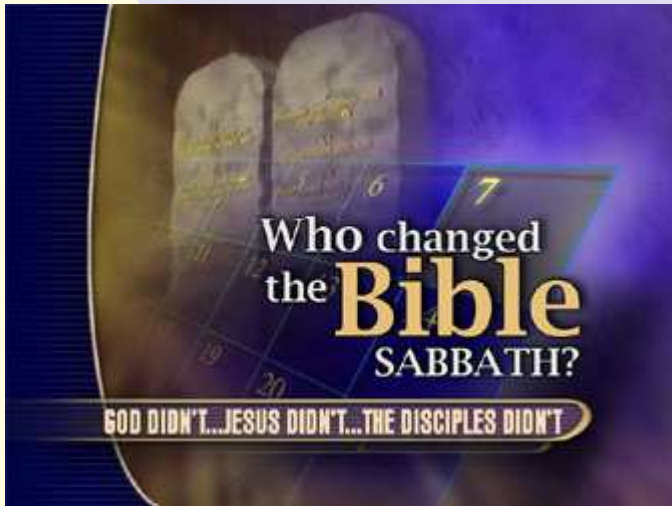


Touch of Faith Ministry Simple Bible Study Course

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Follow the Leader



All over the world, many faithful Christians go to worship every Sunday. Yet, no biblical command can be found for worshipping on that day. Aren't Christian's commandment keeping Bible readers? How is it that the majority of the Christian world is keeping something that the Bible does not support? Who changed the Bible Sabbath?

1. Did God Change the Sabbath?

"For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, *that* from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to _____, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD." "For I *am* the LORD, I change ____." (Isa. 66:22, 23; Mal. 3:6).

NOTE: This is in the "new heavens and the new earth." The Sabbath will continue in heaven.

2. Did Christ Change the Sabbath?

"And He [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the _____ day." "**I have _____ my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.**" (Luke 4:16; John 15:10)

NOTE: Jesus kept God's seventh day Sabbath just like the Jews.

3. Did the Apostle Paul Change the Sabbath?

"And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the _____ besought that these words might be

preached to them the _____ Sabbath. And the next _____ day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God." (Acts 13:42, 44). "And he reasoned in the synagogue _____ Sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks." (Acts 18:4)

NOTE: The apostle Paul was converted after the resurrection of Christ. He not only worshipped on the seventh day Sabbath, but he taught Gentiles to do the same.

PRAYER: Father, like never before, send the Holy Spirit. Let Him open our minds and lead us into Your truth so that we can walk in Your statues and receive Your blessing. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

4. Who wants to Change the Sabbath?

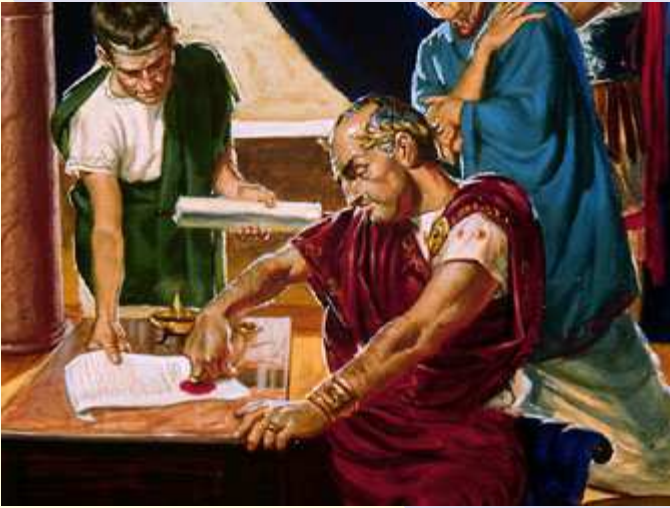
Daniel: "And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and _____ to _____ times and laws" (Dan. 7:25).

Ezekiel: "Her _____ have _____ my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed *difference* between the unclean and the clean, and have _____ their eyes from my _____, and I am profaned among them." (Ezekiel. 22:26)

Isaiah: "To the ____ and to the _____: if they speak not according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them" (Isa. 8:20).

