

## Scriptures and Doctrine :: The New Day of Rest

### The New Day of Rest - posted by makrothumia (), on: 2007/9/28 12:31

A new day has been "limited" (KJV) through the words of David, as understood by the writer of Hebrews in chapter 4, verse 7 - "Again he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, Today...", The Greek word for "limiteth" comes from the root "orizo" meaning to mark out, appoint, ordain, specify. God has specified a day for entering His rest. No, it's not Sunday, although that is a wonderful day, being the first of the week and special to many celebrating the resurrection. The new day that God has "limited" is Today! Today is that the day when you hear His voice and believe. Hearing His voice and believing enables us to enter the rest that the first generation who received the Law and the promises failed to enter because they did not mix what they had heard with faith. Those who have believed are the ones who enter this rest. Whether we are Jews or Gentiles, we become one new man through faith in Christ, according to the mystery revealed to the apostles and prophets. Righteousness is accounted unto "believing ones" who share in the faith of believing Abraham. The only true rest for anyone is found through believing in Christ Jesus. We must stand fast in this liberty and not allow anyone, however sincere, to seek to place a yoke of bondage, THE LAW, upon our necks. Those who are of the Law are slaves unto bondage. We should listen to Sarah, and get rid of the bond woman, THE LAW. Those who would seek to place the yoke of the Law upon the neck of any believer should be resisted lest the truth of the gospel be hindered. Paul made it clear - "For as many as are of the works of the law are under a curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things written in the book of the law to do them. Notice it doth not say "on the tablets of stone", rather every thing written in the "book of the law." Those who would have believers observe a certain day need to deal honestly with the weight of this passage. Many who would make distinctions between permanent aspects of the law and the temporary ordinances which were done away with, live by a theology of contradiction. The Law set more days apart than the Sabbath. There were three annual festivals that every Jewish male was required to attend IN Jerusalem itself and nowhere else. Those who would argue that believers should keep a literal Sabbath, are quick to spiritualize the other feast days appointed by God. I would urge saints to stand fast in the only true and permanent way of entering the Sabbath rest of God - "Today if you hear His voice - harden not your hearts." The true rest of God is not entered into by observing a certain day, unless that day is Today! The day we hear and believe.

### Re: The New Day of Rest, on: 2007/10/1 11:13

makrothumia,

Thank you for making an eloquent exposition of this topic. It's a while since I engaged on any thread around keeping 'the Sabbath'...

Quote:

-----The Law set more days apart than the Sabbath.

I believe a sabbath was a rest day. It wasn't necessarily a Saturday (by our reckoning), but could be any day of the week. I'm not knowledgeable on the details of the reasons for the various sabbaths, but while I knew that we enter into God's rest through faith in Christ, I've never heard it defined as *today* and so clearly explained before. Amen and thank you.

### Re: The New Day of Rest, on: 2007/10/1 16:40

Dear Brother makrothumia,

Please allow me to disagree with you.

I would just like to ask you some questions if I may.

Quote:

""""""We must stand fast in this liberty and not allow anyone, however sincere, to seek to place a yoke of bondage, THE LAW, upon our necks. Those who are of the Law are slaves unto bondage.""""

This Law that you refer to. is this the same law, commandments, statutes and judgments of Psalm 119?

Was David into bondage?

Were all the prophets that warned Israel of the judgments coming upon them because they did not hallow the Sabbath in to bondage as well?

Brother, The Law that Contain the commandment for us to keep the Sabbath is a law of Love not a law of bondage.

Please read Psalms 119 and tell me, Are you and king David in Disagreement? should I take your definition of God's Law or King David?

Just few thoughts, Now over to you.

Jayme

**Re: - posted by makrothumia (), on: 2007/10/3 14:16**

Dear Brother,

Thank you for such an excellent question. First of all, those men who obtained witness as having pleased God did so by faith - even while under the first covenant, so I do not think they were under bondage. However no one was, or ever will be declared righteous by works of the Law, so not even those righteous men who pleased God by their faith were able to become righteous by the Law. Now all those who would look to the Law for righteousness to be fulfilled in them would come under bondage. The Law is powerless to produce righteousness in anyone, for the Law made nothing perfect, and in that sense it is both weak and useless. Anyone who would think that righteousness would come by the observance of a day, a week, a feast, or by circumcision would come under the bondage. Anyone who would direct others to keep even one point of the Law to be made righteous, comes under obligation to do the whole Law. Only Christ who is the very life and righteousness of God can actually produce righteousness in anyone, and thus only those looking to Him to do so will actually become righteous in heart, and in actions. Remember that it was Peter who said, "Why do you test God by trying to place upon the neck of the disciples a yoke (ie; bondage) that neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? Yes, for a believer to look to the Law, a day, a feast, or circumcision for righteousness to be produced in him would be to place himself under bondage, the bondage of the Law, and Christ would become of none effect to him.

As for those to whom the Law was given, Israel alone and not Gentiles, we know that it was only introduced until the seed to whom the promise referred had come. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the Law. The Law was only put into effect to lead us unto Christ, now that we live in Christ, all the righteous requirements of the Law are fully met in us as we walk by the Spirit. Those who were under the Law and living by faith, never received the things promised, they were hoping for better things, things which we now possess in Christ.

I want to be very clear here. If anyone turns others back to weak and beggarly elements such as observing sabbaths, feasts, and other ordinances of the Law, we should fear for them like Paul. That middle wall of separation - the Law of commandments in ordinances - was destroyed in Christ body - thus making peace. Now that there is no longer a wall of separation - the purpose of God hidden from former generations is revealed through Christ's holy apostles and prophets.

Christ has made one new man out of two. Therefore in Christ Jesus, there is no more Jew nor Greek...but we are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. Anyone who attempts to get disciples to be circumcised or obey the Law of Moses is putting them under bondage, and will be judged for doing so.

makrothumia

**Re:, on: 2007/10/3 18:06**

dear brother

you did not answer my questions.

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**Re: - posted by makrothumia (), on: 2007/10/4 15:03**

Dear Jayme,

I do not have to work at breathing, that is how easy it is for me to keep the Law, The Ten Commandments, that you speak of. The Spirit of God in me inspires me to do these things every day. I have been given a new heart and a new spirit that inspires me to live far beyond the weak boundaries of the Ten Commandments. They only require that I not kill, but the Spirit of God in me inspires me to love, to bless, to do good, and to pray for my enemy. The Ten Commandments only require that I not commit physical adultery, whereas the Spirit of Christ in me leads me to not even look upon a woman to lust after her. The Ten Commandments only require that I not covet my neighbors, wife, house, land or things, but the Spirit of Christ compels me to bear my neighbors burdens and so fulfill the Law of Christ. I have not been tempted lately to carve any images, but that is not sufficient for the Spirit of God within me pricks my heart at the least hint of pride in myself or my own righteousness. The Ten commandments only require that I honor the Sabbath - that one day of the week, every 7th day. Isaiah tells us how to honor it by not going our own way, not doing what we please, not speaking idle words, and calling it honorable. Wow that leaves me six other days to do these things. For according to the Ten Commandments - then all the other days I can speak idle words, do what I please, and go my own way. How ridiculous. The Spirit of Christ in me causes me to live every day so as not to allow any idle word come forth out of my mouth at anytime for any reason, and to deny myself daily and take up my cross every day, not just every 7th. Just what do you think you are trying to accomplish by this dialogue. The Law of Christ is far higher, far purer, far deeper than the Ten Commandments - therefore by living according to the Law of Christ the Ten Commandments are far surpassed. The Pharisees were careful to keep the Ten Commandments - and yet our Lord told the crowds "Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and pharisees you shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven. Doing the will of God involves far more than the Ten Commandments ever required.

The Law was not made for good men, and because of the grace of Christ that has come to me I am a new creature, old things have passed away and all things have become new. The Law could never have done this. The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ has accomplished something far more thorough than observing one day per week could or ever will.

Another consideration. You are not dealing honestly with scripture when you try to insert "the ceremonial aspects of the Law" into all the New Testament references where the Law is used. For example, II Corinthians 3 - try making Paul's choice of words - "But the ministry of death written and engraven in stones" to be the ceremonial aspects of the Law. There were no ceremonial laws engraved on the tablets. So, yes, even the Sabbath was a ministry of death according to Paul. Not my words, but Paul's. The Ten Commandments were a ministry of death, they were the ones engraved on stone and they are also referred to as the ministry of condemnation and fading glory. You can not insert your idea of the ceremonial law into all the passages that speak of the Law being done away with, or the first covenant being done away with by the New Covenant. Hagar is an allegory Paul used for Sinai and Paul said she represents the Covenant of Sinai. The Covenant of Sinai bears children to slavery. Where do you get your authority to single out the Ten Commandments from the other decrees of God at Sinai? Can you really honestly read Romans 7, Galatians 3, Hebrews 7-10, and everywhere the term Law is used, make it work by limiting it to the ceremonial aspects while preserving the Ten Commandments. Would you say that it was only the ceremonial aspect of the Law that killed, and not the Ten Commandments because they were full of life. Are you saying it was only the ceremonies that brought condemnation? Are we to believe that the Ten Commandments were good, life giving, but feast like atonement, Tabernacles, Pentecost all brought death and condemnation. Are we to believe that it was decrees about diet, cleanliness, justice, sacrifice, and offering that brought condemnation, whereas those eternal Ten Commandments never were the death or condemnation of anyone?

Your attempts to divide the ceremonial requirements from the Ten Commandments will not hold up to careful scrutiny. The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ not only fulfills the Ten Commandments, but so far surpasses them in glory that the former is not even worth comparing.

makrothumia

**Re: - posted by makrothumia (), on: 2007/10/4 15:27**

Just in case I did not specifically answer your question regarding David and myself, allow me to say I have seen something far greater than David ever saw. I have seen the temple of living stones being built, I have seen the glory of God in the face of Christ. I have received the very Spirit of God come to indwell me, and make me a man of peace rather than a man of blood like David was. I have seen God's enemies becoming God friend's through the redemption in Jesus Christ. David slew God's enemies - I see God saving them in Christ Jesus. I hope you get my point. David lost four sons to death, in judgment for his adulterous, murderous heart. My children are all serving the Lord under the influence and power of the Spirit of God that David's children did not have. I have received something greater than David. I have been given fullness in Christ. The Spirit Christ has sent to dwell in me is making known to me everything that Jesus has, and Jesus has all that the Father has. John the Baptist was greater than David, and yet the least in the kingdom is greater than John. Wouldn't that put me in a place that David would be envious of? I think so.

Makrothumia

**Re:, on: 2007/10/4 19:24**

Dear brother,

Quote: ""Wow that leaves me six other days to do these things. For according to the Ten Commandments - then all the other days I can speak idle words, do what I please, and go my own way. How ridiculous.""

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Dear Brother, Come on. I will not even comment on this. But I will say this.

because you do not keep the seventh day as a holy day, Is it right of me to think that you think idle words and do what you please all week long? I think not. Why do are you implying this about those who keep the sabbath Holy?

This is what the commandments says,

Exodus 20:8-11 " Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Please do not twist the Scriptures and make us look like we are a one day christian. We have to walk with Christ every day of the week but the seventh we shall not do any work. That is what the commandment says.

**Re:, on: 2007/10/4 19:25**

Quote: ""and to deny myself daily and take up my cross every day, not just every 7th. Just what do you think you are trying to accomplish by this dialogue.""

I agree with you brother, but I only carry my cross for six days, on the seventh I carry no cross, that is why it is called the sabbath rest.

It is a blessing, I do no work, I do no worry, I just Rest.

You asked me what I am trying to accomplish with this dialogue?

I am making public what I believe, the same way that you are making public what you believe. Or do you think you are the only one with a voice?

I also want to make public the fact that the Sabbath is a blessing not a burden, and as you mentioned yourself from Isaiah, I want part on the blessings that will come upon those who keeping themselves from defiling God's Holy day.

Re:, on: 2007/10/4 19:32

Quote: ""The Pharisees were careful to keep the Ten Commandments - and yet our Lord told the crowds "Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and pharisees you shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven." ""

Where in your bible did you find Jesus saying that the Scribes and pharisees kept the Ten commandment?

Jesus said that they they kept man made laws. and He even said that they broke the law of moses.

This is what Jesus said: Mark 7:6-13 He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 7 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' 8 "For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men -- the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do." 9 He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. 10 "For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' 11 "But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban" -- ' (that is, a gift to God), 12 "then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, 13 "making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

Please show me where Jesus said that they kept the Ten commandments and that He rebuked them for that?

Matthew 5:17-20 " Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. 19 "Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Re:, on: 2007/10/4 20:18

You Quote: "" "But the ministry of death written and engraven in stones" ""

I never said brother that Corinthian was ceremonial law, again you are putting words in my mouth which I did not say.

Are the Ten commandments the ministry of Death. Let's see

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1st Commandment

No other gods.

Deuteronomy 13:1-3 "If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, 2 "and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods' -- which you have not known -- 'and let us serve them,' 3 "you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Deuteronomy 13:8-9 "you shall not consent to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him or conceal him; 9 "but you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people.

Exodus 22:20 He who sacrifices to any god, except to the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.

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2nd Commandment  
No Imagery

Deuteronomy 7:4-5 "For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the LORD will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly.

5 "But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire.

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3rd Commandment

No taking His name in vain

Leviticus 24:16 'And whoever blasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall certainly stone him, the stranger as well as him who is born in the land. When he blasphemes the name of the Lord, he shall be put to death.

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4th Commandment  
No labour on the sabbath

Exodus 31:14 'You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people.

Exodus 31:16 'Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.

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5TH Commandment

Honour your mother and father.

Exodus 21:15 And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

Exodus 21:17 " And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

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6th Commandment  
do not murder

Leviticus 24:17 ' Whoever kills any man shall surely be put to death.

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7th Commandment

do not commit adultery

Leviticus 20:10 'The man who commits adultery with another man's wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death.

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8th Commandment  
do not steal

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9th Commandment  
do not bear false witness

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10th Commandment  
Do not covet

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As you can see brother The Ten commandments written in stones is most definitely a ministration of death, if you disobey

ey them. But a blessing if you obey them.

Remember what moises said.

Deuteronomy 11:26-28 " Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: 27 "the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you today; 28 "and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.

See brother, through the Law there is the knowledge of sin, and sin leads us to death.

So As moises said, if you obey the commandments, you won't sin and you will be blessed, but if you don't then the result of sin is death.

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You can think whatever you want about the Ten commandments, but one fact remains,

THEY WERE GIVEN TO MOSES BY GOD HIMSELF, THE HOLY OF HOLIES, WRITTEN WITH THE FINGER OF GOD THE ALMIGHTY CREATOR.

And Paul said,

Romans 7:12 Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

And God Said:

Hebrews 8:10 "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

I do not need the Stones to remind me of the laws of God for they are in my heart and in my mind.

And again, if I break them, it still brings death.

for Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jesus can cleanse your sins, but after he forgave the sins of Mary Magdalene,

John 8:11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

**Re:, on: 2007/10/4 20:28**

Quote: "" Are you saying it was only the ceremonies that brought condemnation?""

I have never said such a thing.

Through the Law brother there is the knowledge of sin, without the law there is not sin, the Ten commandments reveals your sin. The ceremonial Law was used to cleanse the sins committed by the people. Most of the laws in the ten commandments resulted in Death, God took the breaking of the sabbath as serious as he took idolatry.

Paul says, Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Re:, on: 2007/10/4 20:35

Quote:

The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ not only fulfills the Ten Commandments, but so far surpasses them in glory that the former is not even worth comparing.

Brother James said.

James 4:12 There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy.

God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit do not have different laws. They are all in one accord. You are saying that Jesus' Law surpasses God's law.

It is my love for Jesus, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit that Compells me to keep God's Holy law, or if you want, Jesus' Holy Law or The Holy Spirit Law, to me they are all the same.

Again. James 4:12 There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy.

