHRIST AND HIS APOSTLES

538

538

1798

The Inquisitions and Dark Ages

SECOND COMING

BC/AD

THE SABBATH TRUTH IS RECOVERED IN THE MID 1800'S
Now, some of you may say that, "There was no weekly Sabbath between the time that God sanctified the Seventh Day at Creation till the time of Moses." Yes, the first mention in the Bible of God expecting His chosen people to REST on the Seventh Day was when they received the Manna in the desert on their way to the promised land, and then came the Mount Sinai experience where it was "put in writing." So some may think that there was no weekly Sabbath till around 1400 B.C.

But: Does that mean that the knowledge of God having blessed the Seventh Day was "non-existent"??

Luke 3:23-38 lists the genealogy of Jesus all the way back to Adam, and it's fair to assume that every one of those righteous godly men passed on what they had seen and known! And there's no doubt that God informed Adam that the Seventh Day was holy!!

Accordingly, every ancestor of Jesus undoubtedly knew the Seventh Day was holy!

A point to keep in mind is that writing was a rare and "unknown" art to men up until Moses' day — this was the first chance man had, really, to put God's story into writing! And the fourth Commandment begins with "Remember... Remember the Seventh Day..." See, during the two hundred-year Egyptian captivity there would have been little chance to practice actually keeping the Sabbath: they were enslaved in Egypt!

So, were they told to remember something that they had never known??

The truth is that they were being told to remember what they once knew!

Proof: In Genesis 26:5 it says that "Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws!" Abraham kept the Lord's Sabbath!!
STILL "DOUBT" THAT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WERE IN EFFECT PREVIOUS TO THE SINAI EXPERIENCE?

IF SO, HERE ARE FOUR PROOF TEXTS THAT GUARANTEE TO GET US ACROSS THIS "CHASM OF DOUBT"...

1. "Sin is the transgression of The Law." 1 JOHN 3:4

2. "Where no law is, there is no transgression..." ROMANS 4:15

3. "The wages of sin is death..." ROMANS 6:23

4. "Death reigned from Adam to Moses..." ROMANS 5:14

DO YOU FOLLOW THE LOGIC? IT'S SIMPLE: THERE COULD BE NO "DEATH" WITHOUT SIN, AND THERE COULD BE NO "SIN" WITHOUT A LAW!

THEREFORE, IT'S AS CLEAR AS DAY THAT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS EXISTED "FROM ADAM TO MOSES"!
Colossians 2:14-16 tells us that the handwritings of ordinances was "taken out of the way," that it was nailed to the cross, and that we should "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..."

Christians who endorse Sunday worship say that this is the proof text in which God negated the holy weekly sabbath...

But this interpretation is totally incorrect!

The law of ordinances that was nailed to the cross was the ceremonial law!

The "shadowy" yearly sabbaths that were described in Leviticus 23:4-44 were these sabbaths pointed to the death of Christ, and these ceremonies were to have no further meaning beyond the cross, and this was why Paul said they were contrary to the Christian!

The veil in the temple was torn in half from top to bottom when Christ died on the cross (Matt. 27:51), and this indicated the end of the ordinances requiring animal sacrifices! Ephesians 2:15 clearly states that Christ abolished "the law of commandments contained in ordinances"!! *

As an example, the passover...

(Top) A white linen bag, and then that bag is placed under the table. "Bread!"

(Contd) About two hours later this bag is brought up, the bread taken out, then broken into smaller pieces...

The resurrection!

The unleavened bread even bears the stripes and nails that Christ bore for us! That middle wafer is Christ!

* The ten commandments were NEVER called "ordinances"!!  ** The haggadah prints the steps of the passover ceremony.
GOD KNEW that most of the Jewish people would reject His Son, and there was no need in over-burdening the Gentiles with numerous symbolic ceremonies that they themselves never historically participated in—so Jesus "simplified" the ceremony!

AND THE REST OF THE CEREMONIES WERE "NAILED TO THE CROSS"!

CRITICS ALSO LIKE TO POINT TO ROMANS 14 TO SAY THAT GOD NO LONGER CONSIDERS THE SEVENTH DAY OF THE WEEK AS "HOLY," "BLESSD," OR SANCTIFIED, BUT PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMAN CHURCH WAS MERELY ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS THAT WERE KELLING UP BETWEEN THE TWO MAIN GROUPS OF FIRST CENTURY CHRISTIANS! JEWISH CHRISTIANS AND GENTILE CHRISTIANS WERE CONSTANTLY JUDGING EACH OTHER... MEAT WHICH WAS OFFERED TO IDOLS WAS AN ITEM OF CONTENTION, AS WAS THE RELUCTANCE OF THE JEWISH CONVERTS TO LET GO OF THE AGE-OLD SYMBOLIC SHADOWS AND CEREMONIES!

THAT'S WHY PAUL WROTE, "ONE MAN ESTEEMETH ONE DAY ABOVE ANOTHER: ANOTHER ESTEEMETH EVERY DAY ALIKE. LET EVERY MAN BE FULLY PERSUADED IN HIS OWN MIND." (ROMANS 14:5)

BUT THIS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH OF THE MORAL LAW OF GOD WHICH WAS INDEED A HOLY DAY IN ITSELF!!

