

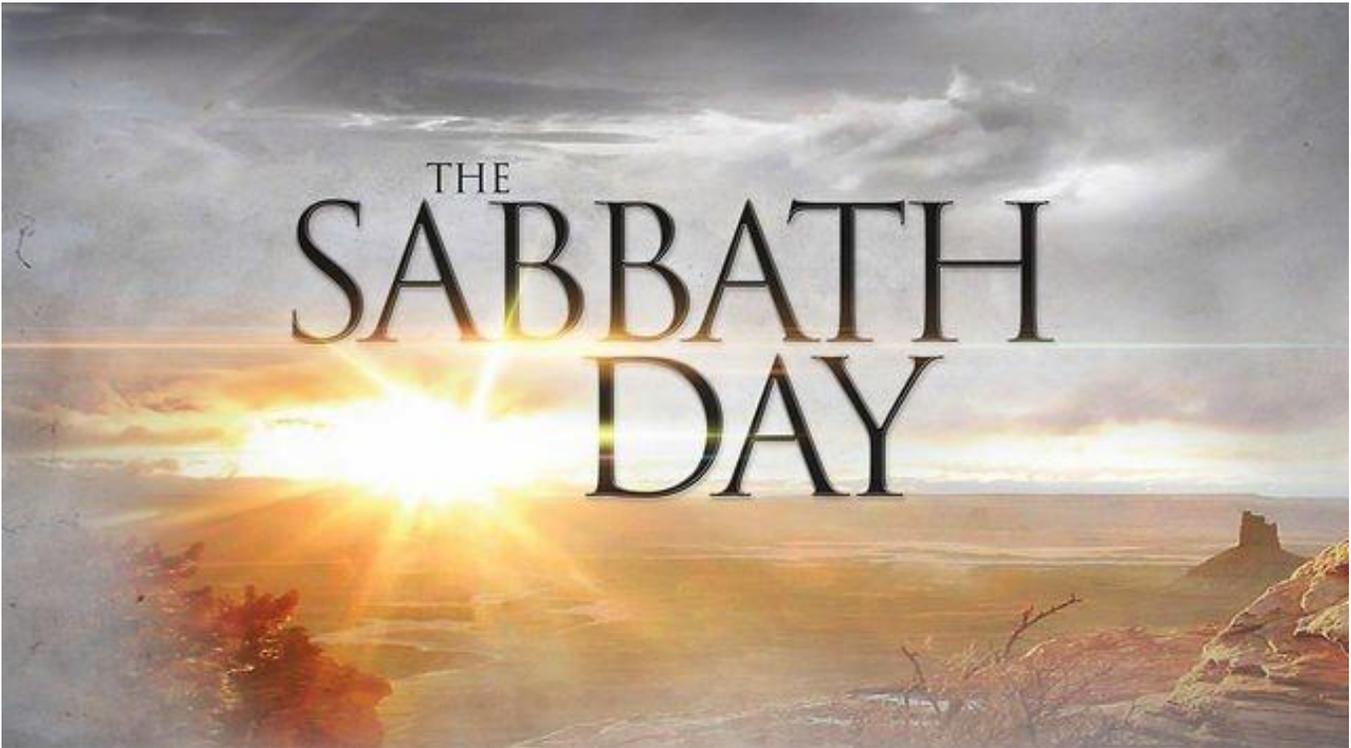
# Present Day Idols: Sabbath Day Worship



# Observing the Sabbath Day? If so, you are in ERROR

In this article, we will take a look at something that we are seeing more and more of. Many so-called 'Christians' are going back under the law and are observing Sabbath days, and we are going to explore this and why this is happening. Those of us who are Disciples of Christ already know that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Lord of the Sabbath, as He declared Himself in the 4 gospels. Well, if Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath, what are these so-called 'Christians' doing?

In our research, we are seeing that there are influences from other movements that are starting to sway the thinking of those who say that they are followers of Christ. We will look at that phenomenon as well as why this is dangerous for the body of Christ. This is a dispassionate look at what people are doing, as there seems to be confusion all around. So, before we get started, we will look at what the Old Testament says that the Sabbath is and why it was given to man, and then we will see the change that the Sabbath has in the New Testament and what that significance was.



