

WHICH DAY IS THE “LORD’S DAY”?

Some say that the Lord’s Day is the FIRST DAY of the week. Some say that it is the SEVENTH DAY of the week. Still others say that the SABBATH DAY is a 7,000 year period. What does the Bible say?

1. THE LORD DOES HAVE A DAY – Revelation 1:10.
This is so even in New Testament times for John here says that he was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day. But which day is the Lord’s day? This text in Revelation does not tell us, so we must look elsewhere in scripture.
2. Matthew 12:8 and Mark 2:27 tell us that the Sabbath is the Lord’s day. Obviously if Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath, the Sabbath is the Lord’s day, the DAY of the Lord.
3. a. But which day is the Sabbath day, see Exodus 20:10,11. Here the commandment states clearly that the Seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD, thy~ God. Notice that the Sabbath is not any one day in seven BUT IT IS THE SEVENTH DAY OF THE WEEK.

b. ALL HISTORIANS AGREE THAT THE ORDER OF THE WEEKLY CYCLE HAS REMAINED CONSTANT.

- c. Let us examine this order in New Testament times: Luke 23:54-56 and 24:1.

Here we see that the day preceding the Sabbath is the preparation day, the day Christ died -FRIDAY. The women rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment. Then, early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women came again. Here is given the correct sequence: FRIDAY, SABBATH and SUNDAY. The names we now have for days of the week were given by the Romans, BUT THE ORDER HAS NOT BEEN CHANGED. The Sabbath day is the seventh day of the week.

4. How long will the Sabbath continue to be observed? Isaiah 66:22,23: Even in the world made-new shall Sabbath observance be maintained!
5. WHAT WAS CHRIST'S CUSTOM WHILE ON EARTH? See Luke 4:16. Christ's custom was to worship in the synagogue on the Seventh-day Sabbath.
6. Paul's custom was exactly the same, (see Acts 17:2, 18:4). Some say that Paul only went to the synagogue on the Sabbath so he could meet with the JEWS. BUT SEE Acts 16:13. Here Christians gathered, NOT IN THE SYNAGOGUE, BUT BY the riverside, SPECIFICALLY TO WORSHIP! NOTE: THESE

WERE GENTILES OF THE ROMAN COLONY PHILIPPI! See Acts 13:14, and 42 to 44. Here we see that “when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, THE GENTILES besought that these words might be preached to them next Sabbath.” (Acts 13:42); and in verse 44 we read of the entire CITY congregating on the Sabbath to hear Paul. Surely, if the Sabbath had been changed then Paul should have and could have told these Gentiles that he would meet with them on the first day of the week. BUT NO, HE MET WITH THEM ON THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH!

7. CHRISTIANS SHOULD FOLLOW JESUS OUR ONLY EXAMPLE (1 John 2:6).
8. Isaiah 56:2,6: God plainly states that the man that keepeth the Sabbath is blessed. NOT just a Jew - any man!
9. a. Some say that the Sabbath is a 7,000 year period. THERE IS NO SCRIPTURE TO SUPPORT THIS.
- b. The Hebrew word “Yom” translated “day”, in Genesis 1, indicates a literal day. Throughout the Old Testament Yom” is used in a variety of ways; however, in every case where “Yom” is accompanied by a definite number, a literal day is indicated, (See Genesis 7:11, Lev. 23:24, Exodus 16:1). There is no possibility of legitimately understanding anything other

- than a 24-hour day in these cases. The days of Genesis 1 are numbered, and therefore fit into this usage of “Yom .
- c. If a day was 7000 years in creation week then even if Adam had been created late in the afternoon of the six day, by the close of that day he would have been far older than the age given in Genesis 5:5!
 - d. Also, beginning with the fourth day, when the sun and moon were set to govern day and night, the light and darkness were obviously controlled by sun and moon. Yet the boundaries of the day - evening and morning are described in the same way for the first three days as for the last three. Today the sun and moon still govern light and darkness. Are there 3,500 years of light followed by 3,500 years of darkness? - No. Surely the Genesis 1 day was a 24-hour day!
 - e. If days were 7,000 years long, they comprised an evening and a morning, then you would have 3,500 years of light and 3,500 years of darkness. Vegetation could not have grown this way after it was created. Furthermore, with vegetation created the third day, then it would not have been pollinated by the bees and insects for many thousands of years. The Bible states that God spoke everything into existence. It would not take the omnipotent Jehovah thousands of years to

do that! And note that God created adult mature creatures - Adam was mature, the grass was spoken into existence yielding seed, etc.