THE ONLY LOGICAL CONCLUSION...

THE SABBATH OF CREATION WAS NEVER "A SHADOW OF THINGS TO COME"!

"TYPES" AND "SHADOWS" CAME INTO EXISTENCE AS A RESULT OF SIN, AND POINTED FORWARD TO THE DELIVERANCE FROM SIN!

THE SABBATH WAS MADE BEFORE SIN EXISTED! THEREFORE IT WAS NEVER A TYPE OR SHADOW!!

TODAY WE:
1. ACCEPT CHRIST,
2. ARE BAPTIZED,
3. TAKE COMMUNION,
   AND OBEY GOD'S LAWS!

THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH WAS NEVER "NAILED TO THE CROSS"!!

NOR ANY OF THE OTHER TEN COMMANDMENTS!
PART 15

FINAL PROOF
THAT THE SABBATH WAS
NOT
"NAILED TO THE CROSS"

READ MATTHEW 24:20!

THE DISCIPLES ASKED JESUS AS TO
WHEN THE TEMPLE WOULD BE DESTROYED.

JESUS TOLD THEM THAT WHEN ITS DESTRUC-
TION SEEMED IMMINENT, FLEE INTO THE
MOUNTAINS!

JESUS SAID, "PRAY YE THAT YOUR FLIGHT BE NOT IN
THE WINTER, NEITHER ON THE SABBATH DAY"!

THE JEWISH HISTORIAN JOSEPHUS *
WITNESSED AND RECORDED THE
ROMAN DESTRUCTION OF THE
TEMPLE AND JERUSALEM,
AND THIS HAPPENED
IN 70 A.D.!

TOTAL
PROOF:

70 A.D. WAS NEARLY 40 YEARS
AFTER CHRIST'S ASCENSION,
AND THE SABBATH WAS
STILL INTACT!!

SEE JOSEPHUS, BOOK SIX, CHAPTER FOUR
SERIOUSLY, DEAR FRIENDS, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE DISCIPLES TAUGHT THEIR FELLOW JEWS THAT JESUS WAS THE MESSIAH AND THAT THE NEW DAY TO WORSHIP WOULD BE SUNDAY?!?

DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT??

LOOK:

STEPHEN WAS STONED TO DEATH BY THE JEWS IN 34 A.D. FOR TEACHING THAT JESUS HAD RISEN FROM THE DEAD AND TRULY WAS THE LONG- ANIATED MESSIAH, AND THIS HAPPENED APPROXIMATELY THREE AND A HALF YEARS AFTER CHRIST WAS CRUCIFIED! THEN THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT THE GOSPEL WAS TAKEN TO THE GENTILES…

(SEE ACTS 7:59, 8:1, 13:46)

...NOW, COMMON SENSE SHOULD TELL YOU THIS: IF THE APOSTLES WERE SPREADING THE WORD THAT "SUNDAY" WAS THE "NEW DAY TO WORSHIP," THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN

1. HUGE CONTROVERSIES OVER IT!!
2. NONE OF THOSE APOSTLES OR THEIR CONVERTS WOULD HAVE LIVED OUT THE YEAR!!

REMEMBER, THE JEWS STONED PEOPLE FOR SABBATH-BREAKING! IF THE APOSTLES TAUGHT THAT "SUNDAY" WAS TO REPLACE SATURDAY, THE BIBLE WOULD BE FILLED WITH THE VIOLENT JEWISH REACTION TO IT!!

DO YOU REALLY THINK THE JEWS WOULD HAVE TOLERATED THE TEACHING OF ANOTHER WEEKLY HOLY DAY?? NO WAY!!

SO LET'S GET THIS FANTASY OUT OF OUR HEADS THAT THE APOSTLES EVER TAUGHT TO WORSHIP GOD ON "SUNDAY" — IT'S TOTALLY OUT OF THE QUESTION. THE CHANGE TO SUNDAY WORSHIP CAME FROM ONLY ONE PLACE: THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH!
For verily I say to you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

MATTHEW 5:18

SO!

ALL OTHER BIBLE VERSES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT ABOUT THE SABBATH MUST AGREE WITH THIS SIMPLE AND DIRECT STATEMENT!

- THE BOOK OF ACTS COVERS A PERIOD OF 23 YEARS AFTER JESUS' ASCENSION, AND MENTIONS THE SABBATH IN 8 DIFFERENT CHAPTERS WITHOUT A HINT OF ANY CHANGE!!
- CHRISTIAN GENTILES KEPT THE SABBATH! ACTS 13:42! AND VERSE 43 GOES ON TO SAY THAT THE SABBATHKEEPING GENTILES WERE LIVING UNDER GRACE!
- PAUL TOLD FELIX THAT HE BELIEVED "ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE LAW AND IN THE PROPHETS!" ACTS 24:14!
- PAUL TESTIFIED TO FESTUS THAT HE HAD OFFENDED IN NOTHING "AGAINST THE LAW OF THE JEWS!" ACTS 25:8! AND ACTS 26:22 SAYS THAT PAUL TAUGHT "NONE OTHER THINGS THAN THOSE WHICH THE PROPHETS AND MOSES DID SAY SHOULD COME!"

