

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: The Biblical reason for the Sabbath****The Biblical reason for the Sabbath - posted by Erick_R_A_R, on: 2008/2/19 8:54**

there seems to be a lot of confusion about the Sabbath, who it was for, and why Christians do not observe it. The Bible clearly tells us in Exodus 31:14-17, that the Sabbath was established for the Jews only. It was a sign to them. It was established in Exodus Chapter 20, in the wilderness, after God freed the Jews from their slavery to the Egyptians.

I hope this explanation helps. I have always believed in Keeping things simple.

In His Shade
Erick :-)

Re: The Biblical reason for the Sabbath, on: 2008/2/19 9:48

Dear Erick,

You said that *Sabbath was established for the Jews only*

I have never been able to understand how Christians feel free to 'pick and choose' which commandments to obey, and, especially, the practice of embracing the promises and blessings given to Israel, without any consideration for the preceding verses which usually speak of the requirements for such a blessing.

Paul covers this in Romans when he speaks of the gentiles being grafted in to the people of God.

This poem always comes to mind when I hear these types of arguments:

Â'It's JewishÂ'

**When we present God's holy law,
And arguments from scripture draw,
Objectors say, to pick a flaw,
'It's Jewish.'**

**Though at the first Most High blessed
And sanctified His day of rest,
The same belief is still expressed,
'It's Jewish.'**

**Though with the world this rest began,
And thence through all Scriptures ran,
And Yeshua said "'twas made for man"--
'It's Jewish.'**

**Though not with Jewish rites,
which passed,
But with the moral law 'twas classed,
Which must exist while time shall last,
'It's Jewish.'**

**If from the Bible we present
The Sabbath's meaning and intent,
This answers every argument--
'It's Jewish.'**

Though the disciples, Luke and Paul,

Continue still this rest to call
The 'Sabbath day', this answers all:
'It's Jewish.'

The good news teacher's plain expression,
That " Sin is of the law's transgression,"
Seems not to make the least impression--
'It's Jewish.'

They love the rest of man's invention,
But if the LORD's day we mention,
This puts an end to all contention:
'It's Jewish.'

O ye who thus GoD's day abuse,
Simply because 'twas kept by Jews,
The Savior, too, you must refuse,
He's Jewish.

The Scriptures, then, we may expect
For the same reason you'll reject;
For if you will but recollect,
They're Jewish.

Thus the apostles, too, must fall;
For Andrew, Peter, James, and Paul,
Thomas, Matthew, John, and all
Were Jewish.

So to your helpless state resign
Yourself in wretchedness to pine;
Salvation, surely you'll decline,
It's Jewish.

Stephen

Re: - posted by LoveHim, on: 2008/2/19 11:12

here we go again..hey guys, there is a thread like 12-13 pages going on about that if you want to continue the talk about the sabbath. it seems like all of this stuff was answered many times over on there. :-)

just a fyi. ;-)
phil

Re:, on: 2008/2/20 11:36

I would like to bring to our attention the decision (one of many) handed down by a Church Council of the 4th century, the time when doctrines and dogmas were being formulated.

Before this edit was decreed by the Church Council, Constantine had decreed (March 7, 321) Dies Solis — Day of the Sun, "Sunday" — as the Roman day of rest, in keeping with the pagan cult of Sol Invictus, the Invincible Sun Cult:

"On the venerable day of the Sun let the magistrates and people residing in cities rest, and let all workshops be closed..."

It appears that the emperor Constantine, in his capacity as Pontifex Maximus, was only adding the day of the Sun, (the worship of which was then firmly established in the Roman Empire), to the other ferial days of the sacred calendar. What began, however, as a pagan ordinance, ended as a Christian regulation; amongst a long series of imperial decrees, during the fourth, fifth, and sixth centuries.

About 40 yrs later, the Roman Church came up with this:

THE COUNCIL OF LAODICEA, canon 29, reads:

CHRISTIANS must not judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day, rather honouring the Lord's Day; and, if they can, resting then as Christians. But if any shall be found to be judaizers, let them be anathema from Christ.

The first section says: **CHRISTIANS must not judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day.**

Thus man takes upon himself to **change 'the times and the law'**, in direct contradiction to the words of our Father:

Exd 20:8-10: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 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.

God tells us to rest on his sabbath. Man tells us to work.

and the judgment was....."**let them be *anathema* from Christ**"... :-o

(Anathema: Gr.: a curse, suspension).

It is very clear when the 7th day Sabbath was changed *by Man to the Sunday, but I am trying to figure out when even Sunday sabbath keeping was done away with in most of the church, in exchange for a Spiritualisation of the 4th commandment. I think that is probably a more recent development... Will dig into it!

Stephen

*edit "by Man"

Re: The early Church and the First day of the Week, on: 2008/2/20 12:41

It has always been my understanding that the early Church, that preached to the Gentiles, met on Sunday, the first day of the week to worship. They met on that day because it was the Day that Jesus Christ resurrected from the dead.

It was also the day that He led captivity captive with Him when He went to heaven to place His blood on the Altar, in Heaven, to pay for all sin, from the beginning of time, to the end of time. Also, the very Sunday that Jesus Christ resurrected from the dead occurred the same day that the Jews had been celebrating the feast of First Fruits since Moses delivered the Law (Lev. 23:9-14)---Christ is our First Fruits!

There are only two such references in the Bible about the early Church meeting on the First Day of the Week:

Acts 20

7. And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

8. And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.

9. And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.

10. And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.

11. When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.

12. And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

1 Cor 16:

1. Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.
2. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.
3. And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem.
4. And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me.

In conclusion, Ray Stedman had this to say about the Sabbath:

We must recognize that the weekly sabbath, i.e., Saturday, is not the real sabbath. It never was, and it is not now. It is a picture or a reminder of the real sabbath. The true sabbath is a rest; the Jewish sabbath is a shadow, a picture of that rest. All the Old Testament shadows pointed to Christ. They were predictions, foreviews, of the coming of the One who would fulfill all these remarkable things. Every lamb that was brought as an offering was a shadow of the work of Christ. Every burnt offering, every bit of incense that was offered, was a picture of the fragrance of Jesus Christ. The tabernacle was a shadow of him. The high priest, in his garments and his office, was a shadow of Christ as our High Priest. Read the book of Hebrews and you will see how beautifully all this is brought out. These Old Testament shadows were looking forward to the coming of the One who would fulfill these and thus end them. When the work of Jesus Christ was finished the shadows were no longer needed.

We behave very similarly today. Some twenty-two years ago when, as a much younger man, I was in Hawaii, I found myself engaged to a lovely girl who lived in Montana and whom I hadn't seen for three or four years. We were writing back and forth in those lonely days, and she sent me her picture. It was a beautiful picture and I showed it to all my friends dozens of times. I propped it up on the desk and I would look at it at least three or four times a day. It was all I had to remind me of her and it served moderately well for that purpose. But one wonderful day she arrived in Hawaii and I saw her face to face. I didn't spend much time with the picture after that, nor have I since. The other day I was cleaning out the garage and ran across the picture. It was still a beautiful picture, and I noted that she had not changed very remarkably since those days, but I found that the picture was quite incomplete and unsatisfying. When the real thing came there was no longer any need for the picture.

This is exactly what happened with these Old Testament shadows, including the Sabbath. When the Lord came, and his work was ended, making possible the true fulfillment of God's intention in the Sabbath, the picture was no longer needed. The weekly sabbath ended at the cross. Paul specifically says this. In the letter to the Colossians he confirms it to us. In Chapter 2, beginning with Verse 13, he says,

And you, who were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, having canceled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore, let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a sabbath. These are only a shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ. (Colossians 2:13-17)

Jesus Christ is the Lord of the Sabbath!

Walter

Re: The Biblical reason for the Sabbath - posted by jayyou, on: 2008/3/3 19:07

dear brother

You have said it right the sabbath was given to Israel.

Now, please explain to me how do you include yourself in the new covenant.

for this is what my bible says:

Exodus 31:16 6 'Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.

I AGREE WITH YOU, BUT PLEASE EXPLAINING THIS TO ME.

Jeremiah 31:31 " 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 --

Hebrews 8:8 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 --

Now, you claimed that because it was directly given to Israel it is something only for them, My problem with this statement is that the fact that so was the New Covenant.

Please explain to me how does your logic work for excluding yourself from the sabbath, which was given to Israel, but you include yourself as partaker of the New covenant, please bear in mind the fact that

New covenant was also given to Israel and the House of Judah?

Could you show me the New covenant that was given to us, Gentiles?

God bless you.....

Re: The Biblical reason for the Sabbath - posted by jayyou, on: 2008/3/3 19:12

One more thing dear brother,

If you follow your argument, just a few books of the bible were actually written directly for the gentiles, Most of it were written to Israel about Israel, by Israelites, so I think it would be safe to say that 90% of it is a Jewish thing, a rough guess.

Interesting.....

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2008/3/4 12:58

If we are counting, 4/5 of the bible was written to the children of Israel and 1/5 written to the children of God. A created nation of God's own choosing and a birthed family of God's own Seed.

How did the Sabbath help Israel, a day? How does the Christian Sabbath help the body of Christ?

Israel is still an obstinate people and won't hear the Gospel that fulfills the Word of God given to Paul to give to us.

Christ is our Sabbath, not a day. Christ our Sabbath, our only rest. Not Sat or Sun "day", but a real Sabbath of Rest Given by God as we enter Christ which is that Rest. "Christ in you the Hope of Glory".

There is only one reason for this argument.
(((((((MAN))))))))))

If you keep the Sabbath as a Law, then keep the whole Law and live by it.

If Christ is the Sabbath then enter in and come to God's rest in Christ Jesus.

Psa 95:11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

Hbr 3:11 So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

Hbr 4:3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Hbr 4:5 And in this again, If they shall enter into my rest.

Ephesians 1:3-10 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of time he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

"IN HIM"?

Paul speaking and confirming Christ as our life and perfection and it is in Him that we "live and move and have our being", not a Sabbath day of rest but a true rest in Christ Jesus.

Has the seventh day Sabbath changed Israel?

Has our Sabbath, Christ in you the hope of Glory", changed the born again believer?

I know which one I will keep my rest in.

Hebrews 4:10-11 For He That entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

"Unbelief", even keeping the seventh day Sabbath, they could not enter His rest as He "swore in His wrath".

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by destinysweet (), on: 2008/3/5 19:56

whew! Phillip, that was hot..pure fire!