- f. There is no text in the Bible which says that a day equals 7000 years. In 2 Peter 3:8 the Apostle is simply emphasizing that time is as nothing with God, because God is eternal; so a day IS AS a thousand years, and a thousand years AS a day.
 - g. The only authorization we have to interpret a day as being anything else but 24 hours, is in prophecy. Numbers 14:33-34 allows that one day in prophecy be counted as ONE YEAR in fulfilment.
10. Hebrew 4:9 is quoted by some to be proof that the Sabbath is a long period of time, Viz. 7,000 years. **THIS IS CLEARLY FALSE.** If we examine this text in the Greek and in its context it reads thus: "Therefore remains a keeping of a Sabbath for the people of God." The Apostle Paul is clearly saying that Christians should be keeping a Sabbath.

The Greek word for "Keeping of a Sabbath" is "Sabbatismos" which means Sabbath observance, hence the word Sabbatize.

In Hebrews 4:4 Paul says that God did rest [Past tense] on the Seventh Day. It does not

say that God “is resting” or was resting. Hence there is no logical possibility of concluding that the Sabbath is 7,000 years long.

Again, in verse 10, the past tense is used. “For the man that has entered into [God’s] rest has also himself rested from his own works. This Sabbath to be kept is obviously the Seventh Day Sabbath which God did keep!

But verse 11 of Hebrews 4 leaves us no doubt. The Greek reads “Let us therefore do our utmost to enter into that rest for fear anyone should fall in the same pattern of disobedience.” The only Sabbath we have been commanded to obey or believe is the Seventh-Day Sabbath, hence it is the only one we could disobey!

To summarize what Paul is saying, in Hebrew 4, then: He says many of the Israelites did not reach Canaan because of their disobedience and unbelief. Similarly; there is danger for Christians, that they will not finally be saved in the Kingdom of God, because of their disobedience and lack of faith. And the Apostle specially links this disobedience with keeping of the Seventh-Day Sabbath.

Remember, Christ is “Lord of the Sabbath” (Mark 2:28); and Christ and Paul kept the Sabbath. What more example do we need! Jesus said “If ye love me keep my commandments”.

11. Is there any scriptural authority for Sunday-keeping?

Many believe that the New Testament states a change in the Sabbath Day from the Seventh day to the first day of the week.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK?

We shall examine all the first-day texts in the New Testament, and see if such change has been made. In the Gospels Matt. 28:1, Mark 16:2, Luke 23:54-56 and Luke 24:1, these texts show that the seventh-day Sabbath is past when the first day of the week begins. The texts show the sequence: Friday - Sabbath - Sunday.

John 20:19-23 and 26: Some people say that these texts indicated Sunday-sacredness. Note that the Apostles were behind closed doors, because they were afraid of the Jews. They did not gather to worship. Jesus appeared to them on the evening of the first day of the week.

IN THE ACTS - ACTS 20:6,7.

Here a meeting is being described. Paul is about to depart, and he is giving his farewell sermon. Some say that since they were breaking bread, the day was a Sabbath or was sacred. See Acts 2:46, where the post-

pentecostal apostles broke bread DAILY and had meetings DAILY. A day does not become the Sabbath day because a meeting is held on it, or because bread is broken on it. It is obvious that this meeting was held for two reasons: (a) Paul's departure, and (b) to break bread, since this would be the last opportunity to break bread with believers before he departed.