HOW DID THE HEATHEN CONVERTS RECEIVE INSTRUCTION AS TO KNOWING WHAT DAY WAS HOLY?? IT'S SIMPLE! THEY READ THE NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO THE SABBATH IN THE WRITINGS OF THE APOSTLES — SIXTY OF THEM!! (AND ONLY ONE MENTIONS ABOLISHING CERTAIN "SABBATH DAYS"...)

THE HEATHEN CONVERTS ALSO READ THE OLD TESTAMENT — AND HAD NO PROBLEM UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SEVENTH DAY WAS GOD'S HOLY DAY OF THE WEEK!

AND THEY KEPT IT!
PART 16  
God's Test of Loyalty

Question: Is it OK to pick just "any 7th day" to keep holy?

Answer: God never let anybody "choose" which day they wished to keep holy!

Read Exodus 16:4! God tested mankind to see "whether they will walk in my law, or no." When he provided the manna in the desert for 40 years and the Lord performed three continuing miracles to show and prove that not "just any 7th day" is holy...

1. No manna fell on the 7th day of the week!
2. If "extra" manna was gathered, it spoiled by the next day!
3. A double portion gathered on the 6th day did not spoil when kept over!

Does God's blessing make a difference? Of course it does!!

Oh, people — you ask God to bless your children, etc.!

It matters lots as to whether or not the Lord blesses someone or a day!!

Notice how God chose the Sabbath commandment as the great test of His Law...

It's still the great test!
This is the “falling away” that Paul wrote of, a falling away from truth that was taught by Jesus and His disciples! Had things progressed correctly, with no “detours,” then true Christianity would have remained intact from the 1st century up to today!

But, as Paul foretold in Acts 20:29, “grievous wolves” did descend upon the simple and pure teachings of Christianity! Dozens of supposedly “holy” doctrines were instated — and not until the Reformation were these errors corrected, one by one!

And the Sabbath is the last one of these “neglected Bible truths” to be reinstated!
When God sent his Son to the people of Israel, they rejected the new light and new truth (Matthew 27:25: "Then answered all the people, and said, 'His blood be on us, and on our children.' "), so there came the necessity of creating a new church among the Gentiles.

When God brought more light to Konrad Grebel about baptism, most Lutherans didn't accept it. So the Baptist church emerged.

After the church of Rome turned cruel and apostate to God's truth, new light was given by Martin Luther, but the Catholic church refused it! So was born the Lutheran church.

When additional truth came through John Wesley, many Calvinists and others turned him down—so we now have the Methodists.

This story goes on and on!...

It's the sad human tendency to "depend upon the past," to draw a circle around our beliefs and call it a creed—yes, these original creeds helped reinstate the correct doctrines of true Christianity.

But they did not make provisions for advancing light!

This is why there are so many denominations!!

* In the New Testament, the word "church" from the Greek word ekklesia, simply means God's "called-out ones."
The Bible says that "God is not the author of confusion" (1 Cor. 14:33). Yet how is it that there can be over 200 different denominations when all of these churches claim only one source for "Truth," the Bible??...

A QUESTION:

WHY

Do people go to the church that they go to?

Some go "because it's close," some because "I like the preacher," some because "I like the special activities," or "they have a beautiful building." Or, probably the most common answer:

"I go to my church because my parents did. I was brought up in this church..."

...ARE THESE GOOD REASONS?!!

The Bible says in 1 Peter 3:15 that we should be able to give a sanctified reason for the hope that is within us, because of what we believe in...

And Jesus said in John 17:17 to "Sanctify them through Thy truth, Thy Word is truth!"

Truth, sanctifying truth, is revealed through the Word of God, the Bible! So therefore we can conclude that our beliefs, the reason for the hope within us, should be based upon God's word! And finally, when we "belong" to a church, (and we end up "endorsing" the teachings of that church), we should endeavor to seek and find that church which is uncompromisingly teaching and practicing Bible Truth!!
"But the path of the just is as a shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

Remember, the Reformers came out of the Dark Ages! Would you expect that all truth would be immediately rediscovered?? Should people say, "If Luther didn't believe it, I won't either..."?

Many people stand guard over what our forefathers taught — "If my parents believed it, it's good enough for me..."

— without ever realizing that in those days some truths were still undiscovered, still buried under centuries of tradition!
ONE DAY LONG AGO, BEFORE THE FIRST WORLD WAR, A YOUNG RUSSIAN CZAR WAS OUT WALKING THROUGH THE PALACE GARDEN, AND HE NOTICED A LONE GUARD STANDING IN A BARREN FIELD.

WHEN ASKED, THE SENTRY HAD NO IDEA AS TO WHY A GUARD WAS REQUIRED TO STAND OUT HERE AMONG THIS THORNY BRIER PATCH.

THE YOUNG CZAR LOOKED UP THE RECORDS, AND FOUND THAT CATHERINE THE GREAT HAD ONCE HAD ACRES AND ACRES OF ROSE GARDENS IN THIS AREA, AND ON THAT PARTICULAR SPOT A CHOICE, BEAUTIFUL ROSE BUSH HAD ONCE GROWN.