Best I've ever heard that said..I felt like I could hear you speaking the word right next to me.

Thank you God for clarity and Truth.

Thank you God for our rest! Jesus the Christ!

I could feel that word filling me up on the inside of my spirit..yea! Scuse my enthusiasm if it is out of place.

Re: - posted by BlazedbyGod, on: 2008/3/5 20:26

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There is not one scripture that says the sabbath has or will ever change from the 7th day to a person. Jesus himself never made this claim or anything similar to it-

The Bible plainly says that JESUS is:

....the Son of God

....God manifested in the flesh

....Lord & Saviour

....Christ the Messiah

....the bread of life
....the bread of heaven
....the light of the world
....the Son of Man
....the first born of every creature
....Alpha & Omega
....The First and the Last

but I have never seen any verse that says that Jesus is the Sabbath in the sense of replacing the 7th Day or that He is our Sabbath now.

Now, to those who like to make that claim, my question is show me what specific verse or verses say, hint, or allude to the Sabbath Day being replaced by the person of JESUS Christ?

Yes, Jesus said come unto me and I will GIVE YOU REST, yet the Bible never speaks of that rest making the Sabbath Day null and void.

And if Jesus was speaking about himself in that manner, then why would apostle Paul say later:

2 Cor 2:13 I had **no rest in my spirit**, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.

There would have to be a scripture in the Word of God that says or reveals this directly-and what I am asking is for you who say that "Jesus is our Sabbath now" is to show me where the Bible says this?

I would also like for someone to explain what the sabbath means in this verse, which is evidently in the new earth:

Isaiah 66:22 **For as the new heavens and the new earth**, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. 23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from **ONE SABBATH TO ANOTHER, shall all flesh COME TO WORSHIP BEFORE ME, saith the LORD.** 24 And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

Re: The Biblical reason for the Sabbath - posted by rowdy2 (), on: 2008/3/5 20:44

Reply Erick_R_A_R

Paul said it best.

KJV

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

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? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am; for I am as ye are: ye have not injured me at all.

KJV

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross. And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days. Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, and not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why,

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as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (Touch not; taste not; handle not, Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

Re: Colossians 2:13-17, on: 2008/3/5 22:13

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Walter writes

Christ is the fullfilment of the entire Law.

The Law, **including the Sabbath**, was only a picture or a "shadow" of the real law and the real Sabbath.

Christ is the substance, the reality, the fullfilmet of the Law and the Sabbath.

Have you ever thought about all of the sacrifices, millions upon millions of animals, sacrificed every day of the week (twice daily, at the 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. at the Temple for the sins of the people? Yet this was only a "picture" a "shadow" of the final sacrifice that was **fulfilled** by Jesus Christ when He was nailed on the cross at 9:00 A.M., and who gave up the Ghost at 3:00 P.M. on the 14th day of Abib, at the celebration of the Passover, thus fulfilling all of those millions of sacrifices with himself as the final sacrifice for all of the sins of mankind:

Scripture tells us this very thing when we read:

"And you, who were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, having canceled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it..

Therefore, let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink or with regard to a festival or a new moon or of the SABBATH DAYS. These are only a shadow of what is to come;

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Sincerely,

Walter

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2008/3/6 2:35

Quote:

""The fact is, there is not one scripture that says or even alludes to Jesus "being our Sabbath" in the sense of totally replacing the 7th Day Sabbath.""

You are quite correct, Christ goes much beyond just being our Sabbath. He is our all, that is including the Sabbath.

Act 17:28 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.

Titus 2:10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

This is putting on the Sabbath and all that Christ is to the believer.

2Cr 5:17 Therefore if any man in Christ, a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Hbr 2:8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

Would not the Sabbath be under His subjection, especially when He is the Lord of the Sabbath, making the Sabbath His and making Him in all thing the Sabbath itself.

1Cr 15:28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

This is the Sabbath Rest God is speaking of and making Jesus Christ the Head over the Sabbath, "all things". He is our Sabbath.

2Cr 9:8 And God able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all, may abound to every good work:

This includes the Seventh Day Sabbath, but brings forth, "not forsaking the assembling of your selves".

Not as a Law but as an immanent plea as the time grows short.

Gal 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

But do continue in Christ Jesus our Lord and our all, including the Sabbath.

Eph 1:23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Do you think this includes Him being our New Sabbath?

In Christ: Phillip

Re: sabbath, on: 2008/3/6 9:19

Rowdy2 said: *Paul said it best.*

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Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am; for I am as ye are: ye have not injured me at all.

--Can we really believe that the 'weak and beggarly elements' Paul is referring to can be:--

- the Day blessed and sanctified by the the Creator at the beginning of creation?
- the 7th day Sabbath rest given to mankind?
- the 4th commandment (written on stone, now supposed to be written on our heart)?
- the perpetual sign of the people of God?
- the Sabbath day upheld throughout scripture, and seen in the Millennial period?

No prophet, priest, disciple or teacher *ever* spoke against the 7th day Sabbath, let alone call it a '*weak and beggarly element, bondage*'.

That one man can overturn the overwhelming weight of scripture, declaring the LORD's Sabbath as being a 'weak and beggarly element', is grasping at nuances in order to invalidate the word of God. Paul was referring to the pagan days kept by former heathen, before they came to know God.

--LOOKING AHEAD TO THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM -Would the '*weak and beggarly elements, the so-called bondage, the so-called ordinance against us*' suddenly become something GLORIOUS again?--

There is NO indication ever given in scripture that the 7th day Sabbath would cease. We see it still continuing right into the Millennial Reign of Yeshua (Isa 66:23). That we rest and have peace in Yeshua everyday, does not negate a 7th day rest and ceasing from physical labour.

The LORD speaks clearly through Isaiah, speaking of the foreigners, the gentiles (and no man, even the *apostle Paul, can oppose HIM):

"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
every one who keeps the sabbath, and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant --

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered."

*Peter warns us regarding Paul's writings which are 'hard to understand' and which the '**lawless** twist to their own destruction'.

The liberal stream of those who spiritualise the Scriptures eloquently express fantastic ideas to reveal how deeply they are able to interpret the 'higher knowledge' of the 4th commandment. None of the other 9 commandments are subject to this, because to do so would obviously negate them. e.g. do not murder, or commit adultery.....we cannot abolish the first command in order to fulfill the spirit of the command, that is to not even *think* about it.

Gnostic prophets subtly send out a message that their insights exceed that of the plain written Word of God. They appear to know some secret interpretation of scripture while desperately massaging the texts in order to extract a meaning beyond the clear written Word, exchanging the truth of God for a lie. If a few passages of scripture, taken out of context, can be used to abolish the Torah of God, it is ceaselessly and gleefully used to 'trump' all that God said before. While abolishing the commandments of God, many then claim to have a 'higher law', higher than that given by the Most High God! No. The LORD said that HE would write HIS (note HIS, not our interpretation of) commandments on our heart, and cause us to walk in HIS ways (not our ways). When that happens, all becomes very clear, and no one can take the desire to please our Father away, because it is written on our hearts! If the Sabbath Day is a bondage, then there is no freedom from the law of sin and death, the law is then still on stone, because HE promised that HIS ways would be a joy, a delight and life!

note: *'the handwriting of ordinances against us, which was contrary to us'*, is **not** the perfect Torah (law, commandment s, instructions of God). These ordinances are the **charges** written against us for sinning (breaking the commandments) in the first place. This debt, this charge against us was nailed to the cross when Yeshua took our punishment in our ste ad. We should now stop sinning (breaking the commandments), and not trample underfoot the grace of our Lord Yeshu a. As Paul said, "Should we continue sinning (breaking the commandments) that grace may abound? God forbid".

Thank you
Stephen

8-)

Re:, on: 2008/3/6 9:29

The Biblical reason for the Sabbath was to point us to Jesus Christ.(Who is our REST)

The Biblical reason for the Law was to show us our sin...pointing us to Jesus Christ. (Who became sin for us)

The Biblical reason for sacrifice of bulls and goats was to point us to Jesus Christ. (Who shed His own blood for the forgiveness of sin...the LAMB OF GOD..who takes away the sin of the world.)

The Biblical reason for the Ark, and the Mercy Seat on top of the Ark was to point us to Jesus Christ. (That we now can come boldly to the Throne of GRACE, finding individual and personal MERCY 24/7/365....not yet opened in the OT)

It just goes on and on and on!

The Bible is about Jesus Christ...from Beginning to End!

Katy

Re:, on: 2008/3/6 11:24

Quote:

Strider100 wrote:

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Walter writes

I really can't believe what you have just written. In other words, you only read and study the first 4 Books of the New Testament--Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and you have discarded the remaining 23 Books in the New Testament. The reason? So that they words and the teachings of Paul, who was instructed by Jesus face to face for three years in the desert, who was responsible, through the power of the Holy Spirit, of starting the entire Gentile Church, cannot corrupt your own view of the importance of "works" and it's necessity in assuring your own salvation.

I always heard that many of the cult's held this view, but I have never actually met a person that would admit it.

I sincerely am praying for you--that God will give you a new heart, His heart, that He will open your eyes, and draw you to Him. I am praying for your salvation, and I ask for all others reading this post to join with me in agreement, as we plead the precious blood of Jesus Christ over you, and ask that you come to a saving understanding of Jesus Christ and the work that HE did on the cross for you.

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John 14:6 (NKJV)

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What Jesus doesn't say:

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me... and the sabbath.

Talk about over complicating salvation...

Re:, on: 2008/3/6 14:37

<http://www.wcg.org/lit/law/chr-sab/chr-sab3.htm>

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Katy

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oops...double post!

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Micah, if you would read through the above post, you would see that I absolutely believe that Yeshua (Jesus) is the Way, the Truth and the Life...

We keep HIS commandments, not to enter the Kingdom, but because we are in the Kingdom of God (the rulership, reign of God)

I hope that clears up any misunderstandings!

8-)

Steve

Re:, on: 2008/3/6 16:51

Quote:
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The Kingdom of GOD is within you:

The Kingdom of Heaven is referred to as this...ON EARTH as it is in Heaven.

The kingdom of God is universal and includes angels and saints of all ages.

The kingdom of God is entered only by the new birth.

The kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven "have many things in common, however many differences."

The Kingdom of God is inward and spiritual.

The Kingdom of God merges into the kingdom of heaven when Christ puts all things under His feet when He returns to earth, setting up His Kingdom Reign called the Kingdom of Heaven....on Earth as it is in Heaven.

We are of the Kingdom of God, Heavenly, Heaven is our home...not the earth.

