

## Scriptures and Doctrine :: Are Christians required to keep the seventh day?

### Are Christians required to keep the seventh day? - posted by LiveforGod (), on: 2007/7/23 17:06

1. Where is the proof that any man ever kept the seventh day, except by special commandment, prior to the proclamation of the ten commandments at Mount Sinai? (Gen. 2:2, 3; Ex. 16:23-30; 20:1-17).
2. If Christians are required to keep the seventh day, why do you depart from your dwelling on that day, seeing those to whom the law was given were plainly commanded not to do so? (Ex. 16:29).
3. If you keep one Sabbath-the seventh day-why not keep them all, the seventh year and the year of Jubilee? Who authorized you to make distinction in favor of the seventh day? (Lev. 25 :1-22)
4. If Christians are required to keep the Sabbath, how are they to live in cold climates when it is forbidden to build a fire on the Sabbath? (Ex. 35:1-3).
5. Is it the duty of Christians to put to death those who desecrate the seventh day? (Num. 15:32-36). If yes, who will be the public executioner? If no, what will you do with the law? (Ex. 35:2). If you say that the penalties are abolished, I answer that the same passages that you use to establish this. prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that the law, too, is abolished. If you admit that the penalties are still in force-and the proof that they are unanswerable and invincible if the law is in force-there is not a Seventh Dayist on top of the green earth who can escape the vengeance of the broken law!
6. If Christians are under obligation to observe the seventh day, why did Jesus declare that all law and prophecy hang on love instead of the Sabbath, seeing the command to keep it is the one on which you hang your everlasting all? (Matt. 22:34-40; Rom. 13:8-10).
7. Why did Jesus not require the young ruler to keep the Sabbath when enumerating the commandments? (Matt. 19:16-20; Mark 10:17-22; Luke 18:18-24).
8. If Christians are to keep the law of Moses-the Sabbath-why did the apostles and elders who met at Jerusalem leave it out of their address to the churches? (Acts 15 :1-29). This case finds, in some respects, a parallel in your theorizing. Judaizing teachers had gone forth declaring to the brethren that unless they would submit to circumcision and keep the law of Moses they could not be saved. The apostles said, "We gave no such commandment."
9. If Christians are required to keep the Sabbath, how are we to account for the open violation of the law by Jesus Christ, who is our example, unless by saying that the power that made the law can take it away (John 7 :22-23).
10. If you keep the Sabbath because you think it was kept before the law of Moses, why do you not practice circumcision. seeing it is plainly commanded in these ages? (Gen. 17:1-14; Gal. 5:1-6).
11. When did patriarch, prophet, or apostles, or anybody else, command any Gentile to keep the law of Moses? No dodging here. Proof! Proof!! Proof!!!
12. Paul says the ministration of death written and engraven in stone (Ex. 20:1-17; 31:18; 32 6:15-16; 34:1-28) was done away (2 Cor. 3:1-18). When, where, and by whom was it brought back into force? Name the day, the age, the authority, and give proof from the Book! If your doctrine is true the great apostle of the Gentiles stands convicted of a mistake.
13. If the early Christians kept the Sabbath day, why did they break bread on the first day of the week? (Acts 20:7).
14. If Christians are to keep the Sabbath day, how do you account for the fact that the apostles preached the gospel in Jerusalem, Samaria, to Cornelius the Gentile, and to many others, without commanding a single individual to keep it? Did they, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit fail to properly instruct their converts? (Acts 2:1-47; 8:1-40; 10:1-48 ;16:1-40 ).
15. Is it not a fact, according to the book of Acts, that the thing done was of more importance than the day? Acts 20:7.

16. Can you demonstrate that the day you keep is really the seventh day or Sabbath, coming down in regular succession from the day on which God keeps? If not, your day is no better than any other day. Admitting, for argument's sake, that the law of Moses is still in force, and that the fourth commandment is binding on the whole human race, will you affirm that it is possible for all men to keep the same day? If so, how do you explain the fact that the traveler who starts out to go around the earth, gains, say, if going east, one hour for every thousand miles traveled, or if going west loses an hour for every thousand miles traveled? How far would he go before he lost the count? Do you not see that he would inevitably be behind or in advance? Further, how do you explain the fact that far away toward the extremes of the earth, traveling from the equator, there are periods of six months night and six months day from age to age? Do you not see that it is a geographical impossibility for all men to keep the same day, and that the Law was only intended for one people, one country, and one age?

17. Do you keep the Sabbath day? No dodging, do you? Do you rest, or put in the day promulgating your doctrines? If you do not keep the day according to the Law, you do not keep it at all. If part is done away, then all is done away. Read Exodus 20:8-11; 35:1-3.

**Re: Are Christians required to keep the seventh day? - posted by rowdy2 (), on: 2007/7/23 21:27**

Paul said it best

8. Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.

9. But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

10. Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.

11. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

Eddie

**Re: - posted by LoveHim, on: 2007/7/23 21:37**

colosians 2:16-17

" therefore let no man judge you in food or drink, or regarding a feast day or a new moon or SABBATHS, which is a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of CHRIST"

**Re: Are Christians required to keep the seventh day? - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/7/24 16:25**

Quote:

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I keep the Sabbath day every day for Christ is my Sabbath. Because Christ is my Sabbath I enter His Rest that God has promised every day by my mind that is kept on Him.

Isaiah 25:8-9 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. This is Christ.

You want to see Christ in the Old Testament?

Here He is: Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

By the Teaching of the Comforter.

I promulgate the Christ in me and every day want and all I want is to know Him more.

Praise God I don't keep the Sabbath according to the law, but I keep it according to the Christ that is in me. He is now, not only my Sabbath but my very life that I live in Him. "It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me", and "yet I still live." Gal 2:20

According to the Law, Christ could never be my Sabbath, my rest, it depended on my works and the blood of animals and all manner of new moon, and Sabbath keepings.

Praise God all the Law is done away with, and I now live in Christ by the Grace of God our Father. Jesus Christ fulfilled the Law that we might live by Grace through faith. "The life I now live I live by the Faith of the Son of God". His Faith overcame the Law that He was the only One that could keep it. Now that He lives in us He still is the only One that can keep it and that is why we depend on Him for our very being. "For it is In Him in whom we live and move and have our being."

Live in Christ and The Law of God is fulfilled.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: - posted by LiveforGod (), on: 2007/7/24 17:28**

Tahnk you brother Phillip. You added a lot to the post.