IN CORINTHIANS - 1 Cor. 16:1-3

Here Paul asks the Corinthian Christians to put aside a "gathering" AT HOME ("by himself"). The very purpose for choosing the first DAY of the week was that the seventh day, Sabbath, be not broken by getting the stuff together. **THUS WE HAVE EXAMINED ALL THE FIRST DAY TEXTS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT AND THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT SUNDAY SACREDNESS.**

There is therefore no scriptural authority for keeping Sunday as the Sabbath. The Apostle Paul says clearly in Hebrews 4 that there remains a Seventh-day Sabbath-rest for Christians, and Christ and Paul kept the Seventh-Day Sabbath. If there was a change, Paul would have made it known - Acts 20:20, 27. Some claim that they keep Sunday because Christ was resurrected on that day. This is what they have arbitrarily chosen to do, because neither Christ nor his apostles gave

any such command. The Communion Service and Baptism by immersion are the memorials of Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

The Seventh Day is unchallenged as the Sabbath of the Bible in both Old and New Testaments.

12. HOW DID SUNDAY WORSHIP COME ABOUT?

The Bible predicted that an organization would arise which would attempt to change God's law. Daniel 7:25. The prediction is in a four-part prophecy concerning the four World Empires: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome. (Read Daniel chapter 7).

The fourth kingdom, representing Rome, had ten horns representing the ten segments into which Rome was divided in AD 476 (See Daniel 7:17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24-28, also Daniel 2 and 8). While the prophet was contemplating the ten horns, he saw a peculiar "little horn" arising. The "little horn" organization was predicted to have the following characteristics according to Daniel.

1. Location: It would arise in Western Europe (among the ten horns).
2. Time: It would arise "after them", that is after AD 476, the date assigned for Western Rome's final dissolution.

3. Its rise would topple three of the other horn powers. That is, it would overthrow three of the ten divisions, as it rose to power.
4. It would differ from the other “horns”, in that it deals also with religious matters, whereas the other horns or primitive Euro - Roman divisions, would be primarily political.
5. It would speak against God, “wear out” His saints and would “think to change times and laws.”
6. This power would operate for a symbolic 1,260 days that is, 1,260 literal years. (See Rev. 12:6, 14).
7. This same power is also described in Revelation 13:1-10, where it is called “the BEAST.”

HISTORY TELLS US THAT THE ORGANIZATION FITTING ALL THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS WAS THE ROMAN CHURCH UNDER THE PAPACY DURING THE DARK AGES. The little horn of Daniel 7 is the same as the BEAST of Revelation 13:1-10: both represent the Papacy.

The papacy came to supremacy in AD 538, and fell from supremacy in AD 1798, when the French General, Berthier, took the Pope, Pius VI, prisoner. AD 538 to AD 1798 = 1,260 years exactly! During the middle ages the Roman Church persecuted the reformers in the most cruel way possible. The Papal

power claims to be infallible and to be able to forgive sins!

As the Papal power rose to supremacy in AD 538, it conquered or defeated the Heruli, the Vandals and the Goths exactly as prophecy predicted, (that is: it rooted up 3 of the existing “horns”).

But does the Papacy admit attempting to change the Sabbath? - YES!

“The Church has thought it well to transfer the celebration and observance of the Sabbath to Sunday”. CATECHISM OF THE COUNCIL OF TRENT FOR PARISH PRIESTS, p 402.

In “The converts’ Catechism of Catholic Doctrine” by Peter Geierman (1957) page 50, we read:-”

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, in the Council of Laodicea (AD 336), transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.”

In the “Catholic Virginian”, Oct. 3, 1947 we read the following admission by the Roman Catholic Organization:-

“Does the Bible contain everything that we must believe in order to be saved?... All of us believe many things in regard to religion that we do not find in the Bible. For example, nowhere in the Bible do we find that Christ or the Apostles ordered that the Sabbath be changed to Sunday. We have the commandment of God to keep holy the Sabbath Day, that is: the 7th day of the week Saturday. Today most Christians keep Sunday, because it was revealed to us by the Church outside the Bible”. This is a clear statement by the Roman Catholic church herself, EXPLAINING THAT SUNDAY-KEEPING IS UNSCRIPTURAL!