Re:, on: 2007/10/4 20:57

Dear brother,

Quote: ""Just in case I did not specifically answer your question regarding David and myself""

Brother Makrothumia, I think you misunderstood my question to you.

In your first message you were quite unfair, in my opinion describing God's law (Ten Commandments). and my question to you was, is the law you are talking about the same as the law and judgments David was describing in Psalms 119?

I was not asking for you to make a comparison about you and David.

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I am so happy brother to hear that your family is blessed by the Lord, and that you are all His servants.

I just wouldn't go as far as to say that David, The King David would envy your position. He was the anointed one to be the king of the people God had chosen His own. The People that God separated to Himself, so that He could bring salvation to the world. But not only that, but Jesus would come from David's bloodline. Now that is a position to be desired. The saviour of the world came from his bloodline.

David did have some mishaps in his life, some of his children did not end up the way one would say they should. but one of his sons had all this.

1 Kings 3:5-12 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" 6 And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 7 "Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 "And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. 9 "Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" 10 The speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11 Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, 12 "behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise.

This is How Jesus described Himself in Revelation.



Revelation 5:5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

Revelation 22:16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

Brother this is something to be envious about.

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The intention of my question was not to get a comparison about you and David Brother. although I has been nice to know that you have a blessed family. But one thing I can learn from David, Despite of all his mistakes and sins, God still loved Him, and thought so highly of Him. It gives me the confidence that He loves me as well, with all my flaws, which are many. But With the Help of the Holy Spirit I am shaping up myself to meet my saviour on that great day for some and dreadful day for others.

May God continue to bless you and your family abundantly Brother.

In Love, Jayme

**Re: - posted by makrothumia (), on: 2007/10/5 11:21**

Dear Jayme,

Thank you for your replies. My point in mentioning what I have about David, is that we have a greater salvation than he knew. I know that "The Law is holy, righteous and good", but the first Covenant, in which God found fault with the people, does not compare with the New and yes in God's own words "different" Covenant. I believe you sincerely see many of the aspects of that first Covenant fulfilled spiritually in the New. If I understand you, you would probably see most of the ceremonial laws, and other feast days, and circumcision as having their fulfillment in spiritual ways in the New Covenant. I think it likely, that the only area we would not see the same would be that I include the Sabbath in that spiritual fulfillment also. My rest does not come from a day, I come to Christ to receive rest. I do not see this as a contradiction to the fourth commandment. It is the New Testament authors that portray the principles of the first Covenant as "weak and beggarly" principles that enslave people. These thoughts have not originated with me. I follow the Laws of Christ, and like Paul, I am not under the Law of Moses. I never was under the Law of Moses, for I am a gentile and the Law, including the Ten Commandments was a covenant, intermediate, with Israel. I believe it was wonderful for them and for the purpose it serves in revealing sin. Our area of disagreement seems confined to how we see the Ten Commandments fulfilled in the New Covenant. I believe I walk in that fulfillment, and have assumed that someone as sincere as yourself toward the Law of God would walk this way also.

I guess I need to ask if you regard Romans 14:5 - that passage about regarding a day above a day - to be referring to a Sabbath. I have always been taught, and understood this to be a reference to the Sabbath. Perhaps you could explain how you view and have been taught on this passage.

Thanks,  
Makrothumia

**Re:, on: 2007/10/9 16:56**

Dear brother,

quote: Our area of disagreement seems confined to how we see the Ten Commandments fulfilled in the New Covenant. I believe I walk in that fulfillment, and have assumed that someone as sincere as yourself toward the Law of God would walk this way also.

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Dear brother, I keep people saying about the old and new covenants. The Old given to Israel, could you please show me where was this new covenant given to us Gentiles?

Is this new covenant the same paul is talking about here?

Jeremiah talks about a new covenant.

Jeremiah 31:31-33 Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah -- 32 "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. 33 "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

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In matthew 26:28, Mark 14:24 and luke 22:20

Matthew 26:28 "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Mark 14:24 "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many.

Luke 22:20 "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

1 Corinthians 11:25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

2 Corinthians 3:6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

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Paul here talks about a new covenant.

Hebrews 8:8-10 "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah -- 9 "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD. 10 "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

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NOTE that he repeats exactly what Jeremiah said, and he goes on saying that this new covenant is for Israel and with the house of Judah.

my question to you is, for those who keep saying that the old covenant was just for Israel and only Israel should fulfil it.

Is this new covenant only for Israel and the house of Judah as well?

Please can you give me the texts that supports this new covenant for the Gentiles?

I keep hearing people saying that we are under the new covenant and I believe we are. but wasn't this new covenant given to Israel and the house of Judah.

Thank you for your time and patience.

God bless you.

**Re:, on: 2007/10/9 17:14**

dear brother I have another question for you.

NKJ 1 Corinthians 9:20-21 And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; 21 to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law;

NIV To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law.

Everybody keeps saying that they are under the law of Christ.

but what does paul mean when he says, though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ.

what is this God's law paul is refering to?

Now to me, He is saying that He is under God's law(ten commandments) and Christ's law(love, serving and humility)

The Law of Christ is mentioned only once in the Bible, in the Epistle to the Galatians: "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2, New King James Version). The Law of Christ: "Bear one another's burdens."

could you please explain this to me. since some say that paul did not keep the Ten Commandments, I beg to differ.

**Re: - posted by makrothumia (), on: 2007/10/10 13:29**

Hi Jayme,

Well I will attempt to do so, but if I do not address your question fully, please feel free to clarify it for me again. You asked

"what does paul mean when he says, though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ.  
what is this God's law paul is refering to?"

This law is the "New Commandment" that Jesus referred to in John 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another." What did Jesus mean by "a new commandment." The Greek term translated "new" is an adjective meaning new qualitatively in contrast to what is old. For example "new wine" as opposed to "old". The term is often used to indicate that which is "better" than the thing that existed before. So, our Lord chose to make a contrast between the former commandment and His own, which He described as "new" or "better" in quality. This does not mean it is drastically different in substance, but we know that the "New Covenant" is drastically "better" in its results. The Law although "Holy, Righteous, and Good" made nothing perfect, therefore, a "New Covenant" was introduced, a "better" Covenant in that it could make men righteous. This is what Paul meant in Galatians 3:21: "Is the Law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. Paul is saying that the law was not able to produce righteousness. With the same thought in mind Paul wrote "What the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did...". The Law was not able to make men righteous in actions, because of the "law of sin at work in the members making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death." The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ is able to accomplish what the Law of Moses could not. Those in Christ have received the

indwelling Spirit of God, His very life, becoming partakers of the Divine Nature, thus receiving power to "fulfill all the righteous requirements of the Law." Those who live by the Spirit, living by faith, do not make void the Law - rather we "establish the Law." As the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, this new "internal" power at work in us produces the new creature's desires to walk in all the righteousness of the Law. "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but faith which worketh by love." Remember "the Law is not of faith." God's righteous ones do not live "by the Law" but like Abraham, they live by faith. Their faith does not make void the Law, rather their faith establishes the Law. Circumcision was a sign of the covenant with Abraham, you know now that the physical act of circumcision is meaningless in regards to producing righteousness. But the faith which worketh by love, produces such a change of heart, that those who live by it do no harm to their neighbor, thus fulfilling all of the last 5 of the Ten Commandments simply by following the leading of the Spirit of Christ in them to love their neighbor as He has loved them. The first five commandments are fulfilled much in the same way. No one speaking by the Spirit says Jesus be accursed, therefore no one living by the Spirit takes God's name in vain. The Spirit of God inspires those who live by faith to give Jesus Christ first place so they naturally seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. This takes care of the first commandment, no other God before the Father or the Son - not even "covetousness which is idolatry." Those who genuinely live by the Spirit do not make gods or a god in their own mind, not even another Jesus, or another spirit or another gospel. Their love and allegiance is to God the Father through Jesus the Son.

The vast majority of the sincere saints who would visit this sight fulfill all of the first three commandments and the last six simply by walking according to the spirit, living in love, abiding in God. Your question as you have stated in earlier posts centers upon in what way does the New Covenant fulfill the fourth commandment. You see circumcision to be a spiritual reality in Christ, therefore you must be in complete agreement with the vast majority of us who place no requirement on others to undergo physical circumcision. Our discussion comes to the crossroad of what it means to "keep the Sabbath holy." You have made your position clear on this, but I am not sure you have accepted attempts, at least by myself to explain that I see this fulfillment in a different way than you do.

Before I attempt to re-explain my own views of how I enter the sabbath rest by faith, I would like you to explain your views on Romans 14:5 unless you have already done so and I have missed it. If you did that already, I apologize and would ask you to copy it again or direct me to it somehow. I would appreciate knowing your views on this before I continue. Thank you.

makrothumia

**Re: - posted by makrothumia (), on: 2007/10/10 13:39**

Sorry Jayme for missing one of your last questions. The Gentiles are made partakers not of a covenant with Israel, but with Abraham. The Covenant with Abraham stated "in you all the nations shall be blessed." The covenant with Israel, introduced 430 years after the covenant with Abraham, does not set aside the previously established covenant. The Law was merely an intermediate covenant until the "seed of Abraham" appeared. The Gentiles are blessed through faith in the seed of Abraham, just like the Jew. Jews are branches, not the root. The Seed of Abraham, is the root of David. Jews are branches some of whom were broken off because of unbelief, and they can only be grafted in again by faith. Thus whether Gentile or Jew, we can only partake by faith. God's mystery was revealed to the apostles and prophets as it was never before in previous generations. His purpose was to create in Himself one new man out of the two (Jew and Gentile) and to reconcile them both through Christ body. In Christ, there is neither Jew nor Gentile - just Sons of God by faith.

makrothumia

**Re:, on: 2007/10/10 19:56**

Dear brother.

I apologize for taking this long to reply to your message.

Romans 14:5-6 One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.

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Dear brother, I want to start this by pointing out that on the first verse of Romans 14. Paul mentions the fact that people were arguing about doubtful things.

Was the Sabbath a doubtful thing to Paul? In my view, Absolutely not.

Let's put this into the context of Jew and Gentile. Paul was a Jew, and by being a Jew, He would have to keep the sabbath.

Remember that the Sabbath was a covenant on its own.

Exodus 31:15-17 'Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. 16 'Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. 17 'It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.' "

My question to you is, Was Paul a child of Israel?

If your answer is yes, then He would have to comply with the sabbath keeping.

Also note that Paul was persecuted many many times by the pharisees and scribes, but He was never accused of sabbath breaking. Why?

In many verses we can see that Paul had the habit to go to the synagogue on the sabbath.

Acts 13:14-16 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down. 15 And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Men and brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say on." 16 Then Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said, "Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen:

Here we know that Paul went to the synagogue on the sabbath.

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Acts 13:42 So when the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath.

Here tells me that not only Jew were on the synagogues on the sabbath, but also the Gentiles. If it wasn't required for the gentiles to keep the sabbath holy, what were they doing there?

What is your explanation for the fact that the gentiles were attending church on the sabbath?

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Acts 13:44 On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God.

But look what happened in the following sabbath.

The whole city came to hear Paul's preaching.

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Now we come to a place where a lot of people use to do away with the sabbath law.

The Jerusalem Council. They say that if we were to keep the sabbath, the apostles would have mentioned it here.

But I want you to know that, the same way that Paul was arguing doubtful things on romans 14. The council also got together to decide on things that were doubtful.

The Sabbath was an established thing, why discuss it?

It is like making a new automobile, the engineers might get together to decide the size( width and height) of a tyre that would best fit that car. You will not see them arguing about whether they should use rubber, metal, wood or whatever

other material you could think of to make a tyre. It is established that the material to be used is rubber. so no point in discussing it.

The time of the Jerusalem council, was a time where new converts were being misled to being circumcised. They would tell them that they could not be saved unless they were circumcised.

Acts 15:19-24 "Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God, 20 "but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood. 21 "For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath." 22 Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas who was also named Barsabas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren. 23 They wrote this letter by them: The apostles, the elders, and the brethren, To the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: Greetings. 24 Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, "You must be circumcised and keep the law" -- to whom we gave no such commandment --

The sabbath was not discussed there because it was not a point of doubt.

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Now this is a verse that clarifies it all for me. For many say that Paul went to the synagogues on the sabbath to persuade the Jews. Otherwise he wouldn't be there.

but have a look at this verse.

Acts 16:11-14 Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days. 13 And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there. 14 Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us.

Here it tells me that Paul did not go to the synagogue on that particular sabbath. He went outside the city to a riverside, where Prayer was customarily made, On the Sabbath.

No Jew here. Just the Gentile brothers.

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I have written this brother to establish the fact that Paul went to the synagogues on the sabbath, to preach, to persuade people (Jew, Gentiles and Greek-Acts 18:4) to Christ, but also He would go outside the city to be with like-minded people to worship on the Sabbath as well.

Now back to Romans 14. As I said before. Paul is discussing with them about something that was creating problems among the brethren.

I can see on verse 2, what that something was.

Romans 14:2 For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables.

Verse 3-4 were also written about the same argument. People were judging people based on what they were eating or not eating.

Take note that there is no mention of the Sabbath in this passage. It is a mistake to read into this passage that Paul was referring to Sabbath observance. The reference here is simply to days. The Sabbath is definitely not the issue at hand.

The church of Rome had a composite of Jew and Gentiles as its members. On verse 2/3/6. Paul clearly identifies the issue of vegetarianism, not Sabbath observance. Paul was addressing a question of eating or not eating meat on particular days.

The whole chapter is about eating or not eating certain things. To even mention the Sabbath issue here would be absolutely out of context.

Now, if you put the fact of eating meat or not eating meat and apply to verses 4 and 5. it would make perfect sense.

Verse 4 - One person prefers not to eat meat in one day, another prefers not to eat it any day. so let them be convinced it in their own mind.

Verse 5 - He who doesn't eat meat in that day, He does it for the Lord, and he who doesn't really think important to stop eating meat, also does it for the Lord.

Brother to say that Paul is talking about the sabbath would be the same as describing a way to lose weight and right in the middle of it say something like this.

\_\_\_How to lose weight\_\_\_

- 1-Don't eat processed foods.
- 2-don't have too much sugar.
- 3-don't eat Too much.
- 4-Don't forget to do your english lessons.
- 5-do plenty of exercises.

You would say, what number 4 has to do with what we are talking about? Absolutely nothing.

It would be totally out of place.

Brother you cannot take an issue so important like the Sabbath and do away with it in two verses. The whole of the OT, God is pleading with israel to keep His holy day.

You might say that you keep it in the spirit, But when God gave the commandments he gave precise instructions as how we should keep it holy.

Six days we shall labour but the sabbath is holy to the Lord. The Sabbath Day Brother is a Holy day to men from God.

Nehemiah 9:14 You made known to them Your holy Sabbath, And commanded them precepts, statutes and laws, By the hand of Moses Your servant.

The Sabbath is God's Day, it is His sign to us. and That is why Jesus said the He is Lord even of the Sabbath.

I have a question for you.

When Jesus was talking to the pharisees.

Matthew 12:11-12 Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? 12 "Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

Now would it be the perfect opportunity for Jesus to just say, The Sabbath is not longer binding. for I am your sabbath, I have fulfilled the law for you. But he did not say that.

Instead He says, it is lawful to do Good on the sabbath. if Jesus had said it was Lawful to do good on the sabbath, then I am right to assume that there were unlawful things as well, and for us to know what that is, we have to go back to God's law(Ten Commandments) to find out what is unlawful on the Sabbath.

I hope I was able to explaining my views about romans 14. Any comments of it would be appreciated.

Jayme



**Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2007/10/10 19:56**

**John 5:16-18**

16 For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.  
17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

18 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

Jesus worked on the Sabbath. Jesus worked everyday. Did He break the law?

We are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps. This means "going where He goes, saying what He says, praying what He prays."

In love,

Miccah

**Re:, on: 2007/10/10 20:15**

Dear brother,

You are talking about Abraham covenant, But I actually had asked you to explain to me the new covenant. Wasn't it given to Israel and the house of Judah?

People talk about the Old Covenant, and the New covenant. But to me they were both to the house of Israel.