# What is the Sabbath and why is it important?

The Sabbath is a period of rest that was given man by the Lord Himself. You can see this in the following scripture:

**Exodus 16:23 -29** -And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein. And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day is a sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye shall not find it in the field. Six days ye shall gather it; **but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none.** And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none. And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? **See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath,** therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

**Exodus 20:8** -Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

**Exodus 20:10 -11** - 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 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 31:14-16** -Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.

'Sabbath' occurs 137 times in 116 verses in the Bible.

This was a time for men to rest, and the Lord declared this time as HOLY, and had insisted that man keep the Sabbath day as it is a HOLY Day unto Him. OK, fair enough. Many people have done just that over the years, and that was a part of the Old Testament, the OLD covenant that the Lord had with mankind.

Let's take a look at that for a moment.

Let's define what a **testament** is, so you can understand what a **testament** is:

noun

- a will, especially one that relates to the disposition of one's personal property.
- either of the two major portions of the Bible: the Mosaic or old covenant or dispensation, or the Christian or new covenant or dispensation.
- the New Testament, as distinct from the Old Testament.
- a copy of the New Testament.
- **a covenant, especially between God and humans.**

So we will know what a **covenant** is, A **covenant** is defined as:

- an agreement, usually formal, between two or more persons to do or not do something specified.
- Law. an incidental clause in such an agreement.
- Ecclesiastical. a solemn agreement between the members of a church to act together in harmony with the precepts of the gospel.
- **the conditional promises made to humanity by God, as revealed in Scripture.**
- a formal agreement of legal validity, especially one under seal.
- to enter into a covenant.
- to promise by covenant; pledge.
- to stipulate.

Here is how the Lord of Hosts handles a **covenant**:

A covenant is a solemn promise between the Lord of Hosts and a person, provided that a person fulfills conditions of the agreement between them and the Lord of Hosts.

SO, let's agree that a **testament**, also known as a **covenant**, is an agreement that the Lord of Hosts had with mankind.

Now, as you already know, we are not under the Old Testament any longer, but we do have this recorded so that we can learn from it, see God's wisdom in it, and understand what the Lord was doing with the Israelites. Under this covenant, or agreement, the Lord wanted men to REST one day of the 7-day week. You have to understand that the Lord had to make rules of governance for the Israelites, and we can see that the Israelites did not obey what the Lord set out for them. In fact, the Lord had the Israelites enslaved TWICE because they would NOT listen to Him, nor did they trust Him.



In speaking about the Sabbath, under the new covenant, we do NOT have to observe a day as we did under the old covenant. We are to be IN Jesus, obeying Him, and that is enough. Jesus Himself declared that He is the LORD of the Sabbath.

So what does that mean?

That means that if you are obeying the Lord of the Sabbath, you are satisfying the Sabbath. What this means to most is that the rest of the Sabbath is now IN the Lord Jesus Christ. As long as you are a disciple and obey the Lord Jesus Christ, you are to REST in HIM. Didn't the Lord Jesus tell you that If you are in Him, He will give you rest? See scripture:

**Matthew 11:27 -11:30** - All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. **Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.** For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

This is in line with the commandments that Jesus gave all of us under the NEW Testament, the NEW covenant that the Lord has made with mankind. It is THROUGH His Son, Jesus, that makes us righteous with HIM. This is why the Lord Jesus Christ told everyone that No one sees the father except through HIM! See scripture:

**John 14:6** - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.



There is Confusion between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant right now, we have a lot of people who are reading the Old Testament and do not understand what has taken place. We have many sects of people who believe that if they just keep the law, they will make it into heaven. We have many people out there who are conflating the old and new testaments when they are two separate agreements that the Lord of Hosts has had with mankind.

Who is perpetrating this confusion?

I think you know the answer to that.

So, what we will need to do is to LEARN from the things that the Israelites did in the OLD Testament and to then apply those lessons to what we are to do in the NEW Testament.

- Do you see us having to make animal sacrifices in the New Testament?
- DO you see us needing to have a Levitical Priest in the New Testament?
- Do you see us having to follow 613 laws in the New Testament?

The Lord of Hosts made all of this available to the New Testament believer THROUGH His Son, Jesus. SO let's answer the questions posed above.

**Q. Do you see us having to make animal sacrifices?**

A. No, Only ONE sacrifice was made for ALL, and that sacrifice was made by the Lord Jesus Christ when He died on the cross.