H.F. Thomas, Chancellor to Cardinal Gibbons, in reply to a letter of October 28, 1895, inquiring of Cardinal Gibbons if the Roman Catholic Church claimed the change of the Sabbath as her work, wrote: “Of course, the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act: it could not have been otherwise, as none in those days would have dreamed of doing anything in spiritual and ecclesiastical and religious matters without her. And the act is a mark of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters”. Now remember that the Roman Papal organization is called the BEAST in Revelation 13. Notice therefore a very important fact brought out in the above Roman Catholic statement: THAT FACT IS THAT THE “CHANGE” OF THE SABBATH FROM SATURDAY TO SUNDAY IS

A MARK OF HER ECCLESIASTICAL POWER AND AUTHORITY IN RELIGIOUS MATTERS. THE TIME IS JUST AHEAD WHEN THIS MARK OF THE BEAST, SUNDAY, WILL BE FORCED UPON ALL PEOPLE BY A COMBINATION OF THE RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES OF THE WORLD, BY THE PASSING OF THE SUNDAY LAW.

So the Bible predicted that a power would “think to change times and laws”, history tells us the name of this power, and the power itself admits! That power is still with us today. IT IS THE ROMAN PAPAL POWER, called the “little horn” in DANIEL 7, and the “the BEAST” in Revelation 13.

In summary, then, the Seventh day of the week is the Bible Sabbath and is the one to be kept by all Christians. Hebrews 4, Revelation 22:14, Acts 17:2, 18:4, Luke 4:16 and 1John 2:6.

The Sabbath is a memorial of God’s creative POWER. The fourth commandment is the only one which points out that God the Creator is the LAW-GIVER. It therefore contains His name and authority. (See Exodus 20:8-11, Isaiah 58:13,14 Isaiah 56:1-8, Hebrews 4, Ezekiel 20:12-20).

The prophecies of Revelation point clearly to the Sabbath issue as being the key issue in the last days, and the remnant church and

the saints are described as a commandment keeping people. Revelation 22:14, Rev. 4:12. Remember what Jesus said about the commandments of men - Matt. 15:9.

13. True love for Jesus expresses itself in obedience to God's law, John 14:15. In the New Covenant the law of God is not abolished or changed in any way, but is WRITTEN IN THE BELIEVER'S MIND, Hebrews 10:16. The Apostle Paul makes it clear in Romans 8, verse 4, that through the Holy Spirit the righteousness of the law is fulfilled in the believer. The born again believer is saved by grace through faith – saved from sin and saved to righteousness. Sin is the breaking of the law (1John 3:4); therefore righteousness, which is the opposite of sin, must be obedience to the law:- (See Ephesians 4:24-32; James 2:10-12; Romans 3:27-31; Romans 6:11-18; Revelation 14:12). This obedience is achieved, not by the believer's own works, but by the righteousness of the indwelling Christ as the believer surrenders all to God through faith in His word: (See Ephesians 3:17 and Ephesians 2:8-10).

Many people fail to distinguish between the annual feast-days of the ceremonial law, and the Seventh-Day Sabbath of the fourth commandment. But the Bible actually contains many passages which do not refer to the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, but to

the ceremonial or annual Sabbaths or feast days which were connected with the sacrificial system of the Jewish sanctuary services.

These ceremonial or sacrificial services were instituted because of sin and pointed forward to Christ's death on Calvary, which death brought their function to an end. The ceremonial or sacrificial laws and Sabbaths were shadows of things to come, because **THEY WERE INSTITUTED AFTER THE ENTRANCE OF SIN, AND POINTED THE OLD-COVENANT BELIEVER FORWARD TO THE REAL SACRIFICE AND HIGH PRIEST: JESUS CHRIST! BUT THE WEEKLY SABBATH OF THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT WAS INSTITUTED IN EDEN BEFORE SIN, AND THEREFORE COULD NOT POSSIBLY BE A "SHADOW OF THINGS TO COME".** (Read Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 20:8-11 and Mark 2:27).