You said the Gentiles are partakers of Abraham covenant. could you point out to me this old covenant and new covenant. That states the fact the gentiles are part of it?

You said that Gentiles and Jew are partakers of Abraham covenant by faith. But you did not explain the old and the new.

Your thoughts will be very much appreciated.

God bless

**Re:, on: 2007/10/10 20:24**

Dear brother,

quote: Jesus worked on the Sabbath. Jesus worked everyday. Did He break the law?"

When you say that Jesus worked everyday. was it labour work? or was his work to do good to others?

My other question to you is, When God rested on the seventh day of creation. Did the Sun rise or it didn't for God was resting? Did the moon shine in the evening? Did the whole creation that he had just finished creating, stand still, while God was resting?

Please Brother do not compare the work that God does, and the work the Jesus came to do here for us, to the same work

ks that he wants us to rest from.

Please read the fourth Commandment and you will see that God is specifically talking about labour, the same labour he told Adam would have to do in order to get His provisions.

But again I will repeat it.

If there is lawful things to do in the Sabbath, there has to be unlawful things, and when I say unlawful things, I mean things that are not forbidden in the other six days.

God Bless.

**Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2007/10/10 20:44**

If one even tries to keep the law that would be legalism.

**Romans 10:4** For Christ is the fulfillment of the law for righteousness sake to everyone that believes.

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

All one must do is to love God and he will keep His commandments.

**Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2007/10/10 21:18**

Is rest something of a misnomer in church as church is the most busy day of the week.

Coming two and fro from church. Having to do the dinner, Sunday Service, Evening Service.

What I think that I miss is people thinking about the Lord the whole day and everyday.

**Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2007/10/10 23:39**

Quote:

-----When you say that Jesus worked everyday. was it labour work? or was his work to do good to others?

Please Brother do not compare the work that God does, and the work the Jesus came to do here for us, to the same works that he wants us to rest from.

Respectfully. Do you believe in the Trinity? If so, you are teaching directly against what Jesus is saying NOT to do. Let me add the rest of these verses for a clearer understanding. PLEASE pay careful attention to verse 23.

### **John 5:19-23**

19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. 20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. 21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. 22 For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, 23 **that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.**

Quote:

-----My other question to you is, When God rested on the seventh day of creation. Did the Sun rise or it didn't for God was resting? Did the moon shine in the evening? Did the whole creation that he had just finished creating, stand still, while God was resting?

I genuinely believe that you feel those of us who do not believe in your idea of the Sabbath are in sin are subject to damnation. I thank you for your concern. If this is what the Lord has told you to do and you have a heavy conviction about it, follow the Sabbath. I believe that the Lord may be telling you to keep the Sabbath completely "workless" in your life.

He hasn't in mine. He has told me that everyday needs to be a Sabbath day to Him, not just one. Everyday we are to live our lives in fear and awe of Him. To say that only one day is the holy day is to say that the other 6 are not, when everyday to the Lord is holy. As you said, did all of creation stand still when God rests? Read again John 5:17.

Quote:  
-----Please read the fourth Commandment and you will see that God is specifically talking about labour, the same labour he told Adam would have to do in order to get His provisions.  
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I have read the fourth Commandment, but the question is, have you read Jesus' Commandments. Here it is (in scripture).

#### **Matthew 22:34-40**

34 But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" 37 Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 40 **On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."**

I will state the same thing that I have stated in other threads. That is: When a man tells me to STOP listening to what Jesus says and start listening to what "that man" thinks, I will "end the conversation".

With love,

Micah

**Re: A New Day of Rest, on: 2007/10/11 1:01**

Dear jayme,

I wish to respond to just one statement from the early part of your last long post on p2, where you said:

Quote:  
-----Let's put this into the context of Jew and Gentile. Paul was a Jew, and by being a Jew, He would have to keep the sabbath.  
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First I would like to mention that in Hebrew thought, an hour refers to the whole day and a taste refers to the whole drink. Likewise a 'day' can mean the whole age, for instance, the 'day of salvation' (2 Cor 6:2).

Regarding Jew and Gentile, makrothumia has explained much which is relevant and complete, so I want to draw to your attention these verses which clearly tell us that Paul had consciously stopped keeping the law, exchanging the circumcision of his heart, for any former meaning that his outward circumcision had had.

The Old and New Covenant do not co-exist. The New Covenant is a total replacement for the Old, even though some people still keep the Old by tradition, they are, under the terms of the New Covenant, freed to walk away from the Old forever, and into the New, without hesitation or pausing for breath, except to thank God for a finalisation of His plan of salvation for man, in Christ, brought to us by the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said this, also:

John 4

21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

23 **But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth:** for the Father

her seeketh such to worship him.

24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

Here are some of Paul's statements, which I hope you will research:

Galatians 2:14

But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before *them* all, If thou, **being a Jew**, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

1 Corinthians 9:20

And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

(Note his use of the past tense, confirming that he had already abandoned living like a Jew usually.)

There is one other verse to mention, which ties in with your questions about the New Covenant.

When Jesus answered Nicodemus, (John 3) He said 'You must be born again'. So this was the first time Jesus said 'must'

There is a root in the word 'nation', which directly refers to the natural birth of the person. Therefore, when we are 'born again' we become part of a new (spiritual) *nation* who have been born from above (of God).

The Old Covenant offers many parallels in shadow, including that it was conditional. Being born Jewish didn't make a person right with God *per se*, but keeping the law did.

Now, through the coming of the New Covenant, keeping the law became obsolete, and doesn't make a person right with God; but believing in Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection (with all their implications for our obedience to live by faith in the Spirit, and walk in newness of life doing our Father's will, daily) is what counts.

Many Hebrews died in the wilderness for breaking the Old law by their unbelieving behaviour, and excluded themselves from the promise God had given them. Likewise we can exclude ourselves from the promise of eternal life, by preferring to keep the law, rather than to enter into faith with God through Jesus.

If Paul wrote Hebrews, he said to them 'Let us study therefore, to enter into rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief' (Ch 4).

I agree with Paul that it *is* a matter to be studied and *mastered*, on which our whole salvation rests. Amen. (No pun intended - sorry!)

**Re:, on: 2007/10/11 7:23**

Dear brother micah.

My Quote: ""Please Brother do not compare the work that God does, and the work the Jesus came to do here for us, to the same works that he wants us to rest from.""

Respectfully. Do you believe in the Trinity? If so, you are teaching directly against what Jesus is saying NOT to do.

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Dear Brother, talking about taking things out of context. Where in my statement, did I imply anything against the Trinity?

Please Go back to my post and please read it carefully, there is no such a statement there whatsoever.

Just to clear things up.

I do believe in the Trinity, God the FAther, Jesus the Son and The Holy Spirit.

God gave the commandment for us to rest of our labor.

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Thank you brother for pointing out John 5:17, I thought that is what were talking about.

You quote my question back, but you did not give me an answer.

So here it is again.

My other question to you is, When God rested on the seventh day of creation. Did the Sun rise or it didn't for God was resting? Did the moon shine in the evening? Did the whole creation that he had just finished creating, stand still, while God was resting?

We know that God rested on the seventh day, and felt refreshed. But we also know that The sun rose, the mist came down, the moon shone and all that. God is so Awesome that He can Rest to give us the example and He can also set things into motion, so life goes on on its course without having to come to a complete stop.

Can we compare God' works with our labor. Can we compare Jesus works with our labor, can we compare the Works of the Holy Spirit with our labour? I am talking about the labor God wants us to rest from.

AM I dividing the Trinity? most definitely not. I am just pointing out that their works are completely different than the labor we are supposed to stop on the seventh day.

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Quote:

I have read the forth Commandment, but the question is, have you read read Jesus' Commandments. Here it is (in scripture).

Matthew 22:34-40.

Brother that is where we disagree. I believe that Jesus and the father and the Holy Spirit are one. God's law, Jesus law are the same. to me there is no difference. Jesus came to fulfil His father's Law, not to destroy. by doing that He was fulfilling His own law, We all know that He came to do the will of the FAther, not His. But by doing the will of the Father He was doing His will as well, for they are one in accord.

To me matthew 22:34-40, Jesus is clearly talking about the Ten commandments.

First four commandments, showing how I am to serve God.

The six others, how I love my brother or enemy, if you so want to say.

What is this law and the prophets that He talked about?

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One thing I must say though, Everybody keeps throwing back the argument that, if I keep the Sabbath Holy, I am disregarding the other days, or if I keep the sabbath holy, can I live an unholy life the other six days? That is not what God commanded us to do at all.

He Said, six days you shall labor, but the seventh day no work shall be done.

Very simple and clear.

Do I still have to pursue a holy life the other six days? most definitely. Do I regard the other six days as a God's gift? most definitely. But one fact remain, He, The God Almighty demands us to keep His day Holy,(Seventh day, Sabbath, Saturday) not Sunday, not first day.

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Quote: ""I will state the same thing that I have stated in other threads. That is: When a man tells me to STOP listening to what Jesus says and start listening to what "that man" thinks, I will "end the conversation". ""

Please brother feel free to stop the conversation at any time. Nobody should feel obliged to do anything they don't want to. but please do not say that someone, in love, trying to point out to you about God's holy law, is telling you to stop listening to Jesus. where did you get that from?

Am I asking you to stop listening to what Jesus said? most definitely not, for if I say that I would fall into contradiction. I believe that God gave us the Ten commandments, I believe that Jesus gave us the Ten commandments,(Matthew 22:34-40) and I also believe that The Holy Spirit Gave us commandments(Mathew 22:34-40) to me, they are one in mind and character. They do not have different laws, as you are saying.

**Re:, on: 2007/10/11 7:35**

Dear brother deltadom

The word Rest is to be used in relation to our six day labour. Jesus said that it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath. Can we still get physically tired by doing good to others on the Sabbath? Sure, but that is not labour as to get something in return, we do it to benefit others, not us.

My question is, if Jesus said it is lawful to do good on the sabbath, it tells me there are things that is unlawful to do on the sabbath.

Please do not say that what I mean is that you have to live holy on the sabbath and have six days to do whatever your flesh wants.

Again, this is not what God commanded us, He was very clear when He said, thou shall not labour on the seventh day. You still have to live a godly life the other six days, but on the seventh you should not do any labour.

God Bless

**Re: The New Day of Rest, on: 2007/10/11 11:05**

Dear jayme,

I have one simple question which arises from your last post.

In your understanding, is the Sabbath of the fourth commandment limited to the seventh day....? as my understanding from scripture is that a sabbath could fall on any day of the week, depending when God decreed it should be, and the important thing then was, (as you mention about not doing work for a return such as pay,) was to spend that sabbath doing

what God had decreed should be done in it.

**Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2007/10/11 14:50**

Quote:

-----Dear Brother, talking about taking things out of context. Where in my statement, did I imply anything against the Trinity?

Please Go back to my post and please read it carefully, there is no such a statement there whatsoever.

Just to clear things up.

I do believe in the Trinity, God the FAther, Jesus the Son and The Holy Spirit.

I am sorry if I took things out of context, that was not my intention and I appologize. But the question was given to you f or this simple reason. You are cherry picking what you wish to debate about to prove your point. No disrespect intende d, but I see this same cherry picking with Mormons, Jehovah's Witness and other groups. These groups intent is to sol ely focus on one (or several) areas of scripture without interpreting the scripture together, as it was meant to be interpret ed. I am always hesitant to get into a debate with someone who will not look at all relevant scripture for that debate.

So this question remains and will now be expanded. If you believe in the Trinity, why so you deny the scripture/s that I w as talking about? Jesus worked everyday. Jesus did what He saw the Father do. Jesus tells us to do what He does. J esus says that "My Father is always working, so I must also." (paraphrasing).

You want me to recognize that the Fourth Commandment is the most important commandment. I recognize that Jesus' Commandments are the most important Commandments. I recognize that Jesus came and "fulfilled the law".

Quote:

-----You quote my question back, but you did not give me an answer.

The reason that I did this, is because you did not answer my original question of

Quote:

-----Jesus worked on the Sabbath. Jesus worked everyday. Did He break the law?

It was never answered fully or partially. I will answer your questions, but please answer mine back. Just as you are, I a m trying to make points as well.

Quote:

-----So here it is again.

My other question to you is, When God rested on the seventh day of creation. Did the Sun rise or it didn't for God was resting? Did the moon shine in t he evening? Did the whole creation that he had just finished creating, stand still, while God was resting?

No

Quote:

-----We know that God rested on the seventh day, and felt refreshed. But we also know that The sun rose, the mist came down, the mo on shone and all that. God is so Awesome that He can Rest to give us the example and He can also set things into motion, so life goes on on its cour se without having to come to a complete stop.

Can we compare God' works with our labor. Can we compare Jesus works with our labor, can we compare the Works of the Holy Spirit with our labour ?



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Yes

Quote:

-----I am talking about the labor God wants us to rest from.  
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As am I. Jesus says that He is always working because His Father is always working. I try to imitate Jesus at all times. If he says He always works, so must I.

Quote:

-----AM I dividing the Trinity? most definitely not. I am just pointing out that their works are completely different than the labor we are supposed to stop on the seventh day.  
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These works are not different. Regardless if I am preaching the word, or building a garage, all work is to be done for God's glory. Read the book "The Practice of the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence (sp?). You will see that everyday was as a day of rest, this day of rest was given in the Lord. Everything Brother Lawrence did was for the glory of God. When washing dishes, he did so in God's rest. When praying, he did so in God's rest, when eating, sleeping, talking, etc...he all is so in God's rest.

As believers, we cannot be caught up in the rituals of man. If you live your life as a Christian, everyday is a sabbath day. Every day is a day of rest...in the Lord.

Quote:

-----Matthew 22:34-40.

Brother that is where we disagree. I believe that Jesus and the father and the Holy Spirit are one. God's law, Jesus law are the same. to me there is no difference. Jesus came to fulfill His father's Law, not to destroy. by doing that He was fulfilling His own law, We all know that He came to do the will of the Father, not His. But by doing the will of the Father He was doing His will as well, for they are one in accord.

To me Matthew 22:34-40, Jesus is clearly talking about the Ten commandments.  
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Do you believe what Jesus says? The Pharisees questioned Jesus on this as well. They tried to corner Him into this argument, very similar like you are trying to corner those who disagree with you.

Quote:

-----What is this law and the prophets that He talked about?  
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This is Hugh. Respectfully, pray on this. Research this. This is the key to your question/s about the Sabbath. I cannot give you the revelation that must come from this verse. you must have this revelation yourself. Pray.

Quote:

-----He Said, six days you shall labor, but the seventh day no work shall be done.

Very simple and clear.  
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I disagree. I feel that it is cherry picking commandments.

Quote:  
-----Please brother feel free to stop the conversation at any time. Nobody should feel obliged to do any thing they don't want to. but please do not say that someone, In love, trying to point out to you about God's holy law, is telling you to stop listening to Jesus. where did you get that from?

Am I asking you to stop listening to what Jesus said? most definitely not, for if I say that I would fall into contradiction. I believe that God gave us the Ten commandments, I believe that Jesus gave us the Ten commandments, (Matthew 22:34-40) and I also believe that The Holy Spirit Gave us commandments (Matthew 22:34-40) to me, they are one in mind and character. They do not have different laws, as you are saying.  
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Jesus believes that He gave us His Commandments, I believe that He did as well, and I choose to follow Him.

I need to ask you something. What does the Lord tell you about this when you pray about it? You don't have to answer here, but just to you and the Lord. If He leads you to keep the Sabbath as a full day of rest, then I say follow what the Lord is telling you to do. He is NOT telling me to do the same. He talks to people differently, He may be talking to you differently than me. All I know is that I follow what the Lord tells me to do. Call it what you will, but He has not lead me astray and will not lead me astray.

In love with love,

Micah

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/10/11 18:11**

Jhn 5:16 And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

You know it is ironic some of us pick the day to keep that the Jew's killed Jesus for not keeping it.