Jesus says of the Kingdom of Heaven that one would need to cut off his hand or pluck out his eye if it offends to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Obviously, as Born Again, our Glorified Bodies will enter the Kingdom of God, and no need for cutting off Glorified hands or Glorified Eyes, as flesh and blood cannot enter the Kingdom of GOD.

Flesh and blood will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, and that flesh and blood will be ruled with a Rod of Iron.

We, born again Christians are ruled by Christ In You, and the indwelling Holy Spirit in you.

The Kingdom of Heaven will be under Kingdom LAW much like the Law.

During the 1000 Year Kingdom Reign there will be an earthly rest upon the Earth...Isaiah 14:7.

Katy

Re: dividing kingdoms ? please qualify - posted by destinysweet (), on: 2008/3/6 18:12

I'm sorry..Katydid.. either you didn't explain this premise well enough or I'm stumbling over the future tense used..will instead of is?What about,'The kingdom of heaven is at hand' or 'their's is the kingdom'..also which kingdom He is referring to is not always specified..are we supposed to guess which one? Does it matter? Future tense as you use it in your theory..for instance..kingdom of heaven 'will' be under heavenly law..what law did you suppose it was under now? Man's earthly law?

Also I'm having trouble with the way you are dividing kingdoms here..Are they not One? They only merge 'when'..only when Christ returns? For something to merge they must be separate first as in two lanes on the highway..are you trying to say they run parallel but are not connected until Christ returns?

So all the parables ,combined,that Jesus spoke of concerning the kingdom of heaven dealing with earthly scenerios that often/regularly play out here on earth are what,only for later?..I feel confusion in this premise of yours..Sorry.

Divine perspective is not limited by time constraints..what we see as future..God sees as already happening as He lives outside of time as well as in it..where we are mostly limited to dwell..CS Lewis spoke of this concept in a chapter in Mere Christianity, God who lives outside of time.. something like that..those who are eternal beings having been born again of the spirit can also see eternally when given this perspective.. attaining to an eternal mindset.These thoughts perhaps ca nnot be explained easily..but they come up while I'm trying to give this premise honest consideration.

Another thought: Since heaven is created and God is the Creator does that make the kingdom of God..as you say now i s.. greater or less complete than the kingdom of heaven which in your view(that is if I'm understanding you here) is not y et a reality for us on earth? And does God's kingdom need to merge with one that was created by God and already in op eration for it to be complete? Christ completes us who get to then operate in divine heavenly law..we are not limited to af ter we leave our earthly frame..the kingdom of heaven has come in Him..few are chosen to walk in it.We are limited for th e most part in our soulsh perspective.

I know there are more qualified folks to speak into this..but I am troubled by the form you are limiting these kingdoms to. Appreciate some further insight from those who are in the know.

Re:, on: 2008/3/6 19:14

Destinysweet,

I believe those who do understand these differences will understand the context of my last post.

When John the Baptist preached, he was preaching the Kingdom of Heaven...promised to Israel. Many were baptized wi th John's baptism to enter in.

However, when Jesus ministry began, John said....One who comes after me will baptize you with fire. John didn't have t hat power to do such a thing.

This Baptism of Jesus is our Baptism into HIS LIFE, not into the Earthly Kingdom promised to Israel.

John also said, He must increase and I must decrease.

There is an overlapping of these Kingdoms in the Gospels.

There were two comings in the OT...One of KING and one of Redeemer. The Kingdom was first announced by John, an d faded as the Gospel of Jesus Christ and HIS Kingdom of which He says " Is not of this world"....the Kingdom of God.

Again to clarify more fully we come to Acts where Paul comes across many who have been Baptized with John's Baptis m, and Paul asked Have you received teh Holy Spirit...they knew nothing about teh Holy Spirit and obviously nothing ab out Jesus who is the one who Baptized us with the Holy Spirit and into His Body...called the Church..a Heavenly Mystica l union with Jesus Christ.

We have at our new birth been translated out of this present evil age and translated spiritually into the Kingdom of His D ear Son.

We are waiting for the redemption of our Bodies, being fashioned like His. We don't know what we will be but we know t hat we will be like Him.

When Jesus returns to earth, (WE His Body..the Church...((He's the Head.,and the Head won't return without the Body)). ...we will be with Him, reigning and ruling with Him during this Earthly Kingdom Reign that will pick up where John's prea ching left off.

The Church age didn't cancel out those promises or the time appointed....

In Acts 1:6&7 AFTER Jesus rose from the dead, he was asked by His disciples....Will you at THIS Time restore the **** Kingdom to Israel***and Jesus said...It is only for the Father to know. This will be the second coming of Jesus Christ to earth...also stated in Matthew 24.....only the Father knows that time.

So...we are certainly talking about two distinct Kingdoms.

Many **Kingdom Now** followers do not distinguish between these two entirely different events....following what is called Dominion Theology/Replacement Theology.

SDA, Mormons, JW's etc follow a Kingdom NOW theology. The Mormons love C.S. Lewis and have great honor and respect for his teaching...so maybe C.S. Lewis also believed in a Kingdom Now Theology as well.

The Gospel according to the Mystery...Romans 16:24-27 Paul taught never once mentions the Kingdom of Heaven.

We enter the Kingdom of His Dear Son through our identification with Him in death and resurrection Life.

We are instructed to seek those things above and not below.

I know only the Holy Spirit can enlighten you about these things.

Katy

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2008/3/6 22:20

Katy,

I have always believed there is a difference in the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God.

There is so much opposition to anything that separates The promises to Israel and the promises to the Body of Christ, that even the mention of two different kingdoms and a final Gospel of Paul to the ministry of Paul of the fulfillment of the word of God. I quit going after the whole truth of the different Kingdoms and Gospels and have just put my labors on the Gospel of Paul and the Gospel of Moses. Which are two different Gospels.

In your willingness to come forth with the two different Kingdoms, you have rekindled an old flame. I see by your understanding from the Holy Spirit that you have a grasp on the differences. Let us seek further the Kingdom of God that we might live on this earth now in the Kingdom of Heaven and looking for and fasting in our longing for the Christ fulfillment in our heaven Home that He is preparing for those that are His.

I have seen clearly the the Kingdom of Heaven is the Gospel of Moses and the Kingdom of God is the Gospel of Paul.

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:

The Body of Christ: Our Gospel and our Kingdom in Christ Jesus where we already are seated in the Heavenly's with Him that is birthed in us.

Eph 2:6 And hath raised up together, and made sit together in heavenly in Christ Jesus:

Eph 1:3 Blessed the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly in Christ:

Don't stop now!

In Christ: Phillip

Re:, on: 2008/3/6 22:27

Good job Katy-did!

I have one question.

When Jesus was here on the earth, would you say that both the Kingdom of heaven, and the Kingdom of God were here ?

Re: The Biblical reason for the Sabbath, on: 2008/3/6 22:32

Hello DestinySweet,

I would just like to express my convergence with your concerns about the separation of kingdoms, tenses and Christ's eternal roles as they are manifested in time, which Katy and I have discussed before.

Hi Katy,

Recently I listened to 'Love with Shoes On', which is the featured sermon right now, and near the beginning Dan Champlin goes through an interesting sequence of the years in which world population reached one billion, and subsequent billions. It bears out what I've been holding on for, with regard to that final harvest some people put so much store by, in that the gaps between the years when another billion souls may be alive, get closer and closer. Finally, even a small percentage of that number will be a lot of people. We'll have to wait and see.

:~)

I haven't read the whole thread since the first few posts but despite believing Christ is our Sabbath rest spiritually, I haven't been able to get this verse out of my head, which is drawn to attention in an article I've read about the Church, and Stephen's allusion to it in the wilderness.

Revelation 1:10

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

This has reminded me that our physical bodies need rest, and I know from my working life that on the seventh day one is particularly tired, if one has not been allowed it as a day off.

Having said that, I don't think Christians can bank on routine, as was expected under the Jewish law, the only picture they had - of the spiritual - apart from manifestations of God Himself, and angels.

Now, we have Christ within us - the eternal Father and Son, through the Holy Spirit - there is a rest and a quickening far beyond natural strength, when it is needed, and 'routine' is hard to come by.

It seems to me the Lord's day is for the Christians to gather, rather than for any natural need. It's not for me, or for my relationship with God, but for others, and their relationship with God, and as they reciprocate that concern, so also I am fed and grow.

I'm not sure whether this post should drive me out of the house to find those elusive believers with whom to bind my life in 3D, or I can still be one here, with those to whom God has joined me, and that is enough? Probably, it's not enough... and the time will come when He leads me out. Amen. Till then, I appreciate your ministry.... all of you.

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Re:, on: 2008/3/6 22:36

Good job Katy!

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When Jesus was on earth, would you say that both The Kingdom of heaven, and the Kingdom of God were here.

Re:, on: 2008/3/6 22:38

Sorry my computer is acting up. :-D

Re: - posted by destinysweet (), on: 2008/3/7 1:08

Hello Dorcas...all

Did it seem as though my questions got answered? I've reread these posts twice and now I'm more confused with Christ in you's added comments about Moses' and Paul's gospels being the difference between the two..is this old and new covenant again? Do you agree with this difference, Katy?..are you both saying the same thing..or the opposite? So why does Jesus go back and forth between the two then when speaking?..you'd think He would stick to one or the other..making the distinction more clear Himself..He preached the gospel before Paul did..He is the Gospel..gospel means truth.

Could you address my questions more specifically, the ones from before as well?

Does a person that believes that Christ comes back (as the angels told them that looked on when He ascended) the same way He left...in the clouds, personally, actually with all the saints before setting up His kingdom for the millenium reign and onward and that we, though filled with His spirit, are not going to transform this earthly government, worldly system into Christ's heavenly government before said time, considered a Kingdom Now person? Because this is what I believe. I also believe that He said more than once that we would do the same things that He did/does on earth..He's the one doing it anyway, through us..so He's still presently doing it in my estimation.

Still seeking clarity..focused unbiased scrutiny please. Seems like a big concept to bring forth. I am not rejecting anything yet folks ..just testing and weighing according to the statements as they are made. My questions are valid. Let us not lose sight of the simplicity of the teachings of Christ Himself. I would count all else as loss for the simplicity of Christ crucified..our hope..our love ..our example. The Resurrection and the Life!

Re: - posted by Christin you (), on: 2008/3/7 4:24

Hi Destinysweet,

Who was the Gospel of Jesus spoken to?

