

THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD

God will have a last generation of true Christians of whom it can be said “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus”. Revelation 14:12.

This last-day group of true Christians will be a very small minority as compared to the vast numbers of those who will not keep the commandments of God nor have the faith of Jesus.

One distinctive characteristic of false religion is that it will always ultimately seek to persecute and compel those of a different persuasion to accept its beliefs. Jesus explained the reason for this in St. John chapter 16 verse 1 to 3: “These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father nor me” John 16:1-3. And the Apostle Paul explained to young Timothy:- “Yea, and all

that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution” 2Timothy 3:12.

Prophecy foretells that Satan will employ the popular religious organizations and the civil power to persecute God’s true commandment keeping people in the very last days of earth’s history: John wrote it thus in Revelation 12:17:

“And 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” Revelation 12:17.

Whenever any religion or group of religions employ compulsive persecutory force against those of different beliefs then you can be sure that such an act of persecution is, (without my need for argument) proof that the persecutors are not of God and that they know neither the Father nor the Son. (John 16:1-3). One false religion will persecute another false religion and will persecute true religion, but true religion will never persecute those who differ in belief. God grants to each human being freedom of

choice to worship according to the dictates of his or her conscience without any external compulsion whatever. True Christianity uses the presentations of truth, love, righteousness, freedom and peace as the only means of persuading people to believe in Christ. On the other hand false christianity will ultimately resort to the use of civil power to compel people to conform. The final conflict between false religion and the absolutely pure and true Christianity will be the key issue involving the entire world just before the second coming of Christ. This crisis will break suddenly upon the world beginning, according to Bible prophecy, with the U S.A. (Revelation 13:11-18).

In Bible prophecy a women symbolises the church. A pure woman symbolises the true people of God His true movement. An impure woman symbolises false christianity, a false church. Proof of this is found by comparing the following scriptures: Isaiah 54:5-8; 2Corinthians 11:2; Ezekiel I 6:15; Hosea 2:3; Hosea 4:14,15.

Revelation chapter 12 verse 17 therefore describes Satan's final attack against the end-

time true church of God. Satan's hostility will be maximum because God's end-time people, His true Christians, will keep the Commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Satan hates righteousness, he hates Jesus and therefore he hates to see men and women who fully reflect the righteousness of Christ by keeping the commandments of God. Let us notice this important scripture in 1 John 3 verse 6 and 4 "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 1John 3:6.

*"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."
1John 3:4*

The end-time Saints of God will completely fulfil and satisfy the following passages of scripture (read them carefully): John 3:1-3, 6,7,9;) 1John 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:16-18.

The New Testament makes it plain that sin is the transgression of the law (1John 3:4).

But which law is John here speaking of? Paul gives the answer in Romans 7 verses 7 and 12, here Paul states that he would not have known sin but by the law and then he quotes one of the ten commandments; proving that the law (of which sin is the transgression) is the tell commandment moral law of God, Exodus 20. And in Romans 7:12 Paul tells us that this law is holy, just and good. In Romans 3:31 Paul further states that faith in God's grace does not make void the law, but rather establishes it, and how does faith establish the law? Paul himself gives the answer in Romans 8:1-4 "that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit". Romans 8:4. Therefore it becomes clear that God's true end-time Christian will fully satisfy all the following:-

- (i) The new covenant. Hebrew 10:16 18
- (ii) The faith which establishes the law. Romans 3:31
- (iii) The fulfillment of the righteousness of the law. Romans 8:4; Matthew 5:17-20

- (iv) The perfection demanded of them by God. Matthew 5:48; 1Thessalonians 5:23,24.
- (v) They will live, preach and teach the truth that the moral law of God (Exodus 20) has not been abolished or changed in any way. That it can be obeyed perfectly by those who possess the “righteousness of Christ”. Romans 8:4,10; Romans 6: 6,12-18; Ephesians 3:17-21; Ephesians 2:10; James 2:10-12; Revelation 14:12
- (vi) They will be filled with the love of God, 1Corinthians 13; and love is the fulfilling of the law. John 14;15; 1John 5:1-4
- (vii) They will manifest, fully matured the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:22-26; Ephesians 4:22 32

The wonderful work of producing that last generation of true fully matured Christians, perfect in character though still living in fallen sinful human nature, is mentioned in Revelation 7. In Revelation 7 the small group

of end-time true, character-perfected Christians is symbolically referred to as the 144,000 who receive and possess the seal of the living God in their foreheads. Now study carefully the following facts:-

1. The seal of God is in His law. Isaiah 8:16.
2. A seal is the official stamp or sign or signet of a kingdom, stating the name of the king, his title, his dominion, his rights to rule. 1Kings 21:8; Jeremiah 22:24; Haggai 2:23.
3. Of all the ten commandments only the fourth gives us this information: Exodus 20:8-11.