This should say something about the day itself. If it was to be kept Holy, how could Jesus do His works on that day. I don't think you would have an advocate in Christ to make your argument that the fourth commandment is still binding. He took every advantage He could to show that the Sabbath is now Him, for He "is the Lord of the Sabbath", He can do what He wants on the Sabbath and He is now our ruling Lord of the Sabbath itself. May we all rest in Him, The Lord of the Sabbath, who has made our life a complete new life in Himself and unto the Father. We are new creatures and He is the first born of us, how can we do anything except rest in Him, that being our 7 day Sabbath, every day as a Sabbath, especially now that He is the Sabbath Lord.

"Old things have passed away and behold all things have become new, that includes the 4 Commandment. Just as He increased the Law to become even more binding and perfect, He is now making it clear that we are to Keep the Sabbath and Make it Holy every day of our lives which are now in Christ our Savior and Sabbath and God and our all in all.

Just like you don't have to commit adultery physically to be an adulterer, that is even if you look at a woman with lust in your heart, you have already committed Adultery: Also the Sabbath is not when we look at it we are keeping it. Keep your eyes on Him and the Sabbath takes care of itself. If you want to keep the 7 day Sabbath, so be it, but don't put the temptation in front of others to take them away from our true Sabbath which is Christ Jesus our Lord, any day and every day, His Day of Rest.

In Christ: Phillip

Re:, on: 2007/10/14 12:59

Dear brother Phillip.

Quote: ""Jhn 5:16 And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

You know it is ironic some of us pick the day to keep that the Jew's killed Jesus for not keeping it.+++++  
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You have quoted a text from John, I would like to quote the same text but from the beginning of the chapter.

Here is what the chapter is about.

John 5:5-15 Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" 7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." 8 Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." 9 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. 10 The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." 11 He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" 12 Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" 13 But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. 14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." 15 The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.  
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Did Jesus broke the Law of the Sabbath? Most definitely not. For Jesus Himself said,

Matthew 12:12 "Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."  
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If to do good on the sabbath is lawful, I must assume that there are things that are not lawful to do on the sabbath. If the sabbath was no longer binding, Jesus could have said to them. Anything is lawful on the Sabbath(anything that is lawful to do on the other six days). why didn't Jesus just told them, I am your sabbath, You don't have to keep the sabbath holy anymore.

Why didn't he say that to them?

For He had said that He was the Son of God, making Himself equal to God.

Brother Phillip Could you please give me the text in the bible that supports your claim.

""the Jew's killed Jesus for not keeping it(The Sabbath)""

Brother In my bible, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, tells me that Jesus was Killed because He said He was the Son Of God, and by saying That He made Himself equal to God.

Nowhere I can find that the accusation of Sabbath breaking was even mentioned when He was brought to the High Priest or Pilates.

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Mark 3:2 So they watched Him closely, whether He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him.

Matthew 12:10-14 and behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" -- that they might accuse Him. 11 Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has

one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? 12 "Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." 13 Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other. 14 Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

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WE see here that they wanted to catch Jesus on something to accuse Him, but even though Jesus Healed some people on the sabbath and they came and asked Him about being lawful or not lawful the heal on the sabbath, and even after Jesus having answered them, they did not find anything to accuse Him, instead,

Matthew 12:14 Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

It tells me that they did not have anything against Jesus in regard to the Sabbath, had they had anything they would have just accused Jesus of Sabbath breaking instead of having to plot something so that they might destroy Him. For we know that according to the Law of Moses, Sabbath breaking was punishable with Death.

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Brother your claim that Jesus was killed because He broke the law of the sabbath is absolutely untrue.

Please Give me the texts that prove your claim, I would love to see them.

**Re:, on: 2007/10/14 13:08**

Dear Brother Phillip.

Quote""You know it is ironic some of us pick the day to keep that the Jew's killed Jesus for not keeping it.""

Brother Phillip you better have a closer look in what you believe, for if Jesus being a Jew did not keep the Sabbath, He then Broke the Law of God, and committed a sin.

Your Claim that Jesus did not keep the Sabbath, Therefore, breaking the fourth Commandment is quite frankly something really serious to say just for the sake of your argument. For my bible tells me that He was the Spotless Lamb of God and in Him No Sin was ever found.

He Never Sinned, never broke a commandment. Fulfilled the Law completely.

Please tell me that I misunderstood your quote.

**Re:, on: 2007/10/14 13:22**

Dear brother Dorcas.

Quote: ""In your understanding, is the Sabbath of the fourth commandment limited to the seventh day....? ""

Yes.

Deuteronomy 5:12-14 ' Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. 13 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 14 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work:

Brother, God set a sequence of events, and it does not change. You Work six days, You rest one.

In Creation God worked Six Days, and He rested on the Seventh. He could not have put it any simpler.

You Work six days, You rest one.

You Work six days, You rest one.

You Work six days, You rest one.

You Work six days, You rest one.

How could it possibly Fall in the middle of the Week.

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Maybe you are talking about the Feasts of the Lord?

Unless I have misunderstood your question. I am surprise that you asked it. It is just a matter os sequence it cannot change.

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Please if I misunderstood you, Ask me again.

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Could you also be a bit more clear in regard of the second part of your post, Not sure I understood it.

**Re:, on: 2007/10/14 13:50**

Dear brother Phillip.

quote: ""If you want to keep the 7 day Sabbath, so be it, but don't put the temptation in front of others to take them away from our true Sabbath which is Christ Jesus our Lord, any day and every day, His Day of Rest.""

Quite harsh words brother. I am trying to point out to you what God commanded us to do. You might not agree with it but to go as far as to refer to one of God's commandments as temptation?

I have an obligation with God to spread His truth. You might not like it and so does a whole bunch of people.

Don't you feel that sometimes you want to talk to someone about Jesus, and they just turn to you and say, Keep your Jesus to yourself, I am not interested. I am fine the way I am, whatever I believe is sufficient for me.

Should that stop you from spreading the good news of the Gospel of Christ? Certainly not. You must hold fast to your faith and do what you believe is your duty as a Christian.

If you do not want to discuss it any further brother Phillip you have all the freedom to stop writing at any time. Whatever you write here and whatever I write here are just words. It will only have any effect on someone's life if the Holy Spirit shows them, You or I cannot do anything but spread the news, the convincing part is the Work of the Holy Spirit, not yours nor mine.

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Could you please show me where God said that we should keep everyday Holy?

Brother if you keep every day Holy, you are breaking the fourth commandment, For God said that you must work the other

er six days.

The commandment is,

Work six days, and rest one. I don't think God was open to negotiation about His commandments.

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I am suppose to live my life as a servant of Christ seven days a week, I totally agree with you, but one fact remains. When it comes to my labor, I must work six days and rest on the Seventh.

I am so thankful that God has reveled the blessing of the sabbath to me. Me, the one that needs God's grace the most, For among the sinners, I was the worst.

**Re: - posted by BlazedbyGod, on: 2007/10/14 14:53**

Revelation 14: 12 Here is the patience of the SAINTS: here are they THAT KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, (the 10 Commandments) **AND** the FAITH OF JESUS.

**Re:, on: 2007/10/14 17:22**

Dear brother Dorcas,

I would like to make some comments on a message that you sent to me 2007/10/11 12:23.

Quote: ""Let's put this into the context of Jew and Gentile. Paul was a Jew, and by being a Jew, He would have to keep the sabbath.

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First I would like to mention that in Hebrew thought, an hour refers to the whole day and a taste refers to the whole drink. Likewise a 'day' can mean the whole age, for instance, the 'day of salvation' (2 Cor 6:2).

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Dear brother, The Sabbath I am talking about here is the same sabbath that God rested on the first week of creation. The bible is very clear to say it was evening and morning the first day, and so on.

So I believe that when I say sabbath, I am referring to a period of 24 hours, evening and morning.

I believe that when God Created the World, when he said first day, He meant 24 hours of the first day and so on until the Seventh Day, where He rested and felt refreshed.

Do you believe that the world was created in a period of seven Days, or should I apply your logic and maybe think that it took millions of years for God to create the world?

Now either, a day is just a day(24 hours) and it took seven days(Seven 24 hours periods) for God to Create the whole world. And the Seventh day(Sabbath) is just the one fraction of that seven periods. Or I use your logic of time and then a day can be a whole age(Whatever amount of time that might be) and creation took a period of seven whole ages. Then God rested the one fraction of that seven periods.

Which one is it?

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In Regard of the Old and the New Covenant.

I asked this question because everybody says that they are on the New Covenant.

When we mention the old covenant everybody is quickly to say that was something God Gave Israel. The Sabbath was something for Israel and Israel alone. Please I am not arguing this. I am not arguing the fact they co-exist either.

My question to Brother makrothumia, was

Can you please give me the bible texts that tell me about the new covenant for the Gentiles.

For in Jeremiah God says,

Jermiah 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

And in Hebrews, Paul confirms that,

Hebrews 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

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Where is the Covenant for The Gentiles?

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Brother I know the difference between the two covenants.

I am just asking this, because Some people do put a separation between us and Israel, Saying that the Ten commandments is something between God and Israel, not for us. I am not sure if you share the same view.

One thing I know, God made a covenant between Him and Israel, that the sabbath should be kept by them as everlasting covenant, forever and it was a separate covenant from all the others. So in your view should they still keep the Sabbath? Or are they relieved from that as well. Based on the new covenant?

Now, either we all are supposed to keep the sabbath holy, or neither of us should keep it?

We know that God does not show partiality or favour to anybody, and we also know that the sabbath is a covenant that is supposed to last forever. Where do you stand?

I will say this again. I do not regard the sabbath as a burden when I say if Israel should keep it then so shall we, totally the opposite, it is a delight to me, If Israel is supposed to be blessed by keeping it Holy, I also want to be part of this blessing.

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One more question to you.

Since God doesn't show partiality to anybody?

WE know that someone was stoned for gathering sticks on the Sabbath.

If the Sabbath is no longer required for us to keep or for the israelites to keep either.

My question is.

Do you think this person, on the Day of judgment, will consider God to be a fair God for taking His life for something that was so important to Him back then but today He regards it as just like any other day.

How would you feel if you were in his place?

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Quote: ""Many Hebrews died in the wilderness for breaking the Old law by their unbelieving behaviour, and excluded themselves from the promise God had given them. Likewise we can exclude ourselves from the promise of eternal life, by preferring to keep the law, rather than to enter into faith with God through Jesus.""

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Dear brother, Who is preaching salvation by works here?

Please tell me who is, because I would join forces with you, to explain to them that Salvation comes by Faith in the Son of God. Jesus Christ is the only one that Can save them.

But one cannot just think that by having faith in Jesus one doesn't have to do a thing, his salvation is guaranteed.

If that is you brother I would like to take you to Matthew,

Matthew 19:16-17 Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" 17 So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

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These are Jesus words not mine.

But then the young said.

Matthew 19:18 8 He said to Him, "Which ones?"

Jesus said:

Matthew 19:18-20 Jesus said, " 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 19 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "

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Jesus has just mentioned 60% of The Ten commandments. Six out of 10.

and what does James say:

James 2:10-11 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. 11 For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

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Here you have James talking about the Ten commandments we well.

And what does He Say about those who stumble in one?

Yes, he just broke the whole law.

You can say that Jesus mentioned six commandments out of ten and he did not mention the Sabbath, but James just told us that If we stumble in one, we have broken the whole law.

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20 The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?"

For those who think I am preaching salvation by works.

Here is what I want you to pay attention.

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Matthew 19:21 Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

The first part of the Verse.

Jesus knew his heart and where his passions really were, He loved the riches of the world, his social position etc... You cannot love God and the world.

When Jesus told Him to sell everything. What He really meant was: stop loving the world and its riches, and Then put your faith in me. Follow me and you will be perfect..

I believe that the Following me, means, put your faith in me, walk after me, Give your life to me. Love me with everything you have. Love me with all your heart mind and soul.

Matthew 19:22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

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What I want you to see here is that Faith in Jesus and keeping the commandments will grant you salvation. You cannot love Jesus and not keep His commandments.

For Jesus said,

John 14:15 " If you love Me, keep My commandments.

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Please do not say that I prefer one(Law) from the other(Faith in Christ) because that is not what I am saying at all. I prefer faith in Christ first, and then I prefer to show my love for Him by Keeping His commandments(Ten Commandments).

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**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/10/14 20:36**

Romans 14:4-6 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand. One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

"The Apostle decides nothing; leaving every man's own mind to guide him in the point. He classes the observance or non-observance of particular days, with the eating or abstaining from particular meats. In both cases, he is concerned with things which he evidently treats as of absolute indifference in themselves. Now the question is, supposing the Divine obligation of one day in seven to have been recognized by him in any form, could he have thus spoken? The obvious inference from his strain or arguing is, that he knew of no such obligation, but believed all times and days to be, to the Christian strong in faith, ALIKE. I do not see how the passage can be otherwise understood. If any one day ill the week were invested with the sacred character of the Sabbath, it would have been wholly impossible for the Apostle to commend or uphold the man who judged all days worthy of equal honour,--who, as in verse 6, paid no regard to the (any) day. He must have visited him with his strongest disapprobation, as violating a command of God. I therefore infer, that sabbatical obligation to keep any day, whether seventh or first, was not recognised in apostolic times. It must be carefully remembered, that this inference does not concern the question of the observance of the Lord's Day as an institution of the Christian Church--analogous to the ancient Sabbath, but not in any way inheriting the Divinely-appointed obligation of the other, or the strict prohibitions by which its sanctity was defended. The reply commonly furnished to these considerations, viz, that the Apostle was speaking here only of JEWISH festivals, and therefore cannot refer to Christian ones, is a quibble of the poorest kind: its assertors themselves distinctly maintaining the obligation of one such Jewish festival on Christians. What I maintain is, that had the Apostle believed as they do, he could not by any possibility have written thus. Besides, in the face of 'every day' the assertion is altogether unfounded." (Alford: New Test., in toe.)

I am fully persuaded in my mind, that every day is a Sabbath Day unto the Lord Jesus Christ, for it is "in Him in whom we live and move and have our being".

In Christ: Phillip

**Re:, on: 2007/10/14 21:14**

Jayme,

I was reading and skimming through most of the posts and my interest was peaked. I just wanted to ask you how you keep the Sabbath.

Do you go out to eat on the Sabbath? Or

Do you prepare everything the day before so your household does not sin by doing any work whatsoever on the Sabbath?

Do you travel at all on the Sabbath? If so, how far?

With over 600 or more commandments to keep, how do you know that you are keeping them all to perfection and not sinning? Maybe I'm not correct here but technically, if we choose to keep the law and can't keep it in its entirety, then we shouldn't have hope in the grace of Christ if we are choosing to keep the law instead, can we?

If you are going to keep the law of the Sabbath, then it really needs to be kept in its entirety or you'll be out of luck like all the other people of God from the OT. Don't ya think?

If you'll remember when Jesus rose from the dead, it says that many of the saints and/or prophets were seen walking in Jerusalem. So this means that those people, great as they were in the Lord still couldn't keep the law and were directly to hell. They did not get to pass Go and collect \$200.00!!! I would rather choose to live by the grace of God and have remission for my sins because Heb 10:18 says, "Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin."

I don't know... that's just my two cents worth. It might not even be worth that.

Jayme, God bless you in your walk with Him!!

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/10/14 21:25**

Also, in which temple do you worship?

Acts 17:24-28 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

Our Sabbath is in us and we worship not of the things of this earthly temple, we worship in the Spirit of Christ, for we are His Temple, Him becoming our Sabbath and our all in all.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: - posted by BlazedbyGod, on: 2007/10/14 21:42**

Matt 3:13 13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. 14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? 15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. 16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, AND HE SAW THE SPIRIT OF GOD DESCENDING LIKE A DOVE, AND LIGHTENING UPON HIM:

Luke 4:14 And Jesus returned IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, AS HIS CUSTOM WAS, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. 17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, 18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Why is it that Jesus, even after having receiving the Spirit-it still was his custom to enter into the synagogue on the Sabbath day?