PEASANTS WERE PERMITTED TO COME IN TO VIEW THE ROSE BUSHELS, AND SHE HAD ORDERED A SENTRY TO STAND GUARD OVER THAT SPECIAL BUSH.

BUT THE ORDER WAS NEVER RESCINDED! THE ROSE GARDEN HAD LONG SINCE DISAPPEARED, AND NOW THE MAN WAS LEFT THERE STANDING GUARD OVER A PATCH OF WEEDS!!

YES, WE CAN SMILE AT THIS, BUT COULD IT BE THAT PERHAPS SOME OF US ARE "STANDING GUARD" CEREMONIOUSLY, EARNESTLY, AND SINCERELY OVER SOME THINGS THAT ARE NOT SACRED AT ALL??

COULD IT BE THAT SOME ARE STILL HOLDING SINCERELY ONTO THINGS THAT ARE NOT IN THE WORD OF GOD ... ?

IT'S EXTREMELY WRONG TO DEPEND UPON THE PAST WITHOUT CHECKING FOR OURSELVES! JUST BECAUSE "MOM AND DAD BELIEVED IT," THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S "RIGHT." TRUTH IS EVER-ADVANCING! THE REFORMATION IS NOT YET FINISHED!

"THE PATH OF THE JUST IS A SHINING LIGHT THAT SHINETH MORE AND MORE UNTO THE PERFECT DAY..."
Another story...

There was a man who owned a fabric store, and a woman bought ten yards of material from him—when she later laid out the material at her home, she found that it was too short for her patterns! She measured it and discovered it was ten inches too short.

The lady took the material back to the store and told the owner that he didn’t give her the full ten yards.

"Of course I did," he said to her. "We are always honest in our measurement of material." The owner motioned to the yardstick attached to the edge of his table.

The lady brought with her a brand new yardstick, and she placed it along side the shopowner's older yardstick, and said, "Look—your yardstick is one inch short."

It was true! The shopowner was very, very surprised. He'd never noticed it before.

The man's father had owned this store, and his grandfather before that—but evidently over the years the end of the yardstick had worn away! The shopowner made good on the lady's material, and immediately replaced that old yardstick!

Now, he unknowingly had been short-changing people on material, and perhaps even his father before him—so, what would he do now? Leave that old yardstick right there?? And continue to use the shortened yardstick??

No, of course not!—because he's discovered the truth of that yardstick!

That's the way it is with the Word of God! We must not condemn our parents, because they lived up to all the light that they knew—but we must not be content to stay where they were when we discover the complete truth of the Word of God for ourselves!
PART 18
THE COUNCIL OF LAODICEA

STUDY THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH!

THE Earliest Catholic Church Council to deal with Sunday as a day of rest was a Regional one, Meeting in Laodicea in 364 AD.

They stipulated in Canon 29 that:
"Christians shall not Judaize and be idle on Saturday, but shall work on that day; but the Lord's day they shall especially honor; and, as being Christians, shall, if possible, do no work on that day. If, however, they are found Judaizing, they shall be shut out from Christ."

Christians in Ethiopia still do today what was the common Christian habit back in the 2nd and 3rd centuries — they keep both Saturday and Sunday!

Socrates wrote in 439 AD that "although almost all churches throughout the world celebrate the Sacred Mysteries on the Sabbath of every week, yet the Christians of Alexandria and at Rome, on account of some ancient tradition (Sabbath Sun-Day Worship), have ceased to do this." See, it was from these two paganized Catholic Pseudo-intellectual Centers that came "canonized" Worldwide Orders to stop Sabbath observance!

Did you know... that the word "Saturday" in approximately 160 ancient and modern languages comes from the word "Sabbath"! Here are examples:

"Sabato" (Italian) • "Sabado" (Spanish) • "Sobota" (Polish) • "Shubbata" (Bulgarian) • "Sabbaton" (Greek) • ... and many others!!
PART 19  THE LORD'S DAY

NOW WAIT A MINUTE!...
JUST BECAUSE SOME THEOLOGIANS REFER TO THE LORD'S DAY
AND MEAN "SUNDAY" (AS IN THAT CANON 29 ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE),
IS "SUNDAY" REALLY THE
LORD'S DAY??

NO!

WHEN JOHN WROTE "I WAS
IN THE SPIRIT ON THE LORD'S DAY"
(REV. 1:10), SOME BELIEVE HE MEANT
"SUNDAY" — WRONG!

HERE'S PROOF:

TWICE
BEFORE IN HIS
WRITINGS JOHN HAD THE
OCCASION TO REFER TO "SUNDAY,"
AND HE DID SO BY CALLING IT
"THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK"!
SEE JOHN 20:1 AND 20:19!

WAS JOHN "MORE INSPIRED"
WHEN HE WROTE THE BOOK OF
REVELATION
THAN HE WAS WHEN HE
WROTE HIS GOSPEL??
HARDLY...

"SUNDAY" TO JOHN
WAS NO MORE THAN THE
COMMON "FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK"!!
SATURDAY
WAS "THE LORD'S DAY"!*

*SEE MATTHEW 12:8!
The papacy has a long history of adopting doctrines that remove them and their parishioners further and further from the truth and the light!