He said He came to His own and they received Him not. When Jesus did His ministry, he was speaking the Gospel of Moses and with a few bridges to the Gospel He gave to Paul.

We have the Gospel of Moses, the Law given by God. We have the Gospel of Jesus Christ before the Cross offering Himself as King to Israel. That is what He means by the Kingdom is at hand and with you, He Himself is the Kingdom. We have the Gospel of Christ given to Paul after the Cross, giving the born again the truth of why God put Jesus on the Cross and Killed Him and resurrected Him so He could be the first fruit of the Kingdom of God in Christ Jesus.

"Ye must be born again or you cannot see or hear the things of the Kingdom of God. When could we be born again? Only after the Cross. That is why Paul fifteen years after the Acts 2 Church of the Body of Christ was born, but they got it wrong and made the Holy Spirit to be Jesus and misused the Holy Spirit in the first Pentecostal Church.

That is why He gave Paul the final characteristics of the final Gospel, that is "Christ in you the Hope of Glory".

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Colossians 1:23-28 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: 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:

This is the mystery Paul is speaking about the mystery of Christ in you the hope of glory, which was never mentioned or known before Paul received it from Jesus Christ Personally.

This is how we are born again into the body of Christ the Church, He being the Head and first fruits of the born again from the dead, He being resurrected and ascended and returned in the Spirit of the believer making them The Father's offspring and brother to Jesus Christ and son's to God.

Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all he might have the preeminence.

There are more gospels but these three are the ones that complete the plan of God before He ever Created man or the world.

Ephesians 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love:

Katy, speaking of the two Kingdoms just reinforced my understanding of the final Gospel of Paul and the promise given to Israel in the Moses Gospel and the conformation Jesus to its effect to take place in the millennial Kingdom. We are a heavenly people and Kingdom, coming with Christ to rule and reign with Him over His promised Kingdom over Israel and an earthly kingdom.

Then when all things are set under His Feet, He will turn everything over to the Father so God will be all in all. This is the merging Katy is speaking of in the different kingdoms.

Specific Questions: I will try to seek the truth and give the answers the Holy Spirit give me, by the Christ in me.

Eph 4:6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

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Destintsweet.

Are you asking here:

Is the Church on earth NOW bringing in the Kingdom before Jesus returns....and that is our job to do?

Yet I see in Isaiah it will be Jesus Christ Himself...not the Church without Him, who fulfills this promise.

WE do not sit in the throne of David, however the anti-christ WILL, deceiving many.

Could the anti-christ be the head of all those who believe WE are to bring in this Kingdom Now.

He will bring in a false Peace.....Jesus will bring in the real thing.

The Body can do nothing without the Head, and the Body is not in authority over the Head.

If you believe we are to bring in this Kingdom Now, how are you going to bind Satan for 1000 years, and when will that begin? Will the church also conquer death?

What is interesting about the Kingdom Now theology is how many cults and false counterfeit Mountains or Kingdoms are involved here. One thing they all have in common is the Law of Moses and are all legalistic:

RE: Catholicism

Mormonism

Islam

JW

When I saw the beginning of the Christian Coalition in embracing all of these false religions in the name of trying to establish a righteousness under the Law of Moses, (((seeing this is the ONLY thing they have in Common...it was a most enlightening moment for me.

These Kingdoms or Mountains if you please will all come together one way or another on this earth, giving it's power to one, setting anti-christ as it's head.

A Covenant of peace called a Covenant of Hell or Covenant of death will be made with Israel, deceiving the world in thinking the Body...(((WITHOUT the REAL Head, Jesus Christ))) has indeed brought in the Kingdom of Peace with the Government upon it's(((anti-christ---apostate church)) shouldered.

The woman who rides the beast is this group of apostate Christianity....The Woman...rides on the back of the Political powers of which anti-christ will be utmost political.

Then the beast...after he gets what he wants, throws off the woman(((the Kingdom Now people usurping authority in this present evil age as though they were Christ too))....yet Revelations says this is all part of God's Plan.

When Jesus was on earth, He left Glory, emptied Himself, became obedient unto death...even death of a Cross.

Judas had a problem with Jesus....because Judas believed Jesus came then to be KING wanting Him to overthrow the Roman Government. It didn't happen!

Many today are falling into the same trap Judas did.

Only the Glorified Christ will take rule and reign taking the Throne of David.

It's the Glorified Risen Christ who will reign and rule, and WE must be at that time GLORIFIED together with Him to reign and Rule.

Isaiah 9:5-7

5For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

6For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

This is Yet to Come.

This is all for now!

Love in Christ
Katy

Re:, on: 2008/3/7 10:56

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Yes, in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord and God.

Re:, on: 2008/3/7 11:26

Dominion theology is predicated upon three basic beliefs:

- (a) Satan usurped man's dominion over the earth through the temptation of Adam and Eve;
- (b) The Church is God's instrument to take dominion back from Satan; and
- (c) Jesus cannot or will not return until the Church has taken dominion by gaining control of the earth's governmental and social institutions.

More specifically, what does Dominion Theology teach? Here are the highlights:

- (a) The Old Testament (OT) Law is our rule of life for today. Although DT teaches that keeping of the Law is not a condition for salvation, it is a condition for sanctification. (However, some of the COR's official statements appear to specifically condition salvation upon OT Law-keeping!);
- (b) In addition, the OT Law is to govern over society as well. Since we are called to subdue the earth (Gen. 1:28), DT teaches that God's Law should rule (or dominate) all aspects of society. This view is known as Theonomy (or God's law), and is described by Greg Bahnsen as: "The Christian is obligated to keep the whole law of God as a pattern for sanctification and that this law is to be enforced by the civil magistrate" (Theonomy, p. 34). This would mean that Christians would be obligated to keep the whole OT Law except in a case in which the New Testament (NT) explicitly cancels a command, such as the sacrificial system;
- (c) A central piece of DT is its belief in covenant theology. As a result, it makes no distinction between the church and Israel (i.e., the church has become "spiritual Israel"). However, DT goes beyond traditional covenant theology and teaches that the church is to be governed by the same laws, is subject to the same curses, and is promised the same

blessings as Israel;

(d) DT teaches a high level of social and political activism. If the Kingdom of God is to gradually take dominion over the earth, it only makes sense that Christians should be attempting to change society through the changing of laws and through social action;

(e) Followers of DT, like many charismatics, especially the Latter Rain Movement, look for a great end time revival in which the masses will turn to Christ. As a result, DT does not believe in the rapture of the church. According to DT, the world should be, and is becoming, a better place through the efforts of Christians (cf. 2 Thes. 2:1-12);

(f) As with many others who follow the teachings of George Ladd, DT believes that we are in the Kingdom age, but the Kingdom in another sense is yet to come. We are in the Kingdom, and have Kingdom authority, but on the other hand, we are ushering in the Kingdom through our efforts. "The Kingdom is now, but not yet," is a popular DT slogan;

(g) DT is postmillennial in its eschatology. It is believed that as a result of the reconstruction of society by Biblical principals, that the final aspect of the Kingdom of God will be established on earth. Christ cannot return until a certain amount of dominion is achieved by the church. It is believed that the curse will slowly be removed as the world is won over. Even disease and death will be all but eliminated before Christ returns to the earth;

(h) DT is preterist in its interpretation of prophecy. This means that they teach that virtually all prophecies which most Christians believe are still future, have in fact been fulfilled already, mainly between the years A.D. 30 and 70. In David Chilton's book, *Days of Vengeance*, he says that the book of Revelation, "is not about the Second Coming of Christ. It is about the destruction of Israel and Christ's victory over His enemies " (p. 43); and

(i) DT uses an allegorical hermeneutic, especially in reference to prophecy. So we find that the Great Tribulation took place at the fall of Israel in A.D. 70; the Antichrist refers to the apostasy of the Church prior to the fall of Jerusalem; the Beast of Revelation was Nero and the Roman Empire, etc.;

- One of the most important distinctives of DT is its belief in Theonomy. DT teaches that Christians are under the Law as a way of life, and are obligated to ultimately bring the world under that Law. This concept is based on several passages. First, Gen. 1:28 commands Adam to subdue the earth. Adam lost his ability to do so to Satan as a result of sin. The church should now be in the process of reclaiming from the devil what Adam lost. (You will note a hint of the Spiritual Warfare movement here.) Secondly, the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20) commands the followers of Christ to disciple all the nations, which we are told, goes beyond personal salvation and sanctification to the reformation of society;

Matt. 5:17-19 is the passage upon which the system hinges. DT claims that the word "fulfill" actually means "confirm." Thus, Christ did not in any sense fulfill, or complete, or do away with the Law, rather he confirmed it as our rule of life today. The normal and best translation of *plerosai* is "fulfill" not "confirm." Besides this, however, we have the weight of the NT teaching concerning the Law. The epistles clearly teach that believers are no longer under the Law of Moses (Rom. 6:14; 7:6; 8:2-4; Gal. 3:24,25; 5:18), having been set free from that bondage to serve under grace and the law of Christ (Gal. 6:2);

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On the positive side, "Paul teaches in Galatians 3 and 4 that Christ has set us free from the bondage of the Law, not so that we can be lawless as the Reconstructionists insist, instead, so that we can walk in the newness of the motivation of t

he Holy Spirit" .

- There are many negative effects that the teachings of DT are having on evangelical Christianity today. Four of these would be:

(a) Reconstructionists teach that the mission of the church goes beyond the spiritual transformation of individuals, to a mandate to change society, a "moral patriotism," if you will, in opposition to secular humanism. For Christ to be pleased with Christians, thereby, they must become political and social activists. We must change the laws of the land, gear up to elect Christians to office, and generally seek to take dominion over our world and bring it under the Law of Moses. We see the influence of this thinking even in those who may know little about DT -- James Dobson, Larry Burkett, the Christian Coalition, Pat Robertson, Promise Keepers, Charles Colson and the Evangelicals and Catholics Together document (ECT), and Operation Rescue, are but a few of the evidences that reconstructionist thinking is beginning to dominate the so-called evangelical world;

(b) Motivation for godly living, based upon the blessed hope -- the return of Christ (Titus 2:13) -- is replaced with the task of restructuring society. This cultural mandate to restructure/restore society is a task that may take thousands of years, even by the DT's own admission (approximately 36,000 years, according to David Chilton);

(c) If we are in the Kingdom Now, then the Charismatics are correct to teach that health and prosperity is the right of every believer today. They are not looking for Christ to return and set up His Kingdom; they are attempting to set it up for Him; and

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Katy

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Thank you for explaining your take on DT, Katy-did. I wondered if you could answer the question regarding your statement that Catholicism, Mormonism, Islam and JW's have the LAW OF MOSES in common?