Why is it that Isaiah 61:1-3 is fulfilled by Jesus Christ in Luke 4 ON THE SABBATH DAY?

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/10/14 21:50**

Yes Jesus fulfilled the whole Law, not to make it binding on new covenant believers, in that: Gal 3:25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

For: Jayme

Galatians 3:24-29 Wherefore 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. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

What was the promise, not as to seeds but the Seed, that being Christ.

Galatians 3:8-18 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

What is our blessing of faithful Abraham?

Christ Jesus birthed in every creature that believes that Jesus Christ Is the Son of God, by Faith, which is come also in Christ Jesus. Being born again of Incorruptable Seed, which is Christ Jesus In you the Hope of Glory.

Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Gal 3:25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Is He come? Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

What makes us a perfect man? In the Faith, in the knowledge of Christ, in the fullness of Christ. He truly is our Sabbath.

1 Corinthians 1:29-31 That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made

unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

All glory to God is in Him. Not just in the fourth commandment and in the Sabbath Day but because He is the Lord of the Sabbath.

Colossians 1:27-29 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles ; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

Present every man perfect? Not in the Sabbath Day, but in the Sabbath Himself.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re:, on: 2007/10/15 6:20**

Dear Sis Intens4Him,

Thank you ever so much for your message.

Quote

""""""I just wanted to ask you how you keep the Sabbath.

Do you go out to eat on the Sabbath? Or

Do you prepare everything the day before so your household does not sin by doing any work whatsoever on the Sabbath?

Do you travel at all on the Sabbath? If so, how far? """"""

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Dear Sister, The greatest and most common mistake that most people make in regard of the Sabbath, is the fact that all of them concentrate on the things that they cannot do, and therefore they cannot get past the idea that God's Holy Day is not a burden.

The Seventh day was given to us for two reasons.

Rest and Remembrance.

You mentioned 600 or more commandments that you have to keep. Can you show me where I find these 600 or more commandments in my bible?

Genesis 2:2-3 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

God finished His Six day (works of creation) and He Rested. So He Gave us this blessing.

Now, Back to your question about how I keep my sabbath Holy?  
All you have to do sister is to go back to the book.

As I said before, I do not concentrate on the things I cannot do and instead I concentrate on the things I can.

The sabbath was originally given to us for us to Rest. So here is something that you can do.

Jesus said,

Matthew 12:12 it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

Another thing that you can do.

We know what Jesus did on the Sabbath.

Luke 4:16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

Here is another thing that you can do. We can go to church and praise the Lord.

Deuteronomy 5:12-14 ' Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.

Another thing I must do, I must keep His day Holy. But You might ask How do I do that?

Here is the Answer by God Himself.

Deuteronomy 5:13-14 13 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 14 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God.

So, If I do good to others, Go to church and Rest, I would say that I am doing pretty much what God asked me to do on His Holy day.

Sister Concentrate on these(Rest, Church and doing good to others) and I am sure you will feel in your heart the blessings that the sabbath really is. There is one more thing that I really like to do on the Sabbath, I like to go to a beautiful place and spend time observing nature and reading the word of God. In Romans,

Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead

So I enjoy seeing God through His creation.

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Now let's talk about things that we cannot do on the Sabbath.

This you mustn't do.

Deuteronomy 5:14 In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you.

Isaiah also talks about some things that we can and cannot do on the Sabbath.

Isaiah 58:13-14 " If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, From doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the LORD honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words, 14 Then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the LORD has spoken. "

I have searched my bible sister to find these so called 600 commandments that you talked about and I just could not find .

Please show me where in the bible you can find them? I would be very much interested.

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Quote: """"Maybe I'm not correct here but technically, if we choose to keep the law and can't keep it in it's entirety, then we shouldn't have hope in the grace of Christ if we are choosing to keep the law instead, can we?"""

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Dear sister, You are talking about choices here and quite frankly I believe there are none to be made.

Let me take you to Matthews.

Matthew 19:17-21 So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." 18 He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, " 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 19 'Honor your father and your mother ,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' " 20 The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" 21 Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

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To me this is the Best thing to show someone that wants to be saved. Here is the perfect recipe for salvation.

Now according to Jesus, if you want to be saved you have to Keep the commandments and follow Christ.

You see, Faith in Christ and Works and deeds to back your faith up.

If only faith was the Recipe, then Jesus would have told the young man.

Just believe in me. But we know that He did not say that did He. He first said, Keep the commandments, which by the way He listed six out of the Ten commandments. and Then follow me.

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You mentioned about choice in going back to the law and things. Sister, Go back to your texts that supports your arguments and I can guarantee you that one hundred per cent of the cases, Paul is talking about Circumcision, talking about ceremonial laws.

To me it is very clear, maybe it isn't for you.

Moral Law (Ten commandments) one

Ceremonial law(Sacrifices, feasts, circumcision, etc.) another

Nowhere in the Ten commandments you will find anything about circumcision, sacrifices, etc..

Why, because they are different laws.

I keep saying this, As a christian, I am pretty much sure that you already keep all the other nine commandments, why not go all the way and have the blessings of the Sabbath in your life?

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Quote: """"If you are going to keep the law of the Sabbath, then it really needs to be kept in it's entirety or you'll be out of luck like all the other people of God from the OT. Don't ya think? """"

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You are right there.

And I believe that by

Resting, worshiping and doing good to others. I am pretty much fulfilling what God wants from me, in regard of the Sabbath keeping.

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My question to you is.

How about your choice of completely disregard the sabbath. Where does that leave you?

James 2:10-11 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. 11 For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

Note that James is talking about the Ten commandments here, for he mentions two of the Ten.

Now, As you said yourself sister, you either keep the Ten as a whole, or disregard them all. Cannot pick and choose.

Please do not say that I am preaching salvation by works, because I have said it many times before. I can only be justified by faith in Christ. Now I have given my life to Christ, I have accepted Him as my only saviour, but also I am keeping His commandments, which by the way are not burdensome.

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

I hope I answered some of your questions but any comment would be appreciated.

In love and in Christ, Jayme

**Re:, on: 2007/10/15 6:23**

Dear brother Christinyou.

Could you please make up your mind,

You said that Jesus broke the law of the Sabbath by not keeping it.

Now you say that He kept the whole law.

Now which one is it?

The other thing, you claimed that Jesus was killed for not keeping the Sabbath. Could you show me the text that proves your claim?

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Brother Phillip,

You keep writing about faith in Christ,

We all know that without faith is impossible to please God.

Faith is not the issue here.

We all have faith in Christ and what He did for us.

The issue Here is, should we keep His commandments?(Ten Commandments)

Jayme

**Re:, on: 2007/10/15 6:35**

Dear sister Intens4Him,

On the last part of your post you wrote something that I wanted to address separately.

Quote: "" "" "" "" ""If you'll remember when Jesus rose from the dead, it says that many of the saints and/or prophets were seen walking in Jerusalem. So this means that those people, great as they were in the Lord still couldn't keep the law and were directly to hell. "" "" "" "" ""

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Please where did you get this idea?

You are the first person ever to say, that saints were sent to Hell?

Please do clarify this for me. Are you talking about Matthew 27:51-53

Because if you are, There is nothing in here that would indicate that saints were sent to Hell at all, or that they could not keep the law.

Dear sister, if Saints and prophets are being sent to Hell, What God do you serve?

For the God I serve would never send a saint to Hell.

Here is the text from Matthew.

Matthew 27:51-54 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, 52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. 54 So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

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If this is not the text, then please send it to me, for I would love to see how you got to the idea that saints were sent to hell.

I don't expect a reply. for there is no way, God would send saints and prophets to hell. For Hell is not a place for saints but for unrepented sinners.

**Re:, on: 2007/10/15 6:56**

Dear blazedbyGod,

Not only Jesus Went to the Synagogue on the Sabbath, but Paul also did the very same thing.

Some people say that Paul would go to the synagogue on the Sabbath to persuade the Jew, but we know that Paul was an apostle to the Gentiles and in many occasions it is mentioned the fact that the Gentiles were there on the Sabbath, so that Paul would preach to them.

But there is a verse in Acts that tells me that Paul worshiped on the Sabbath no matter where He was.

Acts 16:11-13 Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days. 13 And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there.

Here it tells me that on The Sabbath, Paul would find likeminded people to spend the day in prayer. If there wasn't a synagogue for Him to go, He would go to a place, by nature, and meet with other people just to spend God's holy day in prayer. He wasn't there to persuade Jew, Greek or Gentile. He was there for the simple fact that it was the Sabbath and He should keep it holy.

I am not sure if it was you that said this before. But the apostle Paul, although persecuted by the Pharisees and scribes, they never accused Paul of Sabbath breaking. Why is that? Was Paul saying that the Sabbath was no longer binding to them and yet doing the opposite so he would not get into trouble? I think not.

For He said, I am here to please men or to please God?

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The other interesting thing is the fact that some people write here saying,

Prove to us that the Sabbath was kept before God had given to Israel the Ten Commandments?

God established the Sabbath as part of creation. If God sanctified the Sabbath, and made it holy, then I should assume that men kept it, period.

Now for those who say prove it. I say,

You got it all wrong brother, You are the ones that have something to prove, not me.

It is amazing how they turn the argument in their favor.

Don't you agree?

**Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2007/10/15 10:04**

Not trying to get too far off subject here, but I'm going to a little bit because it is relevant I believe. I do not support brother Jamye's position on the Sabbath or his argument for it.

This debate of the Sabbath sounds very similar to the debate of KJV only arguments. In fact, I can almost see Jamye's position more on this issue than on the KJV issue. Both arguments are taking what man's interpretation of scripture and how it should be read and interpreting it as such.

No where in scripture does it read "KJV only". But scripture does talk about the Sabbath day.

Not trying to start a firestorm, but there are many similarities on these issues.

Miccah

**Re:, on: 2007/10/15 13:07**

Dear brother,

Quote: ""I do not support brother Jamye's position on the Sabbath or his argument for it.""

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Dear brother

Please do not take this in the wrong way, but...

Your support or opinions to me are of no value. Lie Paul said: Am I here to please man or to Please God.

If you think you can show me that what I believe and preach is wrong by using the bible as your authority, then I will turn and change my ways.

As far as your opinion and support are concerned, I am not particularly interested. I am interested in what the bible tells me.

So, show me in the bible that I am wrong or I am not interested in your opinions.

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What's up with this KJV argument of yours?

What is the relevance of your post about KJV?

Are you now arguing what bible version I used?

Maybe I misunderstood you, but if that is what you said, for your information I use the NKJ.

Please let's stay with the issue at hand and stop arguing about silly things.

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/10/15 13:15**

Both, Jayme, since He was Lord of the Sabbath, He could do what He wanted on the Sabbath. He made the Sabbath a wonderful day of the heart, not the keeping of the Law. So we can use every day as the Sabbath in keeping our Love which He has given us to rest in Him and worship from the heart not from obligation to the Law.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/10/15 13:17**

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In Christ: Phillip

**Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2007/10/15 15:29**

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Dear brother

Please do not take this in the wrong way, but...

Your support or opinions to me are of no value. Lie Paul said: Am I here to please man or to Please God.

If you think you can show me that what I believe and preach is wrong by using the bible as your authority, then I will turn and change my ways.

As far as your opinion and support are concerned, I am not particularly interested. I am interested in what the bible tells me.

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Thats great to hear. Please refer to my past biblical arguments for the answers that you seek. I have given you biblical answers to your argument. I feel I have successfully rebutted your replies per what the Lord has lead me to say. I don't know what more I can say to you besides the truth that has already been spoken.

I still await your reply of my question of "When you pray, what does the Lord say to you about this subject." I may have missed it...

Other than that, I was pointing out the similarities that the KJV only group and the Seventh Day Adventist (sp?) use. Both think that everyone else is wrong and they and their position is right. As you, I do not take much stock in the ideas of man. I honestly grieve that one day you will need to explain to the Lord why you felt it necessary to lead people astray. But I guess you don't see it this way, so what does it matter what I think? I will answer to the Lord for my sins, not anyone else's.

I have spoken the truth, and the truth has been turned aside. What more can I say? I truly pray many blessings to you. I pray for an outpouring of wisdom and revelation in your thoughts and life.

Micah

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/10/15 17:17**

Both, Jayme, since He was Lord of the Sabbath, He could do what He wanted on the Sabbath. He made the Sabbath a wonderful day of the heart, not the keeping of the Law. So we can use every day as the Sabbath in keeping our Love which He has given us to rest in Him and worship from the heart not from obligation to the Law.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re:, on: 2007/10/15 18:38**

Dear brother Micah,

I will not get into a silly arguments with you, I will not go down that Road.

However, since you are saying that I am avoiding your question I will reply to them.

So, not to run the risk of missing something out I went to your first message and I will try to answer all your questions.

I did not answer you before because you claimed that I was telling people to stop Listening to Jesus and therefore you would terminate the conversation.

Having said all that, I want you to know that I will not reply to any messages that are not bible related.

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Your message 2007/10/11 1:15.

John 5:16-18

16 For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.  
h. 17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

18 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

Jesus worked on the Sabbath. Jesus worked everyday. Did He break the law?

We are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps. This means "going where He goes, saying what He says, praying what He prays.

In love,

Miccah

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You have claimed that When Jesus said

John 5:17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

Jesus then Broke the law. right?

Wrong.

Go back to

John 5:5-9 Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" 7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." 8 Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." 9 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

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Now, what Jesus did was it lawful or unlawful?

I will give you the answer.

Matthew 12:11-14 Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? 12 "Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." 13 Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other. 14 Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

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Now, if what you claim is right. Jesus would just have told them, The sabbath is no longer binding to anybody, so you can do whatever you want.

Did Jesus say that? no. Why?

Exodus 31:15-17 'Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. 16 'Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. 17 'It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.' "

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How Jesus could possibly break the law that His father and Himself gave to Israel as a perpetual covenant, with a sentence punishable by death, should one break it?

If Jesus broke the Law of the sabbath like you and some others are claiming, He just became a sinner. and we know that he never sinned.

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Now, you said God worked so I am working.

I just want you to go back to the ten commandments.

This is the kind of work that we are not suppose to do on the sabbath.

Deuteronomy 5:14-15 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you

u. 15 And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.  
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When Jesus said:

“My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.” Cannot in any shape or form be compared with the work that God wants us to rest from.

God's works is something beyond our comprehension and without Him the whole universe would just collapse into nothingness.

Jesus works was to bring the Good news, bring salvation to us all, Healing to the sick.

Luke 13:13-14 And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. 14 But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day."  
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Like yourself brother, the ruler of the synagogue regarded Jesus works as being the same as our six day labor.

That is where we disagree,

I do not regard the work of Jesus and the work of the Father as being of any shape or form the same labor that God wants us to rest from, after having done it for six days.

I will not convince you and you will not convince me otherwise, so I guess we will have just to disagree.  
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**Re:, on: 2007/10/15 19:06**

Still on your first message.

by Miccah on 2007/10/11 0:56:59

Quote: ""We are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps. This means "going where He goes, saying what He says, praying what He prays.""

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I couldn't possibly agree with you more on this.

Let me give you an example.

Luke 4:16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.  
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Are you following His example by going to worship God on the Sabbath as it was His custom?  
Are you really following Jesus footsteps?

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Luke 14:2-3 And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. 3 And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

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Why would Jesus ask them that?

If He didn't think there were things that were not lawful to be done on the sabbath. why would he ask them that?

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Are you following Jesus footsteps by doing good on the sabbath?

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Matthew 19:17 So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

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Are you keeping His commandments, and I mean all of them?

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Matthew 19:18-19 He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, " 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 19 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "

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Jesus just mentioned six commandments out of ten from the Ten commandments.

Are you keeping all the Ten? for we know that if you stumble in one you might as well get rid of all of them.

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Matthew 24:19-21 "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 "And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

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Matthew 5:17 " Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

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Are you also brother fulfilling the law of the Prophets like Jesus did, or are you destroying it?

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Are you praying brother so your flight doesn't happen on the sabbath?