1. Prayers for the Dead
2. Wax candles
3. The use of images
4. Priests begin to dress differently than laymen
5. Extremeunction
6. Latin language used in prayer and worship commanded by Gregory I
7. Title of pope (bishop of the universe) given to Boniface III by the emperor Phocas
8. Temporal power of the popes is conferred by Pepin, king of the Franks
9. The worship of St. Joseph
10. College of cardinals established
11. The canonization of dead saints is first done by Pope John X
12. The mass has gradually developed into a "sacrifice," and attendance is now made obligatory
13. The rosary, a mechanical praying with beads, invented by Peter the Hermit
14. The sale of indulgences begins
15. Agrarian confession of sins to a priest, instead of to God, is instituted by Pope Innocent III in the Lateran Council
16. About 300 A.D.
17. Making the sign of the cross
18. Veneration of angels and dead saints
19. The mass as a daily celebration
20. Beginning of the exaltation of Mary. The term "mother of God" first applied to her by the council of Ephesus
21. The doctrine of purgatory is established by Gregory I
22. Prayers directed to Mary, dead saints, and to angels
23. Kissing the pope's foot, begins with Pope Constantine
24. Worship of the cross, images and relics is now officially authorized
25. Holy water (mixed with a pinch of salt and blessed by a priest) comes into use
26. Baptism of bells instituted by Pope John XIII
27. Fasting on Fridays and during "lent" begins
28. The celibacy of the priesthood is required by Pope Gregory II
29. The inquisition, in operation for centuries, is now made official by council of Verona
30. The error of transubstantiation is proclaimed by Pope Innocent III as the power to bring down God out of heaven into a cup and wafer

Continued...
Laymen are officially forbidden to have or read the Bible — it is placed on the "Index of Forbidden Books" by the Council of Valencia.

Laymen are forbidden to drink the cup at communion, by order of the Council of Constance.

Doctrine of seven sacraments is affirmed on pain of mortal sin.

The Jesuit Order is founded by Ignatius Loyola.

The apocryphal books are added to the Bible by the Council of Trent.

The Creed of Pope Pius IV is imposed as the official creed of the Church.

The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary is proclaimed by Pope Pius IX.

The temporal authority of the Pope over all rulers is officially reaffirmed.

The absolute infallibility of the Pope in all matters of faith and morals is proclaimed by Vatican I.

The assumption of the Virgin Mary (bodily ascension into heaven shortly after her death) is proclaimed by Pope Pius X.

Two additional doctrines are now being discussed by the Church of Rome, and may soon be adopted:

Mary as the "mediatrix of mankind." This means that God and Christ can only be approached through her.

The second is the dogma of Mary as the "co-redemptrix of the world." The idea here is that the redemption of our race, from start to finish, is done through Mary, working together at each step with Christ.

Now let's take a look at what the early Catholic Church thought about the "Jews"...
YOU SEE, ZEALOUS AND REBELLIOUS JEWS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF ROMAN PEOPLE! IT WAS A REVOLT THAT SPARKED THE TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM AND THE TEMPLE IN 70 A.D., AND THEN THE SELF-PROCLAIMED MESSIAH-GENERAL, BAR KOCHBA, BEGAN HIS EXTREMELY BLOODY REVOLT AGAINST THE ROMANS IN 132-135 A.D. ALL THIS INFLAMED ROMAN ANTI-JUDAISM!

SO, HERE AMONGST THIS SCENARIO, YOU HAVE THE SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY.

AND WHAT WERE "CHRISTIANS" DOING? THEY WORSHIPPED A JEWISH MESSIAH, read a JEWISH HOLY BOOK, AND KEPT THE "JEWISH" SABBATH DAY... WHICH, IF IT WERE TO SPREAD ALL THROUGH ROME,

IS JUST ANOTHER WAY FOR ROME TO BE "CONQUERED" BY THE JEWISH NATION!!

IS IT ANY WONDER THAT THE EARLY CHURCH OF ROME WOULD CONSIDER IT ADVANTAGEOUS TO "DISASSOCIATE" THEMSELVES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE FROM "THOSE HATED JEWS"?... SO THAT'S WHAT THEY DID!

ROMAN BISHOPS AND PONTIFFS, ETC., HATED BEING SEEN AS "SECOND-GENERATION JEWISH HOLY MEN" — THEY COULDN'T VERY WELL TOSS OUT CHRIST... AND (FOR A WHILE, AT LEAST) THEY HAD TO KEEP THE WRITTEN WORD AROUND... BUT "THAT DAY" COULD BE SCRAPED, THEY THOUGHT...