**Romans 3:24-26** - Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

**Q. Do you see us needing to have a Levitical Priest?**

A. No, our High priest is the Lord Jesus Christ, as He is in the order of Melchizedek. The Levitical Priests have been done away with and do not exist anymore after the 2nd scattering of the Israelites.

**Hebrews 5:8-10** - Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

**Q. Do you see us following 613 laws?**

A. No, as the laws are built into the new NATURE of the person who believes in Christ and follows Him. It is through being born again that the new NATURE is instilled in the believer so he will not want to break the 613 laws, as this is not his nature anymore. This new nature makes the born again person able to reconnect with the Lord of Hosts THROUGH His son, so the need to follow laws is not needed.

**2 Corinthians 3:3** - Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

Can you now see why the New Testament is so important?

‘So how is observing the Sabbath Day idolatry?’, you may ask.

To answer this question, we will compare that the Sabbath of the Old Testament, which is under the Law, with the Lord of the Sabbath in the New Testament, who is the Lord Jesus Christ. This means that every day you are IN Jesus, you are observing the Sabbath, as you have REST in Jesus.

The error that we see is people deifying the Sabbath Day, making it an idol, as they are worshipping the DAY, be it either Saturday or Sunday. They think that if they do NOT keep the Sabbath Day, as determined by some denominations to be either Saturday or Sunday, people are in sin against God.

No.

Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath; we get our rest IN Him. As long as we are following Jesus as He has asked us to, we have completed the Sabbath.

It really is that simple, but denomination and religion will make this difficult to understand.



Well, 'they' say, 'the Bible says that we are to keep the Sabbath day.'

That is true, the Bible DOES say that. However, under what Testament does it say that? The problem is that many of the Sabbath Day believers are making the Sabbath Day an IDOL by going back to the Old Testament to try and follow the law, and by doing so, **they are spitting in the Face of the Lord Jesus Christ and the work He did on the cross.** By being butchered and dying on that cross, we are FREE from the law, as Jesus has fulfilled it. Doesn't the Bible tell us this?

**Romans 8:4** - That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

**Galatians 5:14** - For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

So what does that mean?

That means that we **DO NOT HAVE TO FOLLOW THE LAW IF WE ARE IN CHRIST JESUS.**

Under the Old Testament, the law was there to highlight sin and to provide a means for the people to get atonement for their sins. This is why there are so many laws that you needed to follow. The Lord of Hosts made provisions for His people to follow the law(s) so they can live in order and in peace. Of course, as you know already, the Israelites would regularly break and transgress the law by constructing idols and visiting the groves and temple prostitutes. All of the sacrifices that were made would be accepted or rejected by the Lord of Hosts as He saw fit.

The New Testament is **a new covenant** and a change from the laws of the Old Testament. In the bible, when asked the question why we needed a New Testament, we are told that the Law was a 'schoolmaster' for the New Testament where the Lord Jesus Christ is the FINAL sacrifice that needed to be made for the atonement of sin.

So, what is a 'schoolmaster'?

Most people would think that a schoolmaster is a headmaster, like the guy who runs a school. The headmaster is akin to a Principal in our current schools, and all of these definitions would NOT fit what the Bible is talking about. So, let's find out what this is all about. In this video clip, which you can find **here**, starting at the **12:50** mark, the teacher in the video explains what a schoolmaster really is.

Since the teacher in the video says to google it, we did, and here is the definition from the Bible Dictionary, which you can find here:

**<https://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/schoolmaster/>**

SCHOOLMASTER (pronounced skool'-mas-ter) :

**Galatians 3:24** - The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

"Schoolmaster" is a translation of paidagogos, literally, "child-leader." This paidagogos was not a teacher but a slave, to whom in wealthy families the general oversight of a boy was committed. It was his duty to accompany his charge to and from school, never to lose sight of him in public, to prevent association with objectionable companions, to inculcate moral lessons at every opportunity, etc.

He was a familiar figure in the streets, and the (sour) "face of paidagogos" and "to follow one like a paidagogos" were proverbial expressions. Naturally, to the average boy the paidagogos must have represented the incorporation of everything objectionable. Hence, Paul's figure may be paraphrased: "The law was a paidagogos, necessary but irksome, to direct us until the time of Christ. Then was the time of our spiritual coming-of-age, so that the control of the paidagogos ceased."