Explain to me why would Jesus ask us to do that, The sabbath is just like any other day.

for this is one of Jesus commandments.

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I could go on forever, but I think I have made my point.

Every single time the pharisees accused Jesus of breaking the sabbath, It was because Jesus was healing someone, doing Good, Doing God's work.

and Jesus the saviour Himself said that it is lawful to do good on the sabbath.

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One more thing.

Mark 1:29-34 Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. 31 So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them. 32 At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. 33 And the whole city was gathered together at the door. 34 Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

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When Jesus used to go on the synagogues?



Sabbath.

When does the Sabbath end?

Sunset.

What happened after the sunset?

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I have asked you questions before and you just replied with a

Yes or No, If you will say yes or no, at least make a comment on the reason why you say yes or no, and please support your comments with bible texts. Thank you.

**Re:, on: 2007/10/15 20:27**

Dear brother Micah,

your post of 2007/10/11 23:11

Quote: ""I am sorry if I took things out of context, that was not my intention and I appologize. But the question was given to you for this simple reason. You are cherry picking what you wish to debate about to prove your point. No disrespect intended, but I see this same cherry picking with Mormons, Jehovah's Witness and other groups. These groups intent is to solely focus on one (or several) areas of scripture without interpreting the scripture together, as it was meant to be interpreted. I am always hesitant to get into a debate with someone who will not look at all relevant scripture for that debate. ""

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Funny you should mention the ""You are cherry picking what you wish to debate about to prove your point""

This is precisely what I have been saying all along.

Jesus said. Keep the commandments.

Matthew 19:18-21 He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, " 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 19 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' " 20 The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" 21 Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

He lists six of the Ten,

James again says the same thing.

James 2:10-11 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. 11 For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

Again the mention of the Ten commandments.

You chose to keep Nine of the Ten, because if you do not keep the other nine brother you have to consider seriously your Christian life. And yet you accuse me of cherry picking.

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Either you keep the Sabbath and the other nine commandments, or you might as well break all the others for if you break one you broke all of them.

James 2:11 you have become a transgressor of the law.

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Quote: "" If you believe in the Trinity, why so you deny the scripture/s that I was talking about? Jesus worked everyday. Jesus did what He saw the Father do. Jesus tells us to do what He does. Jesus says that "My Father is always working, so I must also.""

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Of course of believe in the Trinity,

Jesus Himself said,

John 5:19-20 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. 20 "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel .

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Jesus just openly said that He cannot do anything of Himself, but what He sees the Father do.

Did God rest on the Seventh day?

Is the sabbath Holy to Jesus?

For it is surely Holy to the Father.

Nehemiah 9:14 You made known to them Your holy Sabbath, And commanded them precepts, statutes and laws, By the hand of Moses Your servant.

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So, whatever is Holy to the Father must also be Holy to the Son.

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Quote: ""You want me to recognize that the Fourth Commandment is the most important commandment.

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Where have I ever said or even inferred that there are commandments that are more important than others?

I believe that every commandment that God gave us has the same significance. No commandment is great or smaller, not only that but I also believe that if you decide that one is not important, than you might as well do away with all the other nine.

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Quote: ""I recognize that Jesus' Commandments are the most important Commandments. I recognize that Jesus came and "fulfilled the law".""

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That is where we disagree,

To me God's Laws, Jesus's Laws and Holy Spirit's laws are one. The same way that the three are one.

You questioned me about believing the Trinity and yet you give them different laws and importance to them.

You said that you recognise Jesus's commandments.

Do you also recognise God's Commandments? which are the Ten Commandments.

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As I said that is where we disagree brother.

The Ten Comandments are God's law, they also are Jesus's law, and also the Holy Spirit law's.

Jesus Himself talked about six of them.

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Quote: """" I recognize that Jesus came and "fulfilled the law". """"

You are falling into contradiction brother.

You just said in your previous message, that Jesus broke the sabbath law, and now you are saying that you recognise th  
at Jesus fulfil the Law.

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Matthew 5:17 " Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

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You are absolutely right to say that Jesus fulfilled the law.

Just before he said that, He made sure that we would understand that the fulfilment of the law by no means meant that t  
he law would be done away. For He says, till heaven and earth pass away, by no means one jot or title of the law would  
pass away.

But you say that a whole commandment is no longer for us to keep. and yet you say that I am preachin a man's point of  
view of the scripture.

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Have heaven and earth passed away?

Because if they haven't them the Whole law, with all its jots and titles are there for us to delight ourselves in them.

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Quote: """"As am I. Jesus says that He is always working because His Father is always working. I try to immolate Jesus  
at all times. If he says He always works, so must I. """"

Brother, If you can compare your works with the works of Jesus, then you are right, you should work seven days of the  
week.

For Jesus worked(preaching), He worked(Healing),

He worked(bringing people back to life), but his most important work, was the works of savation for us.

Now, if your work is like(office worker, this is just an example), then God has given us a whole day to Rest, to worship H  
im and remember Him, without having to worry about anything else.

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Quote: """"As believers, we cannot be caught up in the rituals of man. If you live your life as a Christian, everyday is a sabbath day. Every day is a day of rest...in the Lord.""""

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Are you saying that by me preaching the Keeping of the sabbath in accordance with the Ten Commandments, I am preaching rituals of man?

Get real brother, The sabbath was established by God, Do not say that it is a ritual of man.

You are the one promoting something that is not biblical. I have a very clear commandment that tells me how I should keep the sabbath Holy. Do not come and tell me that it is a man ritual.

Come on everybody Am I the only one that Think the Ten commandments are from God? or Do you agree with brother micah that the preaching of the Sabbath is a man ritual?

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Quote: """"Do you believe what Jesus says? The Pharisees questioned Jesus on this as well. They tried to corner Him in to this argument, very similar like you are trying to corner those who disagree with you.""""

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Brother this is an open debate, If you are feeling cornered please accept my apologies for this is not the intention.

You say that Jesus was cornered several times by the pharised. So How come He never openly said, forget the sabbath, God does not care about it anymore.

Why didn't He do that?

I tell you why, Because the Sabbath was so important to Him as it was for the Father. So much so that He called Himself the Lord of that very day. He called Himself the Lord of the Sabbath.

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I Quoted: """"He Said, six days you shall labor, but the seventh day no work shall be done.

Very simple and clear. """"

Then you quoted: ""I disagree. I feel that it is cherry picking commandments.""

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What sort of answer is this? (cherry picking commandments.)

This is the fourth commandment brother,

a perpetual covenant.

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Quote: """"I need to ask you something. What does the Lord tell you about this when you pray about it? You don't have to answer here, but just to you and the Lord. If He leads you to keep the Sabbath as a full day of rest, then I say follow what the Lord is telling you to do. He is NOT telling me to do the same. He talks to people differently, He may be talking to you differently than me. All I know is that I follow what the Lord tells me to do. Call it what you will, but He has not lead me astray and will not lead me astray.

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What does the Lord Tells me about this?

The sabbath is Holy. it is all over the bible, there promises and special blessings for those who keep the sabbath.

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Quote: ""He is NOT telling me to do the same. He talks to people differently, He may be talking to you differently then me. All I know is that I follow what the Lord tells me to do. Call it what you will, but He has not lead me a stray and will not lead me a stray.""

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The word of God brother is enough to guide you to eternal life. there is just one way, His way.

One fact remains, We cannot both be right.

One thing the bible tells me.

People died for breaking it.

Israel suffered famine, pestilence, were sent into captivity because they did not heed to the very commandment that a lot of people disregard.

For the same reason, God called them a rebellious people.

Look what samuel says about Rebellion.

1 Samuel 15:22-23 Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."

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WE know for a fact that Israel was called rebellious because of the sabbath.

Please be very sure about this, for being rebellious and stubborn can have serious consequences.

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I hope I have answered all your question but if not please do ask them again.

**Re:, on: 2007/10/15 20:33**

Dear brother Micah.

I asked you a question.

Matthew 22:37-40 Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 'This is the first and great commandment. 39 'And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 'On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

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My question to you was,

What these great commandments are about?

and what is the Law and the prophets that Jesus is talking about?

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This was your answer.

This is Hugh. Respectfully, pray on this. Research this. This is the key to your question/s about the Sabbath. I cannot give you the revelation that must come from this verse. you must have this revelation yourself. Pray.+++++

What's up with that?  
What sort of answer is this?  
If you don't have an answer, just come clean and say it.

Do you know the answer or not?

**Re:, on: 2007/10/15 20:41**

Brother Miccah.

Let's address this message from you.

Quote: ""This debate of the Sabbath sounds very similar to the debate of KJV only arguments. In fact, I can almost see jamye's position more on this issue than on the KJV issue. Both arguments are taking what man's interpretation of scripture and how it should be read and interpreting it as such.""  
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You totally lost me brother. What does Sabbath keeping debate has to do with KJV debate?

What is the relevance of your point.

I would love to know what you really meant by writing this message.  
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Quote: ""No where in scripture does it read "KJV only". But scripture does talk about the Sabbath day.""

I have read your message a dozen times and cannot understand the purpose of it. Are you being critical to what version of bible I use?

Which by the way is not KJV, you got it wrong brother, If that is what you mean. I use the NKJ version. But I still don't see the relevance of this message.

Could you please help me with this one?

Re:, on: 2007/10/15 21:18

Dear brother Miccah.

Quote: ""I have given you biblical answers to your argument. I feel I have successfully rebutted your replies per what the Lord has lead me to say. I don't know what more I can say to you besides the truth that has already been spoken. ""

How have you accomplished that?

You have quote one verse in John that says that Jesus works and God works, It doesn't change the fact that God commanded us to Keep His day holy.

God's Works and Jesus works are things that you and I cannot even contemplate brother, it is far beyond our comprehension.

All throughout the scripture, I see clearly that the Sabbath is very much a blessing for all who wants to accept it.

I have a couple of verses for you to comment.

Isaiah 56:1-2 Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, For My salvation is about to come, And My righteousness to be revealed. 2 Blessed is the man who does this, And the son of man who lays hold on it; Who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And keeps his hand from doing any evil."

Comment on this.

Isaiah 56:6-7 " Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, And to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants -- Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant -- 7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer

Comment on this

Isaiah 58:13-14 " If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, From doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the LORD honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words, 14 Then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Comment on this.

Isaiah 66:22-23 " For as the new heavens and the new earth Which I will make shall remain before Me," says the LORD, "So shall your descendants and your name remain. 23 And it shall come to pass That from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the LORD.

comment on this.

Matthew 24:20-22 "And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 "And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

Comment on this

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Acts 16:12-13 and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days. 13 And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there.

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Comment on this.

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Acts 13:42-44 So when the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. 43 Now when the congregation had broken up, many of the Jews and devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. 44 On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God.

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Comment on this.

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I could go on forever.

Does your text in John Nullify all of this.

Absolutely not.

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Quote: ""I still await your reply of my question of "When you pray, what does the Lord say to you about this subject." I may have missed it...""

You should read your message again brother, you asked me not to reply but to answer to myself.

But I will answer to you here if that is what you want.

If the Lord hadn't revealed this to me as something important, Do you think I would spend hours in front of this computer reasoning with you all just for the fun of being argumentative? I think not.

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Quote: ""I honestly grieve that one day you will need to explain to the Lord why you felt it necessary to lead people astray. But I guess you don't see it this way, so what does it matter what I think? I will answer to the Lord for my sins, not anyone else's. ""

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Let me put it this way for you brother.

The keeping of the sabbath has been preached all throughout the scripture. If on the day of judgment God calls my name and says, Jayme, why did you preach the Sabbath and kept it Holy?

My answer to Him will be.

You said yourself Lord.

Isaiah 58:13-14 If I turned away my foot from the Sabbath, From doing my pleasure on Your holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the LORD honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing My own ways, Nor finding my own pleasure, Nor speaking my own words, 14 Then I would delight myself in the LORD; And You would cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth.

Also Lord, you said.

Isaiah 56:3-6 Do not let the son of the foreigner Who has joined himself to the LORD Speak, saying, "The LORD has uttered



erly separated me from His people"; Nor let the eunuch say, "Here I am, a dry tree." 4 For thus says the LORD: "To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, And choose what pleases Me, And hold fast My covenant, 5 Even to them I will give i n My house And within My walls a place and a name Better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasti ng name That shall not be cut off. 6 " Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, An d to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants -- Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant.

If I did not have to keep the Sabbath, then I did everything just like you and still went one step further, if I did not have to keep the sabbath and I did, I cannot see that as being a sin.

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Now my question to you brother is,  
What if you had to keep the Sabbath and you didn't?

What will you tell God when you stand judgment and He asks you why you did not keep His Sabbaths?

If we both didn't have to keep the Sabbath

(and I say keep because that is how we all refer to it, but I have a delight about the sabbath, is my favourite day of the w eek, To me the sabbath is a total blessing, could not live my life without it.

Then I am pretty sure I have not done anything wrong by keeping it.

But if we both had to keep it, and I am one 100% sure that we do, Then brother you will be the one with a lot of explani ng to do?

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The difference brother between us is this. I am open to change my mind should you prove me wrong, quote a bible text t hat proves to me, without a shadow of a dout, and I will change. But I will not jeopardize my salvation on account of man' s interpretation. You, in the other hand, have one thing in mind and it is to prove that I am wrong and when you cannot a nswer my questions you say.

Brother pray about this one, you will have to get the revelation of this one yourself.

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God bless you brother Miccah, and I pray for you as well.

**Re:, on: 2007/10/15 21:21**

I have revised all your messages and answered all your questions.

Now I think you have quite a few answers to give me. I have quoted you quite a bit of scripture, it would be interesting to know your comments on them.

Please do not disappear. and God bless you all.

**Re:, on: 2007/10/15 21:33**

Dear brother Christinyou.

I quoted: ""Could you please make up your mind,  
You said that Jesus broke the law of the SAbbath by not keeping it.  
Now you say that He kept the whole law.  
Now which one is it?

The other thing, you claimed that Jesus was killed for not keeping the Sabbath. Could you show me the text that proves

your claim?"

Is this post the answer to this question?

you quoted:

Both, Jayme, since He was Lord of the Sabbath, He could do what He wanted on the Sabbath. He made the Sabbath a wonderful day of the heart, not the keeping of the Law. So we can use every day as the Sabbath in keeping our Love which He has given us to rest in Him and worship from the heart not from obligation to the Law.

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I am not asking you what he could or could not have done. but what He did.

You claimed that He broke the law of the sabbath. and therefore was killed, prove it to me. give me the texts that back up your claim.

There is no such a text, for if there were, then Jesus would have sinned and lied for he said that he did not come to destroy, but to fulfil the law, and heaven and earth would pass before a jot would be taken away of the law.

I am not sure brother but I don't think heaven and earth have passed away. so, I am pretty sure that the whole law is still there to guide us.

God Bless.

**Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2007/10/15 23:02**

First off I would like to thank you for your replies. I appreciate the time that you took to answer.

Now to the meat. I will answer each of your questions accordingly. But it may not be how you would prefer. Here goes.

Quote:  
-----Miccah wrote: This is Hugh. Respectfully, pray on this. Research this. This is the key to your question/s about the Sabbath. I cannot give you the revelation that must come from this verse. you must have this revelation yourself. Pray.  
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Quote:  
-----jayme wrote: What's up with that?  
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It is an honest question to a man that says he follows Gods commandments. What is the first thing that we are instructed to do? Pray.

**1 Kings 22:5 (NIV)**

"First seek the counsel of the LORD."

**Luke 11:1 (NKJV)**

"...“Lord, teach us to pray..."

**Romans 12:12 (NIV)**

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, *faithful in prayer*.

Quote:

-----jayme wrote: What sort of answer is this?

As a man prays, so he is --- A.W. Tozer

You sound angry that I am asking a straight forward question of you and your prayers. I did not ask to be informed of what you pray about or what God tells you, only that you should "pray on this". Why pray about this topic? Lets turn to scripture.