Name: Yahweh [or Jehovah] written as LORD in the King James version of the Bible

Title:Creator.

Dominion: The heavens and the Earth

His right to rule: Maker and owner of all yet

loving, kind, gracious, merciful: Granting to all full freedom of choice and announcing to all that only under his righteous government can eternal life and happiness be acquired.

The Seventh Day Sabbath is thus the seal of the law of God, the sign of sanctification. Ezekiel 20:12,20.

4. The Holy Spirit is the sealing agent, Ephesians 4:30.
5. The Holy Spirit seals by writing the law of God in the hearts and minds of His people. Heb. 10:15-17.
6. The Holy Spirit does this by reproducing the character, the life, the righteousness of Christ in the child of God. This is accomplished through and by the word of God. St John 3:5,8; Romans 8:9-16
7. This imparted righteousness of Christ is implanted as the seed of Christ and must grow until Christ is fully formed within the believer. Romans 8:10; Ephesians 3:16,17;

Colossians 1:27; 1Peter 1:23; John 1:1;
1John 5:11 12

8. Thus the believer will possess the mind of Christ and therefore have the faith of Jesus: Phillipians 2:5; Rev 14 12.
9. This faith of Jesus always gives victory over sin because it condemns sin in sinful flesh and establishes righteous character in sinful flesh. Thus the seal of God is the perfect obedience of Christ reproduced in His end time Saints. Romans 8:3; John 5:4; St. John 16: 33.
10. Christ kept His Father's commandments perfectly and declared Himself to be Lord of the Sabbath. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever, He is still Lord of the Sabbath. Wherever Christ dwells He will manifest His Lordship and righteousness and keep His Sabbath. St. John 15:10; Mark 2:28; Hebrews 13:8; Luke 4:16.
11. Therefore the end-time Saints, who possess Christ dwelling in their hearts, must and

will keep the commandments of God and the true Seventh-Day Sabbath as the perfect, fully matured reproduction of the “righteousness of Christ” in their lives. Revelation 12:17; 1John 3:24; 1John 2:29; Ezekiel 20:12; Hebrews 4:9-11,4; Mark 4:26-29; Galatians 4:19; St. John 17:22,23; St. John 15:8-10.

12. They will know all the revealed truth of God (St. John 17:17) both intellectually and spiritually and will be unmoveable from that truth. Ephesians 6:10-13.

Thus we see that the end-time true people of God, called the remnant of the woman’s seed (Revelation 12:17), will keep the commandments of God; will keep the true Seventh-Day Sabbath, because they will have the faith of Jesus; the mind of Christ; the righteousness of Christ fully reproduced in them. When Satan sees this mystery of Godliness completed (please read Colossians 1:21-29) in God’s last-generation saints, he will hurl all the temptations the deceptions, mental and physical persecution and compulsive force,

that he can muster, at God's people just as he did to Christ 2000 years ago; but like Christ, God's people would die rather than sin. Matthew 26:39; Phillipians 2:5-8; Revelation 12:11. "They loved not their lives unto death".

To strengthen His saints for that period of intense tribulation and persecution, Jesus, who ministers for them in the Most Holy Place of the Heavenly Sanctuary, will pour out upon them in unlimited measure His Holy Spirit, thus will they endure the test and have their sins blotted out from the sanctuary as the Apostle Peter prophesied in Acts 3:19,20.\

"Repent ye therefore and be converted that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached onto you".

The end-time saints of God will then go through the period of the seven last plagues untouched by the plagues, whereas those who have rejected the true gospel of Christ and therefore His true Sabbath, shall be tormented

by the seven last plagues as a direct result of their rejection of God's truth and His protection. Christ will then return in glory to translate the living saints who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus; leaving the world in ruins with all the rejectors of truth dead across its surface, killed by that terrible separation from God which sin produces. Matt. 24:30,31; 1Thess. 4:16-18; Revelation 20:4-6.

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