SO, THERE CAME THE LAWS AGAINST JUDAIZING ON SATURDAYS, AND THE ORDERS TO KEEP SUNDAY! AND WHEN THE ROMAN CHURCH LOOKED AROUND FOR A "GOOD REASON" TO MAKE IT ALL SOUND OFFICIAL AND "HOLY," THEY SAID IT WAS BECAUSE LIGHT WAS CREATED ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK (THIS KEPT THE CONVERTED SUN-WORSHIPPING PAGANS HAPPY), AND, SECONDLY, THAT CHRIST ROSE ON SUNDAY! THEN THE POPES THOUGHT, THIS IS GREAT, WE DON'T LOOK LIKE "JEWS" ANYMORE... *

* THE RESURRECTION BECAME THE "MAIN REASON" FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLY, AFTER SUN-WORSHIP WANEED IN THE ROMAN WORLD. (AROUND 400 A.D.)
HISTORY IS PEPPERED WITH WRITINGS ESPOUSING ANTI-JEWISH SENTIMENTS! TOTALLY INCORRECT AND EVIL THINGS WERE MADE UP AND TOLD ABOUT THE JEWS — THEY SUPPOSEDLY CELEBRATED THE DEATH OF CHRIST BY ABDUCTING AND SACRIFICING YOUNG CHRISTIAN BOYS... THEY WERE CONSTANTLY REFERRED TO AS "THE CHRIST KILLERS"...

CENTURIES OF HATE AND MISUNDERSTANDING RESULTED MOST RECENTLY IN THE HOLOCAUST WHEREIN HITLER MURDERED MILLIONS — AND EVEN TODAY WE CAN HEAR CONTEMPTUOUS HATE-RUMORS THAT ARE TOTALLY GROUNDLESS...

THE HATRED OF THE JEWS...

...THAT'S WHAT PROMPTED EARLY ROMAN CHRISTIANS LIKE JUSTIN MARTYR (100-165 A.D.) TO DO THEIR BEST TO PROMOTE JUSTIFICATION FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP! JUSTIN MARTYR WROTE THAT GOD HAD MADE THE SABBATH ON ACCOUNT OF THE WICKEDNESS OF THE JEWS, DEEMING IT "A MARK TO SINGLE THEM OUT FOR PUNISHMENT THEY SO WELL DESERVED FOR THEIR INFIDELITIES." AND HE CLAIMED THAT "THE EIGHTH DAY POSSESSES A CERTAIN MYSTERIOUS IMPORT, WHICH THE SEVENTH DOES NOT POSSESS," RELATING IT TO THE EIGHTH DAY OF THE CIRCUMCISION, AND ARBITRARILY TO THE EIGHT PEOPLE THAT GOD SAVED FROM THE FLOOD — COUPLED WITH THE FACT THAT PAGANS HONORED SUN-DAY. JUSTIN MARTYR MADE MISUSE OF NUMEROUS BIBLE VERSES LIKE JOHN 1:9, MALACHI 4:2, LUKE 1:16-79, MATTHEW 17:2, AND REV. 22:4, ETC., TO "PROVE" THAT SUNDAY WAS THE WAY TO GO!...

BUT NO MATTER HOW "LOGICAL" THE ARGUMENTS, THE MAIN REASON BEHIND ALL THESE CHANGES IN THE 7TH-DAY SABBATH WAS A VERY UN-CHRISTIAN ONE: HATE!

LITERALLY THERE WERE "CANNONS TO THE RIGHT OF THEM," AND "CANNONS TO THE LEFT OF THEM" — CANONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND EVIL LAWS ABOUND!!

THE BEAUTY OF THE TRUE SABBATH WAS DEFACED!
PART 22

APOSTATE PROTESTANTISM

ARE JESUS' COMMANDMENTS DIFFERENT FROM GOD'S COMMANDMENTS? NO.
"I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE." (JOHN 10:30) "IF YE KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, YE SHALL ABIDE IN MY LOVE; EVEN AS I HAVE KEPT MY FATHER'S COMMANDMENTS, AND ABIDE IN HIS LOVE." (JOHN 15:10)
JESUS' COMMANDMENTS ARE THE SAME AS GOD'S, WITH THE ACCENT ON "LOVE"... (VERSE 10)

PSALMS 19:7 SAYS, "THE LAW OF THE LORD IS PERFECT, CONVERTING THE SOUL... HOW DOES THIS WORK? WHEN WE READ GOD'S LAW, AND SEE ALL IT REQUIRES, IT CONVICTS US THAT WE ARE NOT MEASURING UP TO IT! THUS IT POINTS US TO CHRIST AS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN JUSTIFY US FREELY AND ENABLE US TO OBEY!

"FOR NOT THE HEARERS OF THE LAW ARE JUST BEFORE GOD, BUT THE DOERS OF THE LAW SHALL BE JUSTIFIED." (ROMANS 2:13)

THERE ARE A LOT OF CHRISTIANS TODAY WHO "CLAIM" TO BE SAVED, BUT ARE THEY REALLY? ACTS 5:32 SAYS THAT GOD GIVES THE HOLY GHOST ONLY TO THOSE WHO OBEY HIM!

... YET THOUSANDS OF PROTESTANT MINISTERS TEACH DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD'S TOTAL LAW! THEY SAY THAT ONLY THE "MORAL" PORTION OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WAS CARRIED OVER INTO THE NEW TESTAMENT ERA. YET EVEN MOST OF THESE PASTORS TEACH THAT LIVING ACCORDING TO THE LAW IS "IMPOSSIBLE," AND THEY DEPEND COMPLETELY UPON FAITH WITHOUT WORKS TO GET INTO HEAVEN.

PROTESTANT PASTORS HAVE BEEN LAX IN TEACHING GOD'S TRUTH, AND MOST HAVE TURNED THEIR BACKS ON THE 4TH COMMANDMENT!!