NOTE: Daniel said a power would come that would think to change the law. Ezekiel describes false worship as one where ministers turn away from God's Sabbath and violate His laws. And Isaiah says that if a system is not in harmony with the law and the testimony of God, then there is no light in that system.

The only power that has claimed to change God's Sabbath is the Roman Catholic Church. The first historical references to the observance of Sunday by professed Christians occur in the *Epistle of Barnabas* (ch. 15) and in Justin Martyr's *First Apology* (ch. 67), both dating from about A.D. 150. Both denounce Sabbath observance and urge that of Sunday.



WHERE DID SUNDAY WORSHIP COME FROM?

5. The Roman Catholic Church claims to have created it.

“But the Church of God has in her wisdom ordained that the celebration of the Sabbath should be transferred to “the Lord’s day.” – *Catechism of the Council of Trent* (Donovan’s translation 1829), part 3, chap. 4, p. 267.

“The Church changed the Lord’s day from Saturday to Sunday.” – *The New Saint Joseph Baltimore Catechism*, No. 2, p. 118.

PROOF OF THEIR POWER TO CHANGE THE DAY

Accord to the Catholic Church, the proof of their power to change God's Sabbath day, rest in the fact that the Protestants have accepted Sunday as their day of worship. Catholics say, “Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her;--she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority.”—Stephen Keenan, *A Doctrinal Catechism* (3rd ed.), p. 174.

6. Did protestants know that there was no Bible Command for Sunday observance?

Baptist: “The Lord’s Day is not sanctified by any specific command or by any inevitable inference. In all the New Testament there is no hint or suggestion a legal obligation binding any man, whether saint or sinner, to observe the Day. Its sanctify arises only out of what it means to the true believer.” – J. J. Taylor, *The Sabbatic Question*, p.72.

Church of England: “The Lord's day did not succeed in the place of the Sabbath, but Sabbath was wholly abrogated, and the Lord’s day was merely of ecclesiastical institution. It was not introduced by virtue of the fourth commandment.” – Jeremy Taylor, D.D., *Ductor Dubitantium*, part 1, book 2, chapter 2, secs. 51 (1851 ed.), vol. 9, p. 458.

Protestant: “I Affirm that the first day of the week, or Sunday, as we call it, is not commanded by the Lord Jesus or his apostles, to be observed as a holy day, on which, as on the Jewish Sabbath, no work should be done.” Jas. R. Lithgow, *The Sabbath Question as Originally Published in the “Acadian Recorder”*, p. 12, chapter 2.

Methodist: “Take the matter of Sunday, there is no passage telling Christians to keep that day, or to transfer the Jewish Sabbath to that day” -- Harris Franklin Rail, *Christian Advocate*, July 2, 1942.

7. What is the Catholic current view on Sabbath?

“The sabbath, which represented the completion of the first creation, has been replaced by Sunday which recalls the new creation inaugurated by the Resurrection of Christ.” – *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, part 3, section 2, chapter 1, article 3, 2190.

8. How does the Bible tell us to remember the death and resurrection of Christ?

“For as often as ye eat this _____, and _____ this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till he come.” (1 Corinthians 11:26).

NOTE: Communion Service is given in remembrance.

A CHOICE TO BE MADE

9. How do you prove which side you’re on?

“Know ye not, that to whom ye _____ yourselves servants to _____, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” (Romans 6:16)

10. What does Jesus call worship that is not according to the Word of God?

“But in _____ they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men” (Matt. 15:9).

11. When faced with the choice of following man or God, what should be done?

“Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, We ought to _____ rather than men” (Acts 5:29).

12. What did Jesus say about making a choice?

“_____ servant can serve _____: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other” (Luke 16:13).

13. What is the result of serving two masters?

“A double minded man is _____ in all his ways” (James 1:8).

14. Do you understand that neither the Bible nor Jesus changed the Sabbath and that God still commandments true worship?

Answer _____