Paul distinguishes between the ceremonial law and the moral law in 1Corinthians 7:19; "Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the **COMMANDMENTS OF GOD.**"

14. The following Biblical verses declare that neither God, the Father Himself, nor Jesus, nor the Holy Spirit, would ever change His Ten Commandments, nor would He ever approve any human change: "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is

gone out of My lips,” Psalm 89:34. “All His commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.” Psalm 111:7,8.

“For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed”. Malachi 3:6.

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever”. Hebrews 13:8.

“Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good”. Romans 7:12.

“Howbeit in vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men... And He said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God that ye may keep your own tradition”. Mark 7:7-9.

“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven”. Matthew 5:17-19.

“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.

“This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you”. John 15:12.

“By this we know that we are the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous.” 1John 5:2,3

“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus”. Revelation 14:12.

15. But laying aside all other arguments (conclusive though they be) one has only to consider that very important passage Genesis 2:1-3. “Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the SEVENTH day God ENDED His work which He had made; and He RESTED on the SEVENTH DAY from all his work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made”. Genesis 2:1-3.

This passage makes it clear that the seventh day of the week is the Sabbath or Rest of

God. It was God who kept the first Sabbath: HE SANCTIFIED THE SEVENTH DAY: THUS THE SEVENTH DAY BECAME THE SABBATH OF GOD. But why did God make or establish the seventh-day Sabbath? Jesus gave the answer in Mark 2:27,28 when He said that “The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath”. Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath because it was He who, with the Father, made all things and rested on that first Sabbath day, (read John 1:1-3, 10, 14). In other words, Jesus made the Sabbath for the good of mankind, to remind us that God is the Creator and we are His creatures, and that we need to depend upon Him for life and wellbeing. THE SABBATH IS THEREFORE THE UNCHANGING, UNCHANGEABLE, MEMORIAL OF GOD’S CREATIVE POWER AND ACTIVITY.

After the entrance of sin, the Sabbath took on added significance. The scriptures tell us that salvation power is equivalent to creative power.

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”. (2Corinthians 5:17). Thus we see that salvation from sin is RE-CREATION IN CHRIST, (see Ephesians 2:10). The Sabbath is, therefore, also the sign of God’s power to save, as it is written:-

“Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths, to be sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them”. Ezekiel 20:12.

When Jesus was here on earth He showed us how the Sabbath should be kept. The Jews had become legalistic, because they had lost the grace and love of God, and had therefore burdened down the Sabbath with rigorous exactions and multiple rules. However, Jesus swept away all the burdensome, man-made, rules and showed us that the Sabbath is to be a day of joy freedom, rest and communion with God. Moreover He demonstrated by, His own example, that the Sabbath is a day on which deeds of love and kindness should be done. On the Sabbath we should cease from our own routine works of labor, and we should rest by faith in God’s power of healing and love, thus becoming refreshed through prayer, Bible study and worship. (Matthew 12:1-3).

But, in order to keep the Sabbath day holy, a man or woman must be born again, with Christ dwelling in the heart through faith. The Sabbath is the sign or seal of the indwelling kingdom of God. Remember: “he that has the Son has life”, “he that has not the Son has not life” (1John 5:12). If Jesus is your Lord, then the seventh day must be your Sabbath too, for Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath and He

is the same yesterday, today, and forever. 1John 5:12; Mark 2:27,28; Hebrews 13:8, John 1:12,13; John 14:15; Exodus 20:8-11.

Yes friends, “Remember the Sabbath day, to kept it holy. Six days shall thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shall not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor they daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maid servant, 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.”

16. The first Sunday law was passed by Constantine in 321 AD., and scripture (Rev. 13:11-18) foretells that, in the near future, the popular churches shall employ the civil - political power to enforce Sunday-sacredness by law. At that time, all of God’s true people will hear, and understand fully, the Sabbath truth, separate from the false churches, and unite together as God’s true, final CHURCH on earth, Revelation 18:1-4. Though they will be severely persecuted and ultimately condemned to death, they will remain loyal to God’s truth, His gospel, and His true Sabbath. Then the seven last plagues of Rev. 16 will occur, and will directly affect those who receive the mark of the beast.