FAR TOO MANY PROTESTANT MINISTERS HAVE FORGOTTEN WHAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE "PROTESTING"...

... THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE TAKING A STRONG STAND AGAINST ALL THE FALSE DOCTRINES OF ROME, AND REINSTATE TRUE BIBLE-BASED CHRISTIANITY!!

BUT HAVE THEY?

WHAT DOES ISAIAH SAY ABOUT PREACHERS WHO "WARP" GOD'S COMMANDMENTS?

"IF THEY SPEAK NOT ACCORDING TO THIS WORD, "THERE IS NO LIGHT IN THEM.""

ISAIAH 8:20

WHAT IF A MINISTER TEACHES COMMANDMENT-BREAKING ??

"WHOEVER THEREFORE SHALL BREAK ONE OF THESE LEAST COMMANDMENTS, AND SHALL TEACH MEN SO, HE SHALL BE CALLED THE LEAST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN..." (MAT 5:19)

AND THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT THIS PREACHER'LL EVEN GET INTO HEAVEN — I ASSURE YOU, HE WOULDN'T!!

IN THE LAST DAYS AMERICA'S PROTESTANT CHURCHES ARE GOING TO PASS NATIONWIDE SUNDAY BLUE LAWS TO ORDER PEOPLE TO OBSERVE SUNDAY.

THIS SEALS THEMSELVES TO ROME'S DISREGARD OF GOD'S HOLY LAW —

THEY WILL, IN EFFECT, BE TRASHING IT!! *

TOSSING IT OUT AS GARBAGE!

REMEMBER THAT JESUS SAID THAT NOT EVERYONE WHO "ASKS" TO GET INTO HEAVEN IS ACTUALLY LET INTO HEAVEN:

"NOT EVERY ONE THAT SAITH UNTO ME, LORD, LORD, SHALL ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN; BUT HE THAT DOETH THE WILL OF MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN"!

* REMEMBER JAMES 2:18! "TRASH" EVEN ONE COMMANDMENT, YOU'RE GUILTY OF ALL!

PSALM 40:8

MATT. 7:20-23
After his death upon the cross, 
the Lord Jesus Christ rested 
the entire Sabbath in the grave!!

Just as he had rested after his work of creation (John 1:3), 
the Son of God rested after completing his work of redemption.

Then, on Sunday, which had been a common working day for over 3,000 years, 
Jesus rose from the tomb, returned to life, and literally went back to work!
IS THE RESURRECTION A SUFFICIENT REASON FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP? NO. THE LORD'S SUPPER HAPPENED ON A THURSDAY NIGHT, BUT WE DON'T CELEBRATE IT EVERY THURSDAY, AND CHRIST'S ATONING DEATH TOOK PLACE ON A FRIDAY, BUT WE DON'T SAY, "EVERY FRIDAY IS A SACRED DAY..." CHRIST DESIGNATED THAT HIS DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION SHOULD BE SYMBOLICALLY COMMENORATED IN THE RITE OF BAPTISM, NOT SUNDAY WORSHIP.*

THE BIBLE CLEARLY STATES THAT ONLY ONE DAY WAS EVER CONSECRATED AND COMMANDED FOR MANKIND TO OBSERVE! THE 7TH-DAY SABBATH! AND THE RISEN JESUS NEVER TOLD US ANY DIFFERENT!

* ROMANS 6:1-6

PART 24

SATAN'S ATTACK UPON GOD'S LAW

IN THE 1ST AND 2ND CENTURIES SATAN ATTACKED THE CHURCH DIRECTLY, CAUSING THE ROMAN CAESARS TO CRUELLY MURDER CHRISTIANS IN THE PUBLIC ARENAS AND COLISEUMS...

WHEN CHRISTIANITY BECAME MORE "ACCEPTABLE" IN THE EARLY 4TH CENTURY, SATAN HAD TO CHANGE HIS TACTICS — HE COULDN'T OBLITERATE THE CHURCH AND ITS CHRISTIANS BY VIOLENCE, BUT HE COULD INFILTRATE IT AND WARP GOD'S DOCTRINES FROM THE INSIDE OF THE CHURCH!

AND THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED WITHIN THE CHURCH OF ROME!

SATAN DID A MASTERFUL JOB OF DESTROYING THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LORD'S SABBATH COMMANDMENT.

IT WAS THE MOST OBVIOUS ONE OF THE TEN TO GET THE GENTILE CHRISTIAN WORLD TO IGNORE, AND GOOD OL' PAGANIZED SUNDAY WAS THE OH-SO-VERY LOGICAL COUNTERFEIT "HOLY DAY"!

A MASTERFUL JOB OF DECEIT, INDEED!
PART 25

THE REMNANT

We read in Revelation 12:17 that, "The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ..."

As was covered before in the Prophecies Book, a "woman" in prophecy represents a church — a pure woman being a pure church, and fallen woman an apostate church!

So, what is a "remnant"?

A "remnant" is a continuation of the original, such as the "last part" of a bolt of cloth — the "remnant" church of the last days will actually be a continuation of the original church that was established in this world by Jesus Christ and his disciples back in the first century...