### **1 Thessalonians 5:17**

"pray without ceasing"

### **John 3:17 (NKJV)**

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

### **1 Thessalonians 5:9 (NKJV)**

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ

Quote:

-----jayme wrote: If you don't have an answer, just come clean and say it.

I have an answer, and my answer is you are wrong, and praying to the Lord will lead you to a deeper revelation of why you are wrong.

Again, if you do what the Bible teaches us to do, which is "First seek the counsel of the Lord", respectfully, I should not have to answer anything to you and vice versa, it should come naturally. All I ask is that you do this and not let pride get in the way. The Lord will reveal Himself to you.

### **1 Thessalonians 5:25 (NKJV)**

Brethren, pray for us.

### **Joel 2:12 (NASB)**

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "Return to Me with all your heart, And with fasting, weeping and mourning;"

Quote:

-----jamye wrote: Do you know the answer or not?

You will not like my answer, but yes, I do know the answer. I have given it, you have rejected it.

### **James 4:2 (NKJV)**

...you do not have, because you do not ask.

### **Psalms 86:11 (NKJV)**

Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth. Unite my heart to fear Your name.

**Jeremiah 33:3 (NASB)**

Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

All as is stated in the Bible...

Don't take my word for it, you won't. Take the Lords word for it. Pray.

Miccah

**Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2007/10/15 23:38**

Quote:

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jayme wrote:

The difference brother between us is this. I am open to change my mind should you prove me wrong, quote a bible text that proves to me, without a shadow of a doubt, and I will change. But I will not jeopardize my salvation on account of man's interpretation. You, in the other hand, have one thing in mind and it is to prove that I am wrong and when you cannot answer my questions you say.

Brother pray about this one, you will have to get the revelation of this one yourself.  
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jayme. You are right when you say that I will not change my mind. Too many times have I preached the Word to Mormons, Jehovah witnesses, etc. Each and every time all they did was quote the scripture, formed around what interpretation that they wanted it to say. Each and every time, including this one, where I suggested asking the said party what the Lord tells them about this, the parties get offended, like I blasphemed or something.

I tell you what though, not one of them has ever called me back or stopped back over. Why is this? Because either they thought I was a nut case, or they knew that their spiel would go nowhere with me. Yes jayme, I have a heart of no compromise when it comes to the truth. I will not be swayed by, as you say it, *man's interpretation*.

I think we both agree that we will not agree. I say bring it to the Lord in prayer...why debate something together when we both have hit a road block. Why not bring it to the Lord and see what He tells us.

This is something that the Lord tells us to do, not something that Miccah on the Sermonindex forums says to do.

As for this statement...

Quote:

-----You, in the other hand, have one thing in mind and it is to prove that I am wrong  
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You are partially correct. I do not wish to prove you wrong, only to open your eyes that will not see. But, I do wish to warn others of your false teaching of salvation. And let's face it, this is what you are preaching to myself and others here. Your argument is about the Sabbath and how it should be kept. If it is not kept in this way (by everyone), everyone not keeping your Sabbath are walking in sin, thus our salvation is in jeopardy. This IS a false teaching, and I will not accept it.

Here is the teaching of salvation, per the bible. Take notice that it does not include the Sabbath.

**Romans 10:9 (NKJV)**

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Now read over the entirety of Romans 10. I highlighted some key areas for you to chew on. Again, please note that salvation has NOTHING to do with the Sabbath. The Lord is so much bigger than a Sabbath, I pray that you could see this.

### **Romans 10 (NKJV)**

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. *Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.*

Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: "The man who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. *For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" Consequently, *faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.* But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did:

"Their voice has gone out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world." Again I ask: Did Israel not understand? First, Moses says,  
"I will make you envious by those who are not a nation;  
I will make you angry by a nation that has no understanding." And Isaiah boldly says,  
"I was found by those who did not seek me;  
I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me." But concerning Israel he says,  
"All day long I have held out my hands  
to a disobedient and obstinate people."

Quote:  
-----God bless you brother Miccah, and I pray for you as well.  
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Thank you for your prayers, I can always use a double portion of blessings :)

Miccah

Re:, on: 2007/10/16 5:53

Quote:

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jayme wrote:  
Dear sister Intens4Him,

On the last part of your post you wrote something that I wanted to address separately.

Quote: "" "" "" "" "" If you'll remember when Jesus rose from the dead, it says that many of the saints and/or prophets were seen walking in Jerusalem. So this means that those people, great as they were in the Lord still couldn't keep the law and were directly to hell. "" "" "" "" ""  
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Please where did you get this idea?  
You are the first person ever to say, that saints were sent to Hell?

Please do clarify this for me. Are you talking about Matthew 27:51-53

Because if you are, There is nothing in here that would indicate that saints were sent to Hell at all, or that they could not keep the law.

Dear sister, if Saints and prophets are being sent to Hell, What God do you serve?

For the God I serve would never send a saint to Hell.

Here is the text from Matthew.

Matthew 27:51-54 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, 52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. 54 So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!"  
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If this is not the text, then please send it to me, for I would love to see how you got to the idea that saints were sent to hell.

I don't expect a reply. for there is no way, God would send saints and prophets to hell. For Hell is not a place for saints but for unrepentant sinners.

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Brother, you can most always expect an answer from me except 1. if I think you are wanting an argument and have an unquenchable need to win. I won't answer then but you have NOT shown yourself to be that to me at all. 2. Oh and if I don't get on the computer because between sons and work, I don't get on it that often!!

Back to the matter at hand!! I looked and looked for that Scripture before I posted and yes, you are correct it is Matthew 27:51-54 and another yes, I was wrong in quoting it, it was out of context. I should have looked it up and not used my memory!! I just knew it came from when he went to hell to preach but I was wrong! Had I looked it up first, I wouldn't be joyfully eating crow right now!! At least I'm not apt to forget it again!! LOL

I believe that the commandments that Christ talked about were all boiled down to the two he gave, Love the Lord your God with all your heart and Love your neighbor as yourself." Because "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matt 22:40)

You quoted Matthew 19:17-21 but Christ was speaking to a good Jewish boy who actually did keep all the commandments AND YET he still lacked.

One last question, I'm not a big debater over "doctrine" and such, well I'm not a big debater, period!! You said you keep the Sabbath by choice, which is ok by me but are you actually saying that if I or anyone else does not keep the Sabbath in this day and time that our salvation is in jeopardy?

Re:, on: 2007/10/16 7:41

Dear Sister thank you for your message.

It is a pleasure to find people such as yourself to talk about the scripture. I can see that you, like me, are not afraid to admit when you make a mistake. If I make a mistake sister I will own up to it.

I am here on this site challenging my beliefs more than anything else. I do not know all the answers by no means, but I am willing to discuss whatever you might say that can bring edification to my life.

I have said this before, If you can prove to me biblicly and without a shadow of a doubt that the sabbath is not longer binding, I will accept it and will turn my ways.

I am not here to win or to lose arguments. You go to some of the forums and people are arguing personal views and that is not my intention.

Now back to the matter at hand.

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Quote:"""I believe that the commandments that Christ talked about were all boiled down to the two he gave, Love the Lord your God with all your heart and Love your neighbor as yourself." Because "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets""""

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You are one hundred per cent right. But when we say boiled down, what do we really mean with it?

To me there is irrefutable proof that Jesus is talking about the Ten commandments. Not only He talks about it but He clearly said that the keeping of the commandments are directly related to our salvation.

I will show you why I believe this. And please if you see it differently, I would very much appreciate your comments.

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In Deuteronomy 5. Moses remember Israel of the Ten commandments.

In chapter 6 Moses like Jesus also talks about the Greatest commandment.

Deuteronomy 6:4-6 " Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! 5 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 " And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

Keep in mind that Moses had just reviewed the Ten commandment to Israel.

Please if you had the time read the first 10 chapter of Deuteronomy. but if not read chapter 10:12-22.

The NKJ, describes these verses as being the essence of the law(Ten Commandments)

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Now I know that both moses and Jesus regarded the greatest commandments as being the Same.

Moses.

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Jesus.

Matthew 22:37-38 7 Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 "This is the first and great commandment.

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It tells me that Moses and Jesus agreed on the same thing.  
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Remember that Moses talked about the greatest commandments just after reviewing the Ten commandment to Israel.

Now my question to you is.

I know that the greatest commandment is to love my God, But How do I love Him with all my heart and with all my soul?

You will find the answer to this question on the first four commandments.

No other Gods.  
No images.  
No taking His name is vain.  
keeping the Sabbath.

You might say: the other three commandments I agree that they show me how to love God. but...

Keeping the Sabbath? what does that have to do with loving God?

Well, I can only say one thing. It was Holy unto the Lord, and like everything else that is Holy unto Him, He is serious about it.  
So much so, that the same penalty for having other Gods, blaspheming God and carving images was applied to those who broke the Sabbath. We know that the penalty for these were Death.

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The second Greatest commandments that Jesus mentioned talks about how we relate to our brother and sisters or if you prefer our neighbour or enemies, you can choose. For Jesus said that we have to treat our neighbours and enemies the same way, with love.

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How do I do this.

the other six commandments talk about how we should relate to them.

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I have asked people before and never got an answer. What is this law and prophets that Jesus summarized in these two great laws?

Well here is what I think it is.

Matthew 5:17-19 " Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. 19 "Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 7:12-14 "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. 13 " Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 "Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Luke 16:16-17 "The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it. 17 "And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail.



It is clear to me sister, that Heaven and earth will pass before the Ten commandments becomes The Nine Commandments.

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Quote: ""You quoted Matthew 19:17-21 but Christ was speaking to a good Jewish boy who actually did keep all the commandments AND YET he still lacked.

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Dear sister, You mentioned the fact that the Jew boy was good. Why do you say that He was good? Jesus was so humble that not even He considered Himself to be good but only the Father. Was Jesus good? Most definitely yes. Not only Good but Holy.

but there is one thing that the Jew boy was just like the rest of Us. He wanted to be saved, just like the Rest of Us. Is salvation for the Jew any different than for Us? I do not believe so. For Jesus gave Him the perfect recipe for salvation. I often wonder why would Jesus tell the young boy to keep the commandments. Jesus knew His heart, unless the boy was breaking one of the commandments and Jesus wanted to point this out to Him, but when He says

Matthew 19:20 The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?"

did Jesus rebuke Him, no. why? I believe that He was telling the truth, otherwise Jesus would have rebuked Him.

And Jesus goes on and listed Six of the ten Commandments leaving out the four first, which I believe are the ones that are part of the first greatest commandment.

But we know that the young man lacked something, and when you don't have Jesus in your life, you will always lack something and the young boy knew it. Even with all his riches and his high positions, He still lacked the real thing.

What does Jesus tell him?

Sell everything you have, and follow me.

This tells me without a shadow of a doubt that Jesus told him to put his faith in Him.

Follow me, and you will not lack anything else.

Give your life to me and you will be made whole.

But remember what Jesus said about riches?

We cannot serve God and riches at the same time. and unfortunately the Boy chose the things that will never make any one whole. he chose the what the world had to offer to Him.

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To me sister, This is the perfect recipe for Salvation.

Faith in Christ, to the point of selling everything and following Him.

And keeping His commandments. All of them, not only nine.

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Quote: "" You said you keep the Sabbath by choice ""

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Dear sister, I don't remember saying that, but if I did then I apologise, what I meant was.

God gave us commandments and statutes to live by them. To Israel they were the ministration of Death as some like to quote it this way. Why? Because God told them you either keep them or you will die.

Were the Ten commandments written and engraven in stones the ministration of Death? Yes. if you so chose not to obey them. but if you chose to obey them, God says that you could not count the blessings that I will send to you.

Now, Read this.

James 1:25-27 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. 26 If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. 27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

I am under the law of liberty, Should you choose to disobey the Ten commandments you will not be put to death. But we know that breaking the law is sin.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

What I am trying to tell you is that, I have the liberty to choose. Right or wrong I can choose. One fact remains, with my choice comes either a reward or a consequence.

I hope I made my point clear.

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Quote: "" which is ok by me but are you actually saying that if I or anyone else does not keep the Sabbath in this day and time that our salvation is in jeopardy? ""

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dear sister, you make me sound like I have come up with all of these. and I have not.

As I said your choice will bring you a reward or a consequence, why do I say this?

We know that Israel was God's chosen People. Fact

we know that they were disobedient. Fact

We know that because they did not keep the Sabbath, They suffered terribly, God punished them severely for that.

My question to you is. Do you see this?

Do you recognize that Israel was punished for not keeping the Sabbath?

Has God changed? what was important to Him back then, is it no longer important now?

Now we know that because Israel did not keep God's Laws, God called them a stiff-necked people. Rebellious people, stubborn people, and so on..

I want to take you to a verse in Samuel, look what Samuel describes these words.

1 Samuel 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."

Dear sister, this is a serious thing.

You have to ask yourself.

by not keeping the Sabbath, Am I being rebellious or stubborn?

We know that God said Israel was for doing the very same thing?

Samuel said that Rebellion is the same sin as witchcraft and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

This is very serious indeed, My logic tells me that if I am rebellious it is the same as if I was practicing witchcraft. and if I am stubborn I am practicing idolatry.

And we all know How God hates that.

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By not keeping the sabbath do you put your salvation in jeopardy?

I think that the question you should be asking is.

By not keeping the Sabbath does it make me rebellious in God's eyes?

Does it make me a stubborn person?

To answer that sister you have to go to the bible and search why God called israel rebellious and stubborn.

Paul said.

1 Corinthians 10:1-11 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, 2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. 5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. 6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. 7 And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." 8 Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; 9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; 10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

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God bless you sister and please do write back at your convenience.

May the desire of seeking His face never departs from our hearts.

**Re: - posted by osasbright (), on: 2007/10/16 7:56**

let us not dispute on the Law but rather bear good fruits. For whom God has justified by given him His holy spirit, will you condemn such? Who is he who justifies, It is God Himself who justifies.

I will not join in the argument for or against the observance of the sabbath day.

A man should be able to discern whether he is of God or not. Do you not know yourself? Do you not know whether you fellowship with the Holy Spirit?

Then if you know this, why should you dispute on the matters of the law?

Re:, on: 2007/10/16 8:14

Dear brother Miccah,

Your arguments are based in what you think is right or wrong. you write and yet avoid the Questions I ask you.

As my brother, I love you, but I think that you are just being argumentative, and I said this before I will not go down this road.

I have just one more thing to tell you.

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Quote: ""You are partially correct. I do not wish to prove you wrong, only to open your eyes that will not see. But, I do wish to warn others of your false teaching of salvation. And let's face it, this is what you are preaching to myself and others here. Your argument is about the Sabbath and how it should be kept. If it is not kept in this way (by everyone), everyone not keeping your Sabbath are walking in sin, thus our salvation is in jeopardy. This IS a false teaching, and I will not accept it. ""

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Brother This is what my preaching is about, or rather Jesus preaching.

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This is not me talking but Jesus, Please do not say that His preaching is false.

If you want to enter into eternal life, this is how it is done.

Matthew 19:17-21 But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." 18 He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, " 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 19 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' " 20 The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" 21 Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

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Salvation comes by following Christ and keeping His commandments. nothing more nothing less.

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Brother this is a forum discussing the new day of worship. Sunday.

I am only defending what I believe is right. I am not trying to convince anybody of anything. It is not my job to convince anybody, this is the work of the Holy Spirit.

But I will not just sit back and see something being said that I believe is not right. The same right that you have to voice your beliefs so have I.

I have never passed judgment on anybody's preaching here. I have always written and based my answers on the bible.

If you think I am wrong, prove me wrong. but don't come and say that my preaching is false. for there is just one judge and law giver, God.

I have written to you extensively, I would love to see your comments on things supported by bible texts.

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I will give you an example of how you avoid a direct question.

I asked you about the law and the prophets.

you answered:

Miccah wrote: This is Hugh. Respectfully, pray on this. Research this. This is the key to your question/s about the Sabbath. I cannot give you the revelation that must come from this verse. you must have this revelation yourself. Pray.

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When I asked you again you quoted this.