There will be total collapse of civilization (Armageddon). All will be destroyed except God's true people. Jesus will then return in blazing glory for His faithful saints, who "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" Revelation 14:12.

17. But WHY will the overwhelming majority of earth's population, including "religious" leaders and so-called great and wise men of the world, REJECT THE SABBATH TRUTH AND TRAMPLE UPON GOD'S HOLY MORAL LAW? The Apostle Paul gives the answer:-

"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them". 2Corinthians 4:3,4.

"Because the CARNAL MIND is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be". Roman 8:7.

The "carnal-minded" person cannot keep God's law even if he tried. The "spiritually-minded" person, however, can, and will, keep God's law, Paul goes on to say:

"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" Romans 8:6.

THE ONLY WAY A CARNALLY-MINDED MAN OR WOMAN CAN BE MADE A SPIRITUALLY-MINDED PERSON IS BY BEING BORN AGAIN. Jesus told Nicodemus:-

“Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God”. John 3:3.

The “carnal mind” or the minding of self is the mind-set of self-exaltation and independence of God, it is an attitude which allows the “flesh” to control a man’s soul. Spiritual mindedness is the minding of the spirit, it is the attitude or “mind-set” of total surrender to God thus allowing His Holy Spirit to write His law in our minds and reproduce in us the character of Christ. At conversion the sinner is born of the Spirit and receives the “mind” of Christ. At the same time God freely and fully forgives the sinner, and puts the righteousness of Christ to the sinner’s account, thus the righteousness of Christ is put to cover the believer’s past, and is also put within the believer, who is thereby justified by faith in Christ, who died for us all, that whosoever believeth shall not perish, but have everlasting life. Read carefully the following texts: Ezekiel 36:25-27; Phillipians 2:5; Romans 8:6-10; Ephesians 2:1-10; Ephesians 3:17; Colossians 1:25-28; St. John 1:1-3; 1John 3:9.

The born-again, justified, believer, therefore, no longer is ‘carnally minded’ but now has the “mind of Christ”, and the mind of Christ delights to do the will of God, delights to keep the law of God! Writing concerning the Messiah the psalmist David wrote (Psalm 40:8):

“I delight to do thy will, O My God: yea, thy law is within my heart”. See Psalm 40: 7-9. These words applied directly to CHRIST, as Paul explains in Hebrews 10: 7-9.

Whereas the mind of Christ delights to do the will of God and obey His law, the “carnal mind” is not subject to the law of God, neither can it be. THIS MIND OF SATAN IS THE ONE WHICH CONTROLS THE WORLD AND ALL THOSE WHO ARE NOT BORN AGAIN. See Ephesians 2:2,3.

God’s true last day people, who have the mind of Christ, will also develop and exhibit the faith of Christ, and through this faith they will keep the commandments of God. Rev. 14:12; John 15:10; John 14:15.

There are many true Christians who keep Sunday, sincerely believing that they are thereby obeying the fourth commandment. God accepts their sincerity and honesty. When false religion shall seek to enforce Sunday-keeping by the laws of the land, then these true people of God shall hear

and understand the Sabbath truth as never before, and take their stand for God's true Seventh-Day Sabbath, Rev. 18:1-4. One reason why more Christians do not now accept the Sabbath truth is that many of those who profess to keep the true Sabbath DO NOT REFLECT CHRIST IN THEIR LIVES. As the Sunday-law issue approaches, these false hearted "Sabbath-keepers" will abandon faith in God's truth, while those of God's true people, who may now be keeping Sunday in honesty, will see and accept the true Sabbath of God. Eventually there will be but two classes, those "who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus" (Rev. 14:12), and those who reject the Sabbath truth and deliberately keep the false rest day, Sunday. Religious and civil authorities shall severely persecute the Sabbath keeping people of God, and eventually condemn them to death. But God will deliver His true people, and utter destruction will befall those who trample upon God's Sabbath. The entire civilization of proud modern man will collapse to ruin. Then Christ will come for His true commandment-keeping people, those who, having accepted His wonderful salvation, will have been totally transformed by His grace into loving, obedient Saints!