This "remnant" will (1) keep the commandments of God, and (2) they will have the testimony of Jesus Christ! And to "keep the commandments of God" means that the true remnant church will also observe the seventh-day Sabbath!

Like we do!

And all of us too!!
Obviously, for a person to be a part of God’s remnant means that one must become a part of a Sabbath-keeping Christian church! And for over 140 years the Seventh-Day Adventist Church has openly claimed the distinction of being “the Lord’s remnant church.”

Currently there are over five million Sabbath-keeping people that are members of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, and these God-loving Christians are located in over 190 countries! Seventh-Day Adventists are well-known for their quiet Christ-like demeanor, and their love for God and man.

Seventh-Day Adventists set aside that entire 24-hour period from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday as the most holy period — it’s the time to rest from the worries and cares of the world, to stop “working” and spend quality time communing with the Lord. This weekly practice is a true blessing, helping to revitalize both the mind and the spirit.

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Some of you may consider it a “strange” thing to do, going to church on Saturdays — in Hosea’s day the people prompted this comment from the Lord: “I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing...” (Hosea 8:12)

...and there’s a good chance that many of today’s people will respond in this same way. If you, the reader, should decide to begin to keep the great and holy Sabbath of God’s law, but just remember this:

You’ll be in excellent company!

Moses kept the Sabbath, and Abraham, and Daniel, and David, and Isaiah, and Ezekiel, and Elijah, plus all the disciples, John, Mark, Luke, Matthew, etc... All the holy men of the Bible kept the Sabbath!!

That puts you in real good company, in my opinion! A “strange” thing to do?? Hardly! The only strange thing going on here in our world is that so many good Christians ignore the Lord’s holy Sabbath, and instead they opt for that other day of the week...
DEAR FRIENDS,

... AND THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE BEHELD THE CRUCIFIXION OF THE SON OF GOD, HIS ULTIMATE SACRIFICE FOR MANKIND...

SEE, I CORINTHIANS 4:9 SAYS THAT "WE ARE A SPECTACLE UNTIL THE WORLD, AND TO ANGELS, AND TO MEN..." AND THAT MEANS ALL MEN, ETC., IN THE ENTIRE GALAXY!

THE VAST INHABITED UNIVERSE HAS BID IT TIME TO "WATCH," AND PATIENTLY OBSERVE... *

WHEN LUCIFER CAUSED FULLY A THIRD OF THE ANGELS IN HEAVEN TO REBEL, THEY CHALLENGED THE NECESSITY OF GOD'S LAWS — AND, ACCORDINGLY, THE PATIENTLY WATCHING UNIVERSE, AND THE UNFALLEN TWO THIRDS OF THE ANGELS, HAVE WONDERED IF PERHAPS LUCIFER WAS "RIGHT"... SO, THE EARTH HAS BEEN THE "EXAMPLE," THE STAGE UPON WHICH SİN HAS BEEN ABLE TO COME TO FULL MANIFESTATION!

THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE HAS SEEN THAT LUCIFER WAS A LIAR, AND HAS SEEN THE CONSEQUENCES OF "SİN"!

... AND THE UNIVERSE HAS SEEN THE PAPACY TORTURE, COERCIE, AND BOAST THAT THEY HAVE THE "RIGHT" TO TAMPER WITH GOD'S HOLY AND ETERNAL COMMANDMENTS!

* HEBREWS 1:1,2 AND 11:3
How would you feel if you saw someone thoughtlessly tread upon our flag? ...

...This is exactly what most Christians do: they trample underfoot the Sabbath commandment, ignoring it and thinking "it's of no consequence"...

Yet in 1 Peter 2:21 the Lord tells us to follow in His steps, and no Christian can contest the fact that Jesus kept the seventh day all His life. "The Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath." (Matt. 12:8) Shouldn't we follow in His steps and follow our Lord's example? Of course we should!

"Thou hast despised mine holy things, and hast profaned my sabbaths..." (Ezekiel 22:18) God has told us very clearly that if we break even one of His commandments, we are then held "guilty of all"... (See James 2:10)

At the close of the 1,000-year millennium when the Lord creates the new earth, the Sabbath will forever be observed! We read about it in Isaiah 66:22-23...

"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!"

And that Sabbath is the 7th-day Sabbath!
HONORING THE LORD BEGINS HERE AND NOW IN THIS WORLD — YES, NO ONE IS "SAVED" BY STRICTLY KEEPING THE LAW, WE ARE SAVED BY ACCEPTING JESUS AND HIS FREE GIFT OF GRACE — BUT RECEIVING THAT GRACE DOES NOT PERMIT US TO TOSSE OUT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, FOR WITHOUT THE LAW IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO RECOGNIZE SIN (READ ROMANS 7) ...

IT'S NOT BEING "LEGALISTIC" TO LOVE CHRIST AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS — FOR A TRUE CHRISTIAN, IT'S A JOY TO OBEY GOD'S COMMANDMENTS ...

... AND THE LORD WISHES US TO REST AND WORSHIP HIM UPON THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH, THE DAY HE BLESSED, SANCTIFIED, AND HALLOWED!

IF YOU LOVE ME ...

... KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS!

— AND NOW YOU KNOW "THE TRUTH ABOUT THE SABBATH"!!