It is an honest question to a man that says he follows Gods commandments. What is the first thing that we are instructed to do? Pray.

Then you answer by talking about prayer.

I know about prayer. What I want to know from you is.

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What is the law and the prophets that Jesus said refers to?

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You turned this into a prayer argument.

I know all about prayer brother.

Quote: ""I have an answer, and my answer is you are wrong, and praying to the Lord will lead you to a deeper revelation of why you are wrong. ""

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that is it? I am wrong?

according to your answer, I believe what I believe because I do not pray. and If I pray more at some point it will all become clear to me that what I preach is all wrong.

yeah, nice going.

If I am wrong than prove me wrong, don't just pass judgement on what I believe.

And for your info, my prayer life is very healthy thank you.

**Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2007/10/16 13:24**

Quote:

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jayme wrote: Dear brother Miccah, this is probably the last time I will reply to you.  
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I had a Hugh posting in place here. But I prayed about it before posting it and felt a need to remove it. After reading some of the postings here from others, I have realized that I am in error. Error in how I am handling your and my correspondence. I do not wish to argue about this, and this is what it has turned into.

I feel I have spoken the truth, even if it is harsh. As much as I wish to respond to all your posts, I am going to refrain on this topic from here out.

In Christ,

Miccah

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/10/17 4:08**

Deuteronomy 10:12-22 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD'S thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is. Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked. For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward: He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name. He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen. Thy fathers went down into Egypt with threescore and ten persons; and now the LORD thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

This is exactly what has been set aside along with Israel even to the blinding of their eyes.

Romans 11:24-29 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Even the Elders in the Jerusalem Church, Peter, James and John and the whole council said that the Gentiles are not to be bound by the Law and Circumcision, only that they obtain from: Quote:  
"Idols, blood and fornication"

Acts 21:24-25 Them take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges with them, that they may shave their heads: and all may know that those things, whereof they were informed concerning thee, are nothing; but that thou thyself also walkest orderly, and keepest the law. As touching the Gentiles which believe, we have written and concluded that they observe no such thing, save only that they keep themselves from things offered to idols, and from blood, and from strangled, and from fornication.

Now specifically the Seventh Day Sabbath, which was a sign between Israel and God, not between the Body of Christ and God.

Exodus 31:13-18 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you. 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. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed. And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

Christ is the ten commandments, He wrote them by the Holy Spirit moved upon holy men, He kept them perfect, and fulfilled all ten, plus those He added even to make them stronger, "If you look upon a woman", If you hate your brother you have already committed murder, etc. So now that we have Christ in Us, He is our Hope of Glory. The Ten Commandments

nts now live in every believer and it is up to Jesus Christ to fulfill them in us. We cannot fulfill them anyhow, or there would be no need for Christ if we could. That is what Grace is all about. We now keep the commandments of God because we now by the Christ in us can Love God with the Love of Christ that has been birthed in us. This is the only Love God will accept, that is love given freely because He love us first.

A Seventh Day Sabbath keeper is saying you will go to hell if you don't keep the ten commandments and especially the 4th one. The gentile believer keeps them by the Christ that is in us, by Love of the Son who died for us when we were yet sinners and Israel was and is, by Him Jesus Christ putting Himself by the Seed of the Father which is Himself in the believer and Sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise.

Romans 6:13-18 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

We no longer need the Law, because of the Son of God birthed in us we are servants of righteousness, and free from sin by Him that is now our life, not me as a person but the Person of Christ in me as me loving the Father with the only love He can accept.

Let us praise God for the Rest we have in Christ and that we can worship God daily and live and rest in His Son Jesus Christ that is not our life.

Also let us praise God that we have a day of the week that we can worship God by His Son that is in us and assemble with other believers and seek the love and peace and rest that is in this assembling and not forsake it and turn Sunday into a fun-day.

Let us not turn back to the weak and beggarly elements of the Law, with its observance of Sabbaths, rituals, sacrifices and festivals. Let us seek the true Sabbath Rest Himself, For He is most assuredly our Sabbath and our Rest.

Nowhere in scripture is there a Christian Sabbath, only Jewish Sabbaths which have been set aside until the fullness of the Gentiles come in.  
In Christ: Phillip

**Re: The New Day of Rest, on: 2007/10/17 9:19**

Dear jayme,

Thank you for your response to my post.

I do understand that originally the Sabbath was the seventh day without fail, but even then there were provisions for certain emergencies which might fall on a Sabbath.

One of the things which Jesus did, was to expose the hypocrisy of the religious leaders, who, if it was something to do with money (such as a unit of livestock) which was endangered, had no problem with the necessary rescue, but when it was a man - the ones created in the image of God Himself - they didn't mind if he carried on suffering for the rest of his life. This is the basis of your acceptance of 'doing good' on the Sabbath, and of course, I agree to it.

But, Jesus also said, when challenged over allowing his disciples to pluck the ears of wheat as they passed through a field, that 'the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath'. (Mark 2:27) In other words, the higher creation is man, not the Sabbath. So if anything is going to give, it is the Sabbath, not man. This is a similar message received from God through His written word on many other points: that if anything is going to give, it is man, not God.

Therefore, when Phillip (Christinyou) explains in the post above, how Christ is in us, this is the Son who entered into rest **forever** after His work on the cross. This is the new standard of rest, into which God Himself has entered. The seventh

day was a picture for us, as we are bound by time while we are on earth in a mortal body.

But, as 'the word of God is not bound' by putting a person in prison, neither is the Spirit bound by our physical bodies. The Holy Spirit brings to the believer that eternal rest into which Christ has entered.

We can, of course, receive the Spirit within, only as we acknowledge our sin and receive Christ's death. This also is our eternal rest (from bondage to sin).

In fact, this is the key to understanding why there were certain things not to be done on the Sabbath. Those things were not sins necessarily, as they would be done on other days of the week. But, one thing from which man was always to abstain, was sin. However, as the many sacrifices under the Old Covenant demonstrated, which were always in-the-face of the ordinary Israelite as his conscience pricked him to bring another offering to God when it was necessary, so the Old Covenant sacrificial system also proved that men's hearts could not be changed.... until.... Pentecost.

Paul explained how this is to affect the believer, in Romans 6. I would like you to read the whole chapter, with these things in mind, but particularly I will quote from near the end of the chapter:

17 But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.

18 **And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.**

19 I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness *leading to more* lawlessness, **so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.** (NKJV)

So you see, your emphasis on the necessity of holiness is fully taken care of under the New Covenant, because the Holy Spirit causes us to become *slaves* of righteousness.

How?

Here is one place that the answer is clear:

1 Corinthians 1 (KJV)

and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

30 **But of him are ye in Christ Jesus**, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Please notice in v 28, that God has chosen things that 'are not' to bring to nothing 'things that are' and notice the purpose is to glorify God fully, not depending on the flesh to do so.

I put it to you, therefore, that one of the things which scripture is clear was abolished, was the Old Covenant, *because* though it sins could never be forgiven; they were covered only. Now, the thing that was not, namely **our righteousness before God**, has been brought into being by the faith of Christ, and by our believing Him.

What our faith entails though, is not just believing that Jesus Christ came as a man and after His death was raised again, but we accept the reason for His death and we acknowledge our part in its necessity and we repent from sin forever, and enter into judgement upon ourselves as sinners worthy of death. Only then, can His resurrection become our resurrection. Only then does the life of God through the Holy Spirit become the enlivening force in our flesh, assisting us to put to death the remnants of sinful thought and behaviour.

And God hasn't done all this so that we can put our feet up or work for a charity on the seventh day of each week (if we don't have a job which requires our attendance then), but so that we can rest from sin and condemnation twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Do you see that?

He Himself, the sinless One, comes to abide in us, if we abide in Him. And, His Father also comes that we might be one



in Them (John 17:21 - 23), as Christ, whose Father is in Him, is in us. This spiritual reality comes to dominate the life of a believer, that we may walk in newness of life (Rom 6:4), living in the Spirit, walking in the Spirit, bearing fruit of the Spirit, edifying the body of Christ on earth through the gifts of the Spirit. This is the true Church, which Peter and Paul both describe: Eph 1:15 - 23, Eph 2:13 - 22, 1 Pet 2:1 - 10, 2 Cor 3 esp v 18 'But we all...', Heb 10 esp v 1 and 39.

So you now see that the law of love (James 2:8 - 13) has come to dominate the life of believers, and to help them interpret what is relevant from the Old Covenant to retain. It is obvious the stonings to death need not be retained, since Christ died instead, and it is obvious that the animal sacrifices need not be retained, since Christ sacrificed Himself for the sin of the world (John 1:29 - 39).

Christ also made other announcements, such as the new term under which a divorce could be granted, as well as announcing that the kingdom of heaven was near by the many great works He did, which show us how the Holy Spirit is intended to change *our* lives, if we receive Him.

His explanation of changes to the sabbath law, is most interesting. Not only does He justify David's authority in God's house though he was not a priest (Acts 13:22), but He draws in His descendency from David by way of accentuating His greater authority as *the Son of God*.

Mark 2

23 And it came to pass--he is going along on the sabbaths through the corn-fields--and his disciples began to make a way, plucking the ears,

24 and the Pharisees said to him, 'Lo, why do they on the sabbaths that which is not lawful?

25 And he said to them, 'Did ye never read what David did, when he had need and was hungry, he and those with him? 26 how he went into the house of God, (at 'Abiathar the chief priest,') and the loaves of the presentation did eat, which it is not lawful to eat, except to the priests, and he gave also to those who were with him?'

27 And he said to them, 'The sabbath for man was made, not man for the sabbath,

28 **so that the son of man is lord also of the sabbath.**' (Young's Literal Translation)

(Matt 12:41, Luke 11:31, John 4:12, 25, 26, 8:53 - 59, 10:29)

Now we have the Lord of the Sabbath residing within us, we are justified in resting from certain outward ordinances, **as He did**.

Regarding the clarification you asked for from my post on p3, if it is still required, please quote the part you wish me to clarify. Thanks.

**Re:, on: 2007/10/18 8:06**

Dear Dorcas, Thank you again for your post.

I have a few question for you.

(Old Covenant and New covenant.)

We know that there was an Old and that there is a new covenant, right?  
My question to you is.

Does this New Covenant, substitute and nullifies all covenants given by God?

If your answer is No, then Please could you point out what is this Old covenant that the new substitute and give me the texts supporting your answer.

If your answer is yes. Then

We know God had a covenant with Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, Israel(nation) to name a few.  
In Fact with Israel, He had more than One covenant.

We also know that The sabbath was a covenant on its own.

Exodus 31:16 'Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.

My question to you is. This Old covenant that no longer has any value to us. Does the covenant of the Sabbath is included in this Old covenant?

does the new covenant, nullifies what God established as Perpetual?

Now, you might say that the Covenant of the Sabbath was for the children of Israel, and I agree with you, but there is one thing, So is the new covenant.

Jeremiah 31:31-33 " Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah -- 32 "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. 33 "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD : I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

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And here is Paul saying the same thing.

Hebrews 8:8-10 Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah -- 9 "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD. 10 "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

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Now, I have not found in my bible where it says that God made a covenant for us Gentiles. But He gave a new covenant to the House of Israel and the House of Judah.

The other question I have for you is this.

Both in Jeremiah and in Hebrews, God says that He is going to put His laws in our hearts.

What are these laws?

I know that The Ten commandments are God's laws,  
Jesus talks about the Ten Commandments.

Luke 18:19-22 So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. 20 "You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' " 21 And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." 22 So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

I believe that the law God is talking about is the Ten commandments.

Now, Paul says that through my faith in Christ, I am a partaker of the promises.

So this is what I believe,

When I accepted Christ in my life as my only saviour and after being baptized, I was born again. Not of the Flesh but of the Spirit.

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The new Covenant by no means nullifies the Ten Commandments. And by no means nullify the Sabbath for the Sabbath is a covenant on its own and it is a perpetual covenant.

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Now, My understanding of the old and new covenant is this.

Let's see what the new covenant is all about.

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Matthew 26:26-28 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." 27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

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Mark 14:22-24 2 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." 23 Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. 24 And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many.

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Luke 22:19-20 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

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we have three descriptions of the New Covenant.

It has nothing to do with the Moral Law(Ten Commandments).

Here Pauls talks about the Old and new covenant.

Hebrews 8:7-8 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. 8 Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah --

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I ask you, why the first covenant was not considered faultless?

For this reason.

Hebrews 7:22-28 by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant. 23 Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. 24 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. 26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; 27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. 28 For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

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and Again.

Hebrews 9:1-28   hen indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. 2 For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; 3 and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, 4 which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; 5 and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. 6 Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. 7 But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance; 8 the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. 9 It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience -- 10 concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation. 11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. 16 For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. 17 For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives. 18 Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. 19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you." 21 Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. 22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. 23 Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; 25 not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another -- 26 He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. 27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

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Brother one thing I believe.

At the day of judgement we will be judged in accordance with God's Law. If the Ten commandments were done away, based on what is God going to declare some saved and other lost?

The other question is,

If the Ten commandments are no longer valid, what is the ark of the covenant doing in the heavenly temple?

I am pretty sure that you know what is inside of the ark of the covenant.

Revelation 11:19   Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

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This is my comments on Old and new covenants.

I will try to comment on your last message later today.

God bless.

**Re: The New Day of Rest, on: 2007/10/18 9:38**

Dear jayme,

To answer briefly your end-of-post question about the Ten Commandments, I have never suggested that they were done away.

The New Covenant does not make that claim, nor do I on its behalf.

In fact, the New Covenant challenges believers to keep the sabbath to a new and **higher** standard.

In this thread, you are being challenged on your way of keeping the sabbath, because it is the **Old Covenant** sabbath you espouse, adjusted to acknowledge Christ in a measure, but not in fulness. I cannot judge how far from fulness.

You mention the day of judgement, and how we will be judged for our law-keeping. Yes. Both Jesus and Paul address this in their declamations, pointing us to the perfection which is in Christ, and the keeping of the New Covenant with Him.

You see, unless a believer has died to sin (in Him) he cannot be credited with Christ's righteousness, nor can His righteousness be imparted to him by grace through faith. Nor can he be credited, therefore with having kept the new sabbath of rest in Christ, to that (New Covenant) standard which Christ *freely* imparts.

Those keeping the sabbath to a variation of the Old Covenant remain dead in sin by default of not being New Covenant keepers. They will be judged on that basis.

I do not say this lightly, and it sounds harsh; but dying to sin *is* harsh and yet it is the door to rest in Christ, our Lord of the Sabbath.

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/10/18 14:19**

Quote:

""Brother one thing I believe.

At the day of judgement we will be judged in accordance with God's Law. If the Ten commandments were done away, based on what is God going to declare some saved and other lost?""

Rom 2:16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

Rom 16:25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

2Ti 2:8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

This is the mystery and "my Gospel".

Colossians 1:25-29 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his

working, which worketh in me mightily.

If we are to be judged by this mystery, how will that be?

Colossians 3:1-4 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Dead to sin as Dorcas has presented:

It is dead so mortify it. Colossians 3:5-11 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

If Christ is all and in all that believe, does that not make Him or Sabbath, "Lord of the Sabbath".

2Cr 5:17 Therefore if any man in Christ, a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

There is a new Sabbath, it is in Him. What is old? The Law. What is new? Grace and peace and rest in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jhn 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace (rest) I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Why did He go away?

John 14:28-31 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

That He might come again in the believer and give him Rest.

"let us go hence"? To where? Jesus and the apostles now rose from the paschal supper and went to the Mount of Olives, and that the remainder of the discourse in chapters 15-16, together with the prayer in chapter 17, was delivered while on the way to the garden of Gethsemane;

Prayer of 17: John 17:1-26 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world

. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Do we know Him? Do we know Him? Is He in us? What is the Sabbath for? To declare God's Name and enter His Peace. That is Jesus Christ Himself a complete Person in us. Making us a new creation race of People not old being made better, but a complete new creation, In Christ, making Him our daily Sabbath.

In Christ: Phillip