Thanks!

Re:, on: 2008/3/7 11:58

Dear Christinyou,

You stated: *Who was the Gospel of Jesus spoken to?*

He said He came to His own and they received Him not. When Jesus did His ministry, he was speaking the Gospel of Moses and with a few bridges to the Gospel He gave to Paul.

~Are you stating that there are 2 different gospels recorded in the NT? Why do you believe that Jesus spoke the Gospel of Moses with a few bridges to the Gospel He gave to Paul?

The Gospel of Jesus was first spoken to the Jewish community. The first believers (tens of thousands) were almost entirely Jewish. The Gospel was then preached to the gentiles.....

Stephen

Re:, on: 2008/3/7 12:53

Quote:

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Strider100, I just did, but you posted this again.

****Grace**** cannot be mandated by anyone. Grace is a gift from God, received BY FAITH, and the Law is not Faith.

Many cults and false religions love the moral teachings of Jesus, as do even Islam. These Moral teachings also come out of Matthew. While many embrace these teachings they reject Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

Let's step back into history for a moment.

The beginning of Romans says that there was a moral law of right and wrong within the conscience of all man. We don't really know what they knew, however we know they turned the knowledge of that Glory of God and corrupted it.

Even so, we also know that with the fall of Adam and Eve, regardless of that knowledge, mankind was utterly lost.

Immediately after the fall of Adam and Eve, a promise of a redeemer was made. Genesis 3:15.

That promise will be completely fulfilled after the 1000 years, when the final enemy called DEATH is no more when death and hades is thrown into the lake of fire.

The Church has no authority or power to do such things.

Our conscience NOW has been purged by the Blood of Jesus Christ...Hebrews 8.

Also it is in our death and resurrection Life in Christ we have a clean conscience with God.

1 Peter 3:19-21

19By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

20Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

21The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

So, our moral conscience, no matter how religion wants to mandate and control, is still a filthy rag before God.

When Christ who IS OUR LIFE shall appear WE will appear with Him in GLORY!.....was never preached in Matthew.

Katy

Re:, on: 2008/3/7 15:09

Katy-did, thank you for your reply,:-)

You explained Dominion Theology (DT), *not* how the religions you mentioned have the Law of Moses in common... Dominion Theology teaches that the kingdom of God will be established on Earth through political and (in some cases) even military means, preparing the way for or enabling the return of the Messiah, mostly found within Charismatic and hyper-Charismatic Christian churches. These churches openly reject the Law of Moses as well.

What I am failing to see is how Catholicism, Mormonism, JW's and Islam have ONLY one thing in common - the Law of Moses. You said it was a most enlightening moment when you saw that connection between them. I personally don't believe that they claim any such connection to each other through the Law of Moses, as they *all reject the Law of God given by Moses*. *That* would seem to be a more unifying factor....their *rejection* of the Torah.

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If we could focus like a laser beam on finding this commonality that you have found in these religions, regarding the Law of Moses. Is there even one thing that they all hold in common that can be found in the LAW OF MOSES? i.e. The first five books of the Bible, the "Torah"

*Remember that in Catholicism, the 'works' that they adhere to are manmade rituals and dogmas, far, far removed from the Law given to Moses by the LORD.

*Mormons have a whole set of instructions and doctrines in their Joseph Smith writings - none of it can be verified in the Torah.

*JW's do not practice the Law of Moses. They hold to Sunday sabbath, eat unclean food etc - not upholding Torah.

*Islam has its own books and laws - far removed from the Torah of YHWH.

Where is the common thread of Torah in these groups? (the law of Moses)

Thankyou,
Stephen

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Thank you Katy. For the sake of clarity, could we then agree that the Law (torah) of Moses is *not* the only common fact or between the religions that you mentioned (as they all reject it), ... but what you are trying to say is that they have **their own** MANMADE system of rules and dogmas which they feel they have to do to enter the Kingdom?

It is very clear that those groups reject the Torah of Moses, and thus are more unified by their rejection of Torah. They purport to follow Christ, but even reject His teaching....."If you would enter into life, keep the commandments".

Stephen
(I prefer clarity to agreement - Dennis Prager quote)

Re:, on: 2008/3/7 16:38

Strider, Do you know something that just struck me?

When John the Baptist began to preach " The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand....

Do you recall any Gentiles lining up to be baptized? I don't. Do you see the Jews persecuting John? I don't.

However we do see he was beheaded by Gentiles, after he rebuked the marriage of this brother and sister team. Was th at based on the Law of Moses?

The Jews didn't have a problem with John the Baptist or what he was preaching, calling it a different message.

However when Jesus came on the scene...WOW all hades broke loose.

Were they preaching the same thing?

What was John Preaching, that the Law was abolished? If he had, he certainly would have been persecuted wouldn't he ?

Were Gentiles at that time invited to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven John Preached?

I don't see that do you?

Just some thoughts here.

Katy

PS Strider, just wanted to add this.

We know Jesus said He didn't come to do away with the law but fulfill.

We also see under the law it was an Eye for an Eye .

Adultery etc was stoning.

Yet, Jesus while under the Law was Forgiving people. This absolutely angered the Pharisees.

So it wasn't just being accused of not keeping the sabbath, but other issues as well.

Re: - posted by destinysweet (), on: 2008/3/7 17:12

This is the day that the Lord has made..Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Greetings Katy...you misunderstood,I asked the opposite..I truly understand the way these believe ..what you just described...Never bought into it, never will. We,the body, wait on our Head..Jesus. I believe these have fallen for a cleverly disguised version of the same lie Satan proposed to Jesus when He had been fasting and praying in the wilderness 40 days and nights(alot of these leaders have gotten their sheep to fast for 40 days and nights..a few times a year..with shorter fasts strewn throughout the year)I suspect this helped contribute..perhaps it is when they got duped.Satan tried to hand Jesus the kingdoms of this world prior to the will of God. Jesus wasn't deceived..Satan came right out with the fact that Jesus would have to be worshipping him in order for Him(Jesus)to possess these kingdoms at that time..however these who have been handed this vain philosophy..doctrine of demons..did not connect the dots..they did not recognize who was offering them the world to transform any way they saw fit..or to rule prematurely..this time Satan left out that they would be worshipping him..his timing..not God's.They did not recognize the lie for what it is and always has been,even though the Living Word had already exposed this..they were not diligent to look unto Him who delivers us from temptation.

Oh! and how it appeals to the flesh..ruling and reigning now is so much more appealing to the flesh..seems so much more triumphant than following the Master's example of yielded surrender unto death..what is good enough for the Master is good enough for the disciple..But what is death.. death has no sting..He has triumphed over this..we live whether in the body or not.If He could wait for the perfection of God's timing when He could have called the angels to move on His behalf to avoid the suffering..but despising the shame,submitted to death on the cross in order to fulfill His purpose for coming to earth, than so can we follow His example.

This wilderness temptation of Christ (resisted by Him) has now become common to man,rolling through the church like a plague..taking down one after another, and it speaks loudly to me that this is the place where they have fallen..the root cause and the very root of this doctrine. It was handed to me as well when I began to walk with greater kingdom authority. I balked..it did not resonate as Truth, humble and lowly..I sought His Face. Over a decade,again and again Satan came and presented this disguised version,using scripture and smooth persuasion..I recoiled in fear..unwilling to swallow it..the usurper would come changing it around a little each time trying to make it more appealing..especially after weeks of fasting and prayer..I did not trust it,nor the way the world was trying to heap greatness upon me..I know who is great..it is Go

d! I can do nothing of myself..The very last time Satan came with this lie,trying to imitate the Truth and this time presented such a vision! Difficult to describe it glittered so,full of glorious narrative to explain, seeking to persuade me..again I'd been fasting and praying for weeks...vulnerable,weak..in my weakness He was so strong,such a solid anchor as I sought His Face ,His Truth, earnestly...He opened the whole thing up and crushed it with one fell blow,pointing to His experience in the wilderness!Then He showed me Himself standing before Pilate,facing the cross..You follow me! Telling me that many of my brethren(many of these deceived leaders who have influenced large flocks,I'd met briefly along the way as God was showing me His church across the nation and had been interceding for them and their followers because of error I'd already seen)were being hit with this very same temptation..swept away by it.He wanted me to be aware of what was befalling His people..to know it in an unforgettable way..well, I do and I have genuine compassion for them. I know where they have fallen and why.

May we all intercede on the behalf of those who have been duped..speaking directly to the cause..the root and binding up this lie..that our brethren will be loosed from deception.It is good that God has used our conversation to coax me to bring out my testimony..may someone read it who needs it.

As for my question(quoted)on your last post addressed to me(I'm going to have to learn how to pull up those quotes the way you do on the computer)I was asking you.. If I believed that Christ would come 1st,etc.(it was for you to discern, while you prayed in His Presence, how to answer after reading my post)did that make me a 'kingdom now' person in your mind because I believed that we indeed do the will of God by doing the things that Jesus did then,now? He hasn't set up His kingdom on earth..but we do get to operate in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Shalom in Him who is our peace
Destiny

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2008/3/7 17:13

Quote:

"~Are you stating that there are 2 different gospels recorded in the NT? Why do you believe that Jesus spoke the Gospel of Moses with a few bridges to the Gospel He gave to Paul?"

Yes. Jesus came to His own, Israel and offered the Kingdom to them as it was given in the Old Testament, "Moses Law and the Prophets".

If they would have accepted Him as the Messiah and King, the Israel of the Old Testament would have come to their fulfillment and Christ would not have gone to the Cross at that time.

Knowing God and Him knowing they would not receive Him the plan before the foundation of the world would come to fruition and Christ the Lamb would die for the sin of the whole world and the individual that would receive and believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

This is the first Gospel, Christ fulfilling the Old testament Law and the Prophecies for Israel to become God's chosen nation, the Children of Israel.

Then knowing the Cross would make such a difference in the way a believer was saved, He began to bridge the Gap between Old Testament Israel God's chosen people, to the Body of Christ the Church that is founded upon the Law and Prophets, but not dependant on them. Now it would take on a new and complete Gospel of "Christ in you the Hope of Glory", Christ being born again in the believer, individually, not as a nation or any other national body of people, but a new spiritual body, the Body of Christ, in which now we the born again reside, that is "IN CHRIST".