The word paidagogos was taken over into Aramaic at an early date, and Paul's language; which is hardly that of a mere adult observer, suggests that he had had personal experience with the institution. Wealthy and intensely orthodox Jewish parents living in a Gentile city may well have adopted such a precaution for the protection of their children.

It is not what you thought it was, was it?

Many people hear that term and they do not know what that means really. Now that you know, you can see that the Law was a means to highlight sin until the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ was made so we can walk by faith and not by the law. **We especially liked the way that the teacher on the video explained this** (and this is why we posted this video). If you have some time, this video is a part of a channel called **Berean TV** which you can peruse on your own time. This bible teacher does a very good job explaining a lot of things in the bible so go and get edified.

To reiterate, a schoolmaster was a person who took the children to the school making sure they were safe. In effect, he LED THE CHILDREN to the school, and the Law was there to LEAD PEOPLE to JESUS so they could have one



FINAL sacrifice to cover their sins, which would change the person's NATURE so they could communicate with the Lord of Hosts THROUGH the Lord Jesus Christ.

By discarding the New Covenant and trying to follow the Old Covenant, the those who try and follow a Sabbath DAY **dishonour the work on the cross that the Lord Jesus Christ did** as the sacrifice for all. What the Sabbath Day worshippers are basically saying is that they do NOT recognize or honour the work done on the cross by the Lord Jesus Christ. They are saying that they will follow the Law to be able to talk with and fellowship with the Lord of Hosts (whom they call 'Yah') by following His law.

They fail to understand that if they do one part of the law, then they have to do ALL of the Law, and if they miss doing ANY part of the Law, they CANNOT be redeemed or Saved. Under the New Testament, Jesus did all of the heavy lifting so mankind does not have to.

Can't you see that with Jesus, He consolidated 613 Laws into two laws that can be easily handled IN Christ? **Why is it that people are making things harder for themselves when they do not have to?**

All of this is happening **because of a religious spirit** that has engulfed the churches that they support or attend that is causing many to stumble. Didn't Jesus tell us that this yoke is easy? We can find that in scripture here:

**Matthew 11:28-30** - Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.



This concept is NOT rocket science, Christian, so if you are not sure, you may ALWAYS ask Jesus to explain things to you. You may ask Jesus or you may ask the Holy Ghost to explain to you why you do NOT need to celebrate a Sabbath Day if the explanations in this book are not satisfactory. We do not care HOW you learn as long as you get the concepts and continue with your walk with Jesus via the Holy Ghost so you can enter into the Kingdom of God.

This is our only motivation.



As always, **take NOTHING that you have seen here in this book as the truth.** It is **YOUR responsibility to study and check out everything that you see and hear**, and you have an advocate in the Lord Jesus Christ who will help you if you would just ask Him.

Take this upon yourself, Christian, as **YOU** need to get **YOUR** Bible, **YOUR** concordance, **YOUR** dictionary, **YOUR** pens/pencils, **YOUR** notepad and then **YOU** need to seek out the Lord Jesus Christ and ask Him to help **YOU** so **YOU** can make it into His Kingdom, since it will be **YOU standing alone in front of Jesus** when **YOU** are being judged.

It is **YOUR** responsibility to make sure **YOU** are in the faith and that **YOU** have completed **YOUR** sanctification during the sanctification process and **YOU** have gotten **YOUR** forgiveness and **YOU** have repented of all of **YOUR** sins before **YOU** are judged by Jesus.

Scripture tells us that hell will enlarge itself to accommodate all of the people who will be sent there because of idols like the pope, as you can see in scripture here:

**Isaiah 5:14** - Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

Take this as a warning, Christian, as the Lord Jesus Christ is NOT desperate for people, as **there were only 8 people** who got on the ark before the flood, and **only 2 people** from the Hebrews from Egypt made it into the Promised Land.

Be wise, and stay IN Jesus so you are not lost.



# Here is Our Challenge to you, Christian

We challenge you to go to Jesus directly **RIGHT NOW** and ask Him if what is shown here is true. Use this as a means to start a conversation with The Lord Jesus Christ and sit with Him and ask Him questions. Start with **(asking out loud):**

**“Jesus, is what I just read true?”**

He will answer you and NOW you will be on the true road to salvation, knowing for **SURE** if you are going to make it or not, as Jesus would have told you. Keep talking with Him. Get to know Him and He will start to reveal Himself to you. You need to find out for yourself and work out **YOUR** salvation for **YOU**, as the scriptures tell us to.