

Answers to Questions on the Sabbath

Christ said "If ye Love Me keep My commandments" John 14:15

John 15:10 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.

Matthew 5:18 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.

Mal 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not;

Jesus also warned:

Matthew 15:9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

The apostles always worshipped on Sabbath-- history is clear on this-- Jesus NEVER changed the day. No man has any right to change God's Law. Consider also that if the 4th commandment is changed or left out of the Law-- there is nothing to identify the Law-giver!

Christ was the Creator-- He it was who place the seventh-day Sabbath in the week as a memorial of His creative work.

The reference you gave refers to the ceremonial sabbaths -- which pointed to the death of Christ and so ceased to be in force after the cross. One problem you have is that you are using modern translations of the Bible which are based on obscure Roman Catholic MSS and have many aberrations in them from the true Received Text.

You can read the Bible cover to cover and you will never find any text that states the Sabbath of creation--the seal of God's holy law--has ever been changed or ever will be changed. Remember-- if God's Law could be changed--Christ did not need to have died on the cross to pay the penalty of the broken law to give man a second chance to return to loyalty. The Sabbath is the world's birthday--you cannot change the world's birthday unless the world was made over again.

It is all a question of authority-- If God is the authority in your life-- you will obey His Law--if man or yourself is the authority in your life-- you do as seems good to yourself.

That very question of authority is going to bring on the final crisis on Planet earth--just before Christ returns to take His faithful ones to heaven.

I would humbly suggest you read more of the articles and information available on this site. God will guide and bless you if you choose to know His will and not just follow the crowd.

You say that your sunday-keeping has nothing to do with the RCC-- well it does-- even if you don't recognize that-- this is where sunday worship came from-- the amalgamation of pagan worship and apostate Christianity in the early centuries after Christ.

By the way-- true Sabbath keeping is a wonderful experience of closeness with God-- He has promised special blessings to those who choose to obey Him--and He gives those blessings--I know from experience and would not give it up for anything!

Isa 58:13 If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, 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:

14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Sacrificing Lambs?

Again you are confusing the ceremonial law with the Moral Law- The seventh-day weekly Sabbath--is the 4th commandment of the MORAL Law the 10 commandments-- this Law is the standard of God's government-- it is eternal and unchangeable. It was written on stone by God's own finger.

The ceremonial laws were given to Moses by God to point to the coming Messiah-- they were written by Moses in scrolls and kept outside of the Sacred Ark-- while the Table of the Moral Law were kept within the Ark under the Mercy Seat.

The ceremonial laws - offering a lamb etc and the ceremonial sabbaths -- pointed to the coming of the Messiah to bear the penalty of the broken moral law for mankind-- thus giving man a second chance to return to loyalty by providing the death of Jesus to take the place of the death of the sinner--to all who accept this offer.

These laws pointing forward came to the end at the cross. They were fulfilled to the letter.

BUT the Moral law does not point forward to anything-- and the 4th commandment points to God as the Creator--the 7th day was set aside as a space in time when God would meet with mankind in a special way.

If the 4th commandment—pointing to God as the Creator who rested on the Seventh day and sanctified and set it apart for Holy use as a memorial of His authority as the Creator of Heaven and Earth—is removed from the Decalogue—then we no longer have anything that places the seal of authority on that Law—It could have been given by anybody. The 7th-day Sabbath is the sign of God's authority and Power—power that created all things and power to recreate us and restore all things.

If we recognize that power and authority which created us—we also know that He can recreate us and save us. There are gods many and lords many—it is only as we accept the sign of allegiance to the Creator God that we show Who we really worship.

That SEAL of the Law shows WHO gave the Law—The Lord Thy God; His reason for authority—He is the Creator; WHAT His territory is that He rules: Heaven and Earth;

God does not change-- He blessed the seventh day and sanctified it-- He asks us to keep it holy--nothing can be kept holy that God has not made holy. When we obey and enter into that covenant with Him to keep the day He has set apart and blessed-- we

receive special blessing and enjoy His company. God keeps the Sabbath with us-- we spend special time with our Creator.

It is like if I wanted to meet a special person, they tell me I am always at the mall on Monday only-- so I say, Monday isn't handy for me-- I will go to the mall on Tuesday--I thus fail to meet the person. God says join me on the 7th day--we can go through the motions on another day but that special meeting does not happen. God does not change for our convenience.

I will not continue to reply to you as everything you can possibly say has been answered abundantly on the website--I have heard it all before-- and nothing undoes the fact that clearly in the Bible there is a Sabbath set up by God--It is in the heart of God's Moral Law--and He never changed it.

The verse in Col. 2:16 is referring to the ceremonial law is evident by the reference to new moons and the meat and drink offerings. To offer lambs now would be to deny Christ has come. But to keep holy that which Christ Himself set apart as holy and commanded us to remember—is honoring Him as the authority in our lives. If you say the Decalogue is done away with – then there it is just as OK for us to curse, kill, steal, commit fornication and worship idols—as it is to substitute a man-made Sabbath for the one that the Creator made.

There are many who claim that by the death of Christ the law was abrogated; but in this they contradict Christ's own words, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets. . . . Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law." Matt. 5:17, 18. It was to atone for man's transgression of the law that Christ laid down His life. Could the law have been changed or set aside, then Christ need not have died. By His life on earth He honored the law of God. By His death He established it. He gave His life as a sacrifice, not to destroy God's law, not to create a lower standard, but that justice might be maintained, that the law might be shown to be immutable, that it might stand fast forever. It was because the law was changeless, because man could be saved only through obedience to its precepts, that Jesus was lifted up on the cross.

It is ever the purpose of Satan to make void the law of God and to pervert the true meaning of the plan of salvation. Therefore he has originated the falsehood that the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary's cross was for the purpose of freeing men from the obligation of keeping the commandments of God. He has foisted upon the world the deception that God has abolished His constitution, thrown away His moral standard, and made void His holy and perfect law. Had He done this, at what terrible expense would it have been to Heaven! Instead of proclaiming the abolition of the law, Calvary's cross proclaims in thunder tones its immutable and eternal character.

Could the law have been abolished, and the government of heaven and earth and the unnumbered worlds of God maintained, Christ need not have died. The death of Christ was to forever settle the question of the validity of the law of Jehovah. Having suffered the full penalty for a guilty world, Jesus became the Mediator between God and man, to restore the repenting soul to favor with God by giving him grace to keep the law of the Most High. Christ came not to destroy the law or the prophets, but to fulfill them to the very letter. The atonement of Calvary vindicated the law of God as holy, just, and true,

not only before the fallen world but before heaven and before the worlds unfallen. Christ came to magnify the law and to make it honorable.

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