Mathew, Mark and Luke are the Historical fulfillment of the Messiah for Israel and they, "would not".

A new and complete Gospel began at Pentecost and fulfilled by Paul's Gospel had begun.

Ephesians 1:1-14 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in

Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

This is Paul's Gospel given to him by Jesus Christ Himself 15 years after Pentecost, because they were misusing the Holy Spirit in the Church, it is not by body of the Holy Spirit but the Body of Christ the Church.

This is the beginning in Colossi of His Body the Church, That is Christ in you the Hope of Glory.

Colossians 1:1-7 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother, To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints, For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth: As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;

The purpose of the Gospel given to Paul by Jesus Christ, The Final Gospel.

Colossians 1:12-14 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

This is our purpose in the Body of Christ which was not in Matthew, Mark or Luke:

Colossians 1:18-20 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Now the fulfillment of God's Word, Pauls' final Gospel he calls by permission of Jesus Christ, "MY Gospel".

Rom 2:16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

"By Jesus Christ":

Colossians 1:24-29 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: 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.

Do you see the differences in the Gospel of Christ for Israel and The Gospel of Christ given to Paul for the Body of Christ the Church?

If not: How was Israel crucified with Christ and obtained a new life in Christ which is "Christ in you the Hope of Glory", by His Faith and His Power in us.

Galatians 2:16-19 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. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

The emphasis of all that Christ is in the believer is because we were also on the Cross with Christ and we are dead to the Law and to Sin.

Galatians 2:14-21 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? We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, 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. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Especially: Galatians 2:19-20 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Believing in The Gospel called "MY GOSPEL", by Paul given to him for "You-ward".

2Cr 1:12 For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

2Cr 13:3 Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you.

Eph 3:2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

The final Gospel, "the dispensation of the Grace of God".

The speaking of Christ speaking in Paul is not weak, but is might in us that are called according to His purpose in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to purpose.

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

In Christ: Phillip

Re., on: 2008/3/7 17:17

Hi Destiny,

I will answer more fully later this evening, but did want to reply to you now.

Yes, we are given the ministry of Preaching the Gospel of reconciliation, via the Cross.

Will talk more later!

Katy :-)

Re:, on: 2008/3/7 19:08

Destiny,
I'm back, but really need to ask you to clarify your question more fully.

Are you saying our ministry is "On earth as it is in Heaven NOW"

At the end of that prayer it says For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever and ever amen.

The beginning starts, Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.

We do see in Revelation 11 that only at that time will the Kingdoms of this world become the Kingdom of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

This prayer actually is for this time, when Israel will be praying for the Kingdom restored to Israel as they wait for the fulfillment of Prophecies still promised to them.

Please refer to Isaiah 14. Yet to be fulfilled. The Church is not and has never been referred to as *The house of Jacob*.. .that is referring to Israel, and also to this time of great tribulation, the overthrow of Babylon, and through that establishing ZION, the Earthly Throne of David.

This will be after the great Tribulation the Kingdom will be set up. At that time it will be on earth as it is in Heaven.

The Lord has to first overthrow all Gentile world arrogance who are following the anti-christ who many will believe has all ready set up the Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven.

Now to the Church Jesus said, My Kingdom is not of this world.

I hope that clarifies.

Katy

Re:, on: 2008/3/7 19:58

Dear Christinyou,

You asked: *"Do you see the differences in the Gospel of Christ for Israel and The Gospel of Christ given to Paul for the Body of Christ the Church?"*

My answer is: NO! :-)

I understand how you can perceive that there are 2 gospels. Yeshua obviously upheld the Torah, and taught his disciple to do the same. However, that you believe Paul preached another gospel to the gentiles is where I would strongly disagree with you.

I believe that the teachings and message of Yeshua are for all mankind, trump all else, and can all be verified in the Law and the Prophets.!

Blessings,
Steve

Re:, on: 2008/3/7 20:08

Now my mind is back to when I first got saved.

I knew I was saved, though all alone in my house that day and night and the next day - because my consciousness of sin when through the roof.

If I just got saved yesterday and came to read this thread, which of the over 600 laws would you tell me that I must keep Steve?

I would want them listed and plainly and clearly because I told you I have a VERY strong conscience that may even be one of those that the enemy uses to condemn me for things I didn't do.

Please list them for me. Please.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2008/3/7 21:32

As He reigns, The Father is sitting in Heaven and Christ is on His right hand. God looks at me when I say I am going to clean up my act and I am going to do what Jesus did.

God looks at me and says, So you think you can do it huh. Christ hears me and says why do you think I had to die if you can keep the Sabbath and make God accept you on your works and by your own efforts. Jesus then says, "I never need you". You don't need Me. The Father says I made my Son to be your righteousness, not your own, for that will never be. Now if you sinned in the past, and you are sinning now and you probably will sin, do you think that you can really clean up your act.

I know better, I have given you rest, that rest is in My Son. You can take all the Sabbaths and sacrifices and all of everything in the Law that I wrote to show the way to my Son, and if you can do it I will let you into my Kingdom.

It really does not make me feel real good when you say you are keeping a day to make you righteous before Me when the Christ I have birthed in you by My Seed, that Seed is the only one righteous. Seek Him and His righteousness and I will give you rest. This is your Sabbath and your rest.

This is the only way you will ever be righteous and have rest and be Perfect as I am Perfect.

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.

God I understand and I thank you for all you have done in Your Son and I will listen to the Holy Spirit that is teaching me the mind of Christ and pray that All that I am becomes truly the I Am that is in me. I pray I have got it right, if not please reveal even that to me.\

In Christ, my righteousness and my Sabbath: Phillip

Re:, on: 2008/3/7 23:23

Dear He Reigns,

You asked for a list of laws for a new believer to obey.

My response would be similar to that of James, along these lines:

Acts 15:13-18 When they finished, James spoke up: "Brothers, listen to me. Simon has described to us how God at first showed his concern by taking from the Gentiles a people for himself. The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written: 'After this I will return and rebuild David's fallen tent. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it, that the remnant of men may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who bear my name, says the Lord, who does these things' that have been known for ages."

Acts 15:19-20 "It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.

Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood.*

***Here it would depend on whether or not the person was involved in some or other worldly sinful practice that would be unacceptable to be brought into a fellowship. Today one could think of homosexuality, arriving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, openly listening to demonic music, or perhaps dressing in 'gothic' costume, or very promiscuously, etc. One could gently counsel the new believer that such practice is unacceptable while attending a fellowship meeting, and help them understand more appropriate behaviour.**

Acts 15:21 *For Moses has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath.*

***So instead of making a 'list of things to be obeyed', as you asked, I would suggest that the new believer starts fellowshiping with other disciples, and in so doing would begin to learn and understand the Scriptures, and the teachings of the LORD. Overtime, the LORD will write HIS law on their hearts and mind and cause them to walk in HIS ways. The Holy Spirit will lead them into all truth as they earnestly and sincerely walk in the Way, following our Lord Yeshua.**

Eventually..... they would begin to understand that we are to **'take up our cross daily' and follow Yehoshua. That we are to 'walk as He walked'. Like Paul, we 'beat and pommel our bodies', bringing them in subjection to HIM. That we 'strive for the prize of the upward calling of God in Messiah'. One step at a time.**

Thanks.
Stephen

PS What would you suggest differently?

Re:the true Sabbath, on: 2008/3/8 7:58

This article blew my socks off, as a friend would say!

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=4446&forum=35&start=0&viewmode=flat&order=0

Stephen, I don't understand why you don't understand what the Sabbath really is, but this article shows me that I don't understand either; not really, not in practice - even after knowing the *theory* for years!

Please read it. Life-transforming truth!

Thanks

Jeannette

Re:, on: 2008/3/8 8:45

Christinyou,

I would just like to point out that the words you quoted Jesus as saying (quote) *"Jesus then says, "I never knew you",* are actually taken from this passage in Matthew 7, where Jesus is addressing those who practice iniquity, or lawlessness (sin) - NOT those who seek to honour Him by obeying HIS commandments!

Here it is: **"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you who PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS!'**

You asked: "Do you see the differences in the Gospel of Christ for Israel and The Gospel of Christ given to Paul for the Body of Christ the Church?"

I answered: NO!

Christinyou, what difference do you see in the 2 Gospels that you spoke about? Do you believe that the teachings and words of the Lord Jesus are for you, or do you only go by "Paul's Gospel"?

Thankyou,
Stephen

Thanks for the link, Little Gift. As wonderful as the reality of 'resting in Yeshua' is, it does not negate the 7th day Sabbath of rest, but *compliments* it!

Re:, on: 2008/3/8 11:35

Romans 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,

Strider,

Was a redeemer kept secret? Genesis 3:15 says No,

Was the Law kept secret? NO!

Were the teachings of the Kingdom Age kept secret? No

So what was this that was kept secret, but is NOW made known?

It's the CHURCH...the Body of Christ.

It's those who are a peculiar people of HIS OWN, crucified with Christ and Baptized into the Body of Christ...a Heavenly Citizenship---co-heirship. Those who are seated together with Christ in Heavenly Places In Christ Jesus.

Part of the Mystery about the Church is the rapture of the Church, His Body.

We have entered into HIS rest.

When Jesus returns to earth with the Church to set up the Kingdom Promised to Israel, there will be a rest (Isaiah 14:7) upon the whole earth.

BUT NOW.....

During this time of Grace, both Jew and Gentile are members of His Body, forming ONE NEW MAN. The walls between Jew and Gentile have been broken down, and In HIM we are a New Creation..

This ONE NEW MAN is inlawed to Jesus Christ, who is our ALL in ALL. WE are Complete In Him.

When Jesus comes to earth setting up the Kingdom, there will be the Judgement of Nations and Judgement of Individual Jews and Gentiles, still in their human bodies ((as we will be Glorified together with Him)) and there will be a separation of sheep and goats.....

You do not see at this time spoken in Matthew a Book, called the Lambs Book of Life brought out to decide who enters i

into the Kingdom on earth and who doesn't. NO you don't, as this is not the FINAL end of things. At this time Israel will be the head not the tail, and Gentiles will be in submission. (((Does this sound like the ONE NEW MAN, not longer Jew of Gentile? No!

There is no mention of the Lake of Fire, or the Great White Throne Judgement at this time. Satan will only be bound for 1000 years. Jesus must rule until He has put ALL things under His feet...and then the end leading to the Great White Throne Judgement when death and hades (((those still without Christ from the beginning of mankind)) will be Judged. During this time in Matthew...do you see the dead being judged? NO!

So it is important to separate these different times and events.

Katy

Re:, on: 2008/3/8 13:11

Quote:

LittleGift wrote:

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=4446&forum=35&start=0&viewmode=flat&order=0

Please read it. Life-transforming truth!

I agree LittleGift. "Life" transforming is true.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2008/3/8 14:19

Quote:

"Christinyou, what difference do you see in the 2 Gospels that you spoke about? Do you believe that the teachings and words of the Lord Jesus are for you, or do you only go by "Paul's Gospel"

1Cr 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also of Christ.

Followers, not worshipers.

When you take the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Jesus Christ, are you not following Paul as He follows Christ?

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Matthew 26:26-29 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

1 Corinthians 15:1-3 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

What was delivered to Paul, was it not the Mystery? Therefore any time Paul mentions the mystery he is referring to be

ing Born Again, that is "Christ in you the Hope of Glory", which no other man received until Paul received it directly from Jesus Christ.

If I follow Paul I am assured that it will lead me direct to Christ, which is His Body the Church. This is why the fulfillment of the Word of God was given to Paul, the final Gospel of our whole Spirit, Soul and Body, for salvation is surly in Christ Jesus if we believe.

I know this is a lot of scripture, but it does explain where I am coming from. It is the Christ that I see in Paul, even in his writings, the reason I follow Paul, and some of John, and some of Peter, that which is leading me to Christ. For this is the portions of the bible that are relevant to the Born Again Believer in Christ. The whole bible is the Word of God but 4/5 of it are for the Jew and the Nation of Israel and it will come to fulfillment in Christ in the Millennium. Our fulfillment is in Christ and His Body the Church and He will come to get Her, His Bride, which I am because I follow Paul whom God appointed and Jesus Christ confirmed personally, that Paul is the one we should listen to in His Body the Church.

Paul was just as astonished as we are When We meet the Lord through Paul's writings.

Act 9:5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

Act 22:8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.

Act 26:15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

Paul's confirmation for me in the Word of God that I should Follow him and He did Christ.

Acts 9:15-16 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

Even to Ananias also: Acts 9:17-20 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

So yes I follow Paul, and worship the Christ in me as Paul did, him being the first man to have this truth revealed in him, direct from Jesus Christ Himself.

Galatians 1:15-16 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

In Christ, assuredly by Paul's revelation:

I follow Paul, I worship God and His Christ and the Holy Spirit that are in me.

Phillip

Re., on: 2008/3/8 14:37

Dear Christinyou,

Thank you for your reply. I wondered if you could address this question?:

Quote:

"Christinyou, what **difference** do you see in the 2 Gospels that you spoke about?".

Thank you
Stephen

Re:, on: 2008/3/8 15:38

Dear Little Gift,

You stated earlier: *quote: 'Stephen, I don't understand why you don't understand what the Sabbath really is'.*

Jeannette, I have no confusion about the Sabbath! My source comes from the Creator Himself.

HE said clearly: **Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

HE said it would be a *perpetual sign* of HIS people. He did not say that it would be abolished. Very clear. No confusion, when we stick with the Scriptures and what HE said, and not what man has interpreted!

Thanks.
Stephen

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2008/3/8 16:48

Exd 20:8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Exd 31:14 Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

This is perfect picture of what the Sabbath is all about.

This is the difference between the two Gospels you ask about.

No Work for or in the Sabbath, Salvation, you cannot work for salvation, which is what the Old Testament is all about. The Law is, Keep it or die. The Sabbath, Christ is believe and live.

We earthbound creatures cannot make a day holy.

We heavenly bound creatures in Christ can make the Sabbath Holy in our minds and hearts, because Christ Jesus is Holy. In other words, Keep Christ in your hearts and because His is Holy you are Holy. Keep the Sabbath (Christ) and make Him Holy, just as we now eat the bread and drink the wine, "Do this in remembrance of me".

Luk 22:19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

1Cr 11:24 And when he had given thanks, he brake, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

1Cr 11:25 After the same manner also the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink, in remembrance of me.

Old:
"Remember the sabbath day,"

New: testament in His blood.
"in remembrance of me."

Remember a day in the old testament, works.

Remember a Person, our true Sabbath: Grace.

Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before

e ordained that we should walk in them.

We now have Him as our life and our all in all, which most certainly includes the Sabbath Day Himself, Jesus Christ.

Old:

Ephesians 2:11-12 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

New:

Ephesians 2:13-16 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

Making of two, that is Himself in the believer becoming one, making one New Man in Christ.

He is our Sabbath and He is the only One that makes it Holy, Now in the New Testament, not a day but a Person. Remember the Sabbath and keep Him Holy, and drink the blood and eat the bread of life in "remembrance of Me". IN HIM:

That I might be Holy as He is Holy, by Him that is born again in me and now my life.

In Christ: Phillip

Re:, on: 2008/3/8 18:35

Quote:

Strider100 wrote:
Dear Little Gift,

You stated earlier: *quote: 'Stephen, I don't understand why you don't understand what the Sabbath really is'.*

Jeannette, I have no confusion about the Sabbath! My source comes from the Creator Himself.

HE said clearly: **Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

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Thanks.
Stephen

Hi Stephen, I didn't say you were confused, but that you don't *understand*, which isn't quite the same thing.

Confusion implies uncertainty, but you are absolutely certain you are right in limiting the Sabbath to a day of the week, and are even convinced that this is what the Bible says!

Quote:
-----HE said it would be a perpetual sign of HIS people. He did not say that it would be abolished. Very clear. No confusion, when we stick with the Scriptures and what HE said, and not what man has interpreted!

Indeed it is very clear if we stick with the scriptures, especially the New Testament explanation of what the Sabbath really is.

As far as I know, ***no-one has said that the Sabbath should be abolished!*** Where did you get that idea???

What has been said is that the Sabbath should be kept as the Lord originally intended - a *perpetual* Sabbath. Not one day a week, but 24/7, every single day of the year, for ever!

Why do you find fault with that???

Indeed the Sabbath *is* from the Creator - you speak truly. So why do you then insist on merely keeping one day in seven and calling that the Sabbath?

Blessings

Jeannette

Re:, on: 2008/3/8 18:51

Dear Christinyou,

I am not sure how you find the reference to the 7th Day Sabbath shows the difference in the 2 Gospels. (The 2 Gospel teaching within Christianity is new to me, and I strongly reject such a notion). The text is *clearly* speaking of a **resting from our regular human jobs and household chores on the Sabbath day**. I would suggest that you are reading things into that text that simply are not there.

Also, setting the 7th day aside for rest and study of GOD's word is 'not a work for salvation'. I have NEVER heard of anyone who keeps the Sabbath as a '*work for salvation*' - have you? That is the old strawman argument, which is devoid of any substance. Resting is not work.

Christinyou, you said, quote: '*We earthbound creatures cannot make a day holy*'. This is in direct contradiction to what our CREATOR said we CAN do - I believe that it is the lie of the ADVERSARY that is whispering such things.....the old whisperer that deceived Eve.... 'Did God say....'

Partaking of the bread and wine in Remembrance of Yeshua does NOT nullify the 7th day Sabbath, and nowhere in Scripture does it say anything like that, or allude to such a teaching.

The Most High God, YHWH, declared the 7th day Sabbath to be a Set-apart Day. (biblical meaning of the word 'holy' is 'set-apart'). HE then specifically told HIS people to Remember it. Not to Forget it, or Abolish it.

Obviously if you believe in a 2 Gospel NT, you can maybe work it that the Sabbath day is not for you. Therein lies our differences. I believe in ONE gospel for the Jew and the Greek. The gentiles are invited to be part of the people of YHWH through the grace of Yehoshua.

2 Gospels? *Another Gospel?* I assume that the silence from the rest of the readers of this thread indicates that this 2 Gospel doctrine is in perfect alignment with current orthodox Christianity???

I believe that it is a desperate attempt to justify the very liberal trend of rejecting the Torah of the Most High God, which was upheld by HIS chosen Messiah.

Stephen

Re:, on: 2008/3/8 19:10

Dear little Gift,

You said quote:

As far as I know, no-one has said that the Sabbath should be abolished! Where did you get that idea???

My answer to that is that if one does not Remember the 7th Day Sabbath as the LORD instructed, it is the same as *abolishing* it.

Little Gift also said, quote: *"What has been said is that the Sabbath should be kept as the Lord originally intended - a perpetual Sabbath. Not one day a week, but 24/7, every single day of the year, for ever!"*.

My response to that is simply this - Could you please show the reference from Scripture about a **perpetual** Sabbath Day that comes before the return of our Lord Yeshua?

The **perpetual sign** of the people of God is their Remembrance of the Seventh Day Sabbath.

Most people I meet are extremely frazzelled, stretched to the hilt, Christians included. That they fool themselves into believing they keep a perpetual Sabbath must be another delusion of the Adversary. Most people are perpetually and frantically **busy**. That I 'insist on a 7th Day Sabbath' is one of the clear teachings of the Scriptures, which I am honored and blessed to observe. It is a JOY and DELIGHT to set a day apart unto HIM, amidst a busy work schedule. Please do not say I am 'working for my salvation'. I am RESTING in my Redeemer, and thankful that He gave me the Sabbath day to rest from my daily work!

Blessings to you,
Stephen

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2008/3/8 21:57

Quote:

"I believe that it is a desperate attempt to justify the very liberal trend of rejecting the Torah of the Most High God, which was upheld by HIS chosen Messiah"

I don't reject the Torah, it just is not for the Born Again believer. The Torah is the Word of God. I do not have life by the Torah, I have life by who I am in Christ, not that keeping of the Torah makes me who I am, a son of God.

I am a son of God, birthed by the Seed of the Father, that is Jesus Christ the only begotten Son of God placed In me, just as the Seed was placed in Mary to bring forth the body God had prepared for His begotten Son.

The Law of Moses does not have anything to do with the birthed son's of God. The Ten commandments are Christ Himself and His teaching to everyone.

But they are not Laws any longer they are Commandments of Love, which carry no punishment, Rom 8:1 therefore no w no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, only discipline by a Father who says if you are not Chastised, we are none of His, and the keeping of them and the fulfillment of them is by the Christ in us. Hbr 12:8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Chastisement as a loving Father to His sons'. Jesus Christ that is in us, us being New Creatures in Him, is the only One that could or ever will be able to keep them perfectly. That is how the Gospel of Paul presents every man perfect in Christ.

Ephesians 2:14-22 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having (((abolished))) in his flesh the enmity, ((On the Cross)); (added by me;)even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which w

ere afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Abolished: Strong's Greek Dictionary

2673. katargeo

Search for G2673 in KJVSL

katargew katargeo kat-arg-eh'-o

from 2596 and 691; to be (render) entirely idle (useless), literally or figuratively:--abolish, cease, cumber, deliver, destroy, do away, become (make) of no (none, without) effect, fail, loose, bring (come) to nought, put away (down), vanish away, make void.

The Law; Strong's Greek Dictionary

3551. nomos

Search for G3551 in KJVSL

nomosV nomos nom'-os

from a primary nemo (to parcel out, especially food or grazing to animals); law (through the idea of prescriptive usage), genitive case (regulation), specially, (of Moses (including the volume); also of the Gospel), or figuratively (a principle):--law.

This to make perfect every man that believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Perfect: Strong's Greek Dictionary

5046. teleios

Search for G5046 in KJVSL

teleioV teleios tel'-i-os

from 5056; complete (in various applications of labor, growth, mental and moral character, etc.); neuter (as noun, with 3588) completeness:--of full age, man, perfect.

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.

As I have said, 2 Gospels. The old taken away, the New revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2Cr 5:17 Therefore if any man in Christ, a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

The old governed by Satan their father, and the Law, Torah if you will.

The New Governed by the Christ in us, making us a New Creature in Christ. That is a New Creation Race of Gods' birthed children, not a created race of people as in Adam, but a birthed race of People as in Christ. The first Adam, earthly, the Last Adam, Jesus Christ, a Heavenly Creature, the Son of God as we are in Him.

In Christ: Phillip

Re:, on: 2008/3/8 23:42

Christinyou: quote: "I don't reject the Torah, it just is not for the Born Again believer. The Torah is the Word of God. I do not have life by the Torah, I have life by who I am in Christ, not that keeping of the Torah makes me who I am, a son of God".

..."The old governed by Satan their father, and the Law, Torah if you will"...

Dear Christinyou,

Thank you for clarifying your beliefs.

I would just like to comment on your statement ..."The old governed by Satan their father, and the Law, Torah if you will".

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It is **impossible** to be governed by Satan, and the Torah at the same time! The Torah is Good, Holy, Just, Life, the perfect Way of God, a Lamp to our feet, a Light to our Path. Satan is the *opposite* to that!

I believe all the Father's instructions are LIFE-giving. Breaking and ignoring them brings DEATH. Yehoshua, the living Torah, demonstrated the perfect Torah (teachings, commandments, laws, statutes) of His Father to us.

The Old covenant was the Torah written on stone. **The New Covenant is the Torah written on our hearts and minds**. ~Same Torah, except the punishments were born by our Saviour. The LORD made the Covenant with Israel - the Old and the New. Gentiles are invited to **join themselves to the House of Israel, and so partake of the Covenants**.

Thank you for your input, Phillip,
Blessings to you on your journey!
Stephen.
:-)

Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2008/3/9 0:18

Strider100 wrote:

Quote:

The Torah is Good, Holy, Just, Life, the perfect Way of God, a Lamp to our feet, a Light to our Path.

No. That is Jesus Christ, Lord and God.

Re:, on: 2008/3/9 0:25

Thank you Miccah.

How can one have "Sabbath" without The Deity of Christ Jesus ?

I don't care what day of the week a person chooses to set aside - but without Him being called Lord *and* GOD - what is it here to discuss about "Sabbath" ?

We must love Him with all that we have and are, for WHO He is, before all else.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2008/3/9 0:54

Quote:

It is impossible to be governed by Satan, and the Torah at the same time! The Torah is Good, Holy, Just, Life, the perfect Way of God, a Lamp to our feet, a Light to our Path. Satan is the opposite to that!

Were these not Jews governed by the Torah and of their Father the Devil?

John 8:31-45 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

This is why the Torah has no life, there is only life in the Son.

Acts 28:23-29 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening. And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not. And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it. And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.

They will hear it. Who did not believe but those that had no hearing and no eyes to see, and they are Israel under the Law of God, The Torah which has no life.

Jhn 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Act 13:39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Act 15:5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command to keep the law of Moses.

Act 15:24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no commandment:

The Law justified no one.

I am as Paul.

Act 18:13 Saying, This persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law.

They would not listen to Paul and wanted to kill him as did they to Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Rom 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

How do we do this in the Law, because our nature is not the Law Giver Himself, and by our new nature we are a law unto ourselves. The Law of Faith and Love in Christ Jesus.

Rom 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Rom 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law the knowledge of sin.

Rom 3:21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets ;

Rom 3:27 Where boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

Do we make the Law Void?

Rom 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Rom 3:31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

We establish the Law by the Christ that is in us. Establish means to Abide in it, as we are abiding in Christ we are abiding in the Law. Living the Sabbath in Christ, not keeping it as a law that makes us justified before God. For no man is justified by the Law, But we are justified in righteousness by the Christ in us.

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.

Don't glory in keeping the Law of the Sabbath. For He is our Sabbath and justification unto righteousness and sanctification, with His wisdom and redemption given us by the Father's Seed Born Again in the believer, "which is Christ in you the Hope of Glory".

In Christ: Phillip

Re., on: 2008/3/9 1:20

I said in a previous post, quote *"The Torah is Good, Holy, Just, Life, the perfect Way of God, a Lamp to our feet, a Light to our Path"*.

Micah said in response, quote *"No. That is Jesus Christ, Lord and God"*

Dear Micah,

I would just like to point out that I was quoting Scripture there: (Torah means teachings, commandments, precepts, laws of God) Yeshua is our perfect example of the One to live out all of His Father's Torah.

*Ps:119:105 Thy word is a **lamp** to my feet and a **light** to my path.

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

*Psalm 40:8 I **delight to do Your will**, O my God, And Your **Torah is within my heart**."

*Psalm 119:1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, Who **walk in the Torah of the LORD!**

- *Psalm 119:18 Open my eyes, that I may see **Wondrous things from Your Torah.**
- *Psalm 119:44 So shall I keep Your Torah continually, Forever and ever.
- *Psalm 119:53 Indignation has taken hold of me Because of the wicked, who **forsake Your teachings and instructions**
- *Psalm 119:72 The **teaching and instruction** of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of coins of gold and silver.
- *Psalm 119:77 Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live; For Your **teaching and instruction is my delight.**
- *Psalm 119:97 Oh, how **I love Your teaching and instruction!** It is my meditation all the day.
- *Psalm 119:142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your **teaching and instruction is truth.**
- *Psalm 25:10 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, To such as keep **His covenant and His testimonies**

*Psalm 19:7 on...

**The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
Moreover by them is thy servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
But who can discern his errors?
Clear thou me from hidden faults.
Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in thy sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

~~~Because of our wonderful Saviour, we are brought into the household of God, and can love HIS Torah, written on our hearts and minds by the grace of HIS Son, Yehoshua~~~

~Miccah, I am not sure if you believe along the same lines as Christin you (Phillip) - He sees a quote: *"difference in the Gospel of Christ for Israel and The Gospel of Christ given to Paul for the Body of Christ the Church"*?

~Christin you asked, quote: *"Were these not Jews governed by the Torah and of their Father the Devil?"*  
Methinks - NO. If one is governed by the Torah, one's Father would be YHWH, not the Devil!

Thank you  
Stephen.  
:-)

**Re: - posted by ChristinYOU (), on: 2008/3/9 3:00**

Quote:

"I said in a previous post, quote "The Torah is Good, Holy, Just, Life, the perfect Way of God, a Lamp to our feet, a Light to our Path"

Stephen if you are saying that the Torah is Jesus Christ you are very close to Christ in you the Hope of Glory. Jesus is the only one Good, Holy, Just, life, the perfect way of God, Jesus is a Lamp unto our feet, The Light to our Path.

This makes the Sabbath grow strangely dim as just a day of the week.

Even if we do live the Seventh Day Sabbath, we can not live it perfectly and that is what God requires of us in Holiness. This is self righteousness. Holiness in Him, This is Christ righteousness which God has made in us this Christ who is now our righteousness. 1Cor 1:30

Romans 7:23-25 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Who's Mind do we now have? 1Cr 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Romans 12:2-3 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: the kingdoms divided? merging only when? - posted by destinysweet (), on: 2008/3/9 3:35**

Katydid..I think my question is clear enough..read it again slower this time with an open heart to me and prayerfully ask the Lord to help you hear what the Spirit of Truth is saying.

I will spell it out for you more definitively after you respond if necessary..I am prepared to do so should you still find it necessary to interrogate me concerning my faith in Christ words to His believers on this issue.

Back to our previous interaction.

Are you in full agreement w/ChristinYOU's explanation of this dual kingdom system?

YES\_\_\_

NO\_\_\_

ONLY IN PART\_\_\_

There is also the matter of the other questions I posed concerning your premise regarding the separation of the kingdom of God vs. the kingdom of heaven.I have spent a few days seeking the wisdom of God in this..and I can see now why you weren't able to answer in truth what was being questioned.

We will take the question of Jesus' own usage.Who better than to look to then the Source..The Living Word..the Truth.

These are only 6 witnesses(as follows) against your premise in the Logos (written)word..Jesus words as He preached the kingdom of God..the kingdom of heaven..perhaps the Heavenly Father,Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit didn't get the same memo you did when these gospels were being written by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,as to the difference you claim to be 'enlightened to understand'. For whatever reason God allowed them to be written as is,they remain as a true witness.

Let us hear and come into agreement with this portion of Christ's prayer..John 17:12-21 particularly 20.."I do not pray for

these alone, but for those who will believe in Me through their word;"

Let every fact be established by two or three witnesses:

These scriptures prove that God did not deem it important enough to divide between the 'two kingdoms' in the manner you suggest.

Each of these statements of Christ Jesus are the same except that one IS WRITTEN the kingdom of 'God' and the other IS WRITTEN the kingdom of 'heaven'. It is obvious they are wholly interchangeable.

1.A) Matthew 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit. For their's is (present tense) the kingdom of heaven

B) Luke 6:20 ...For their's is (be) the kingdom of God.

2. Comparing the kingdom to a mustard seed

A) Matthew 13:33 kingdom of heaven

B) Luke 13:19 kingdom of God

3. Likening the kingdom to leaven that a woman hid in 3 measures of meal til it was all leavened.

A) Matthew 13:33 kingdom of heaven

B) Luke 13:20 kingdom of God

4. A) Matthew 19:14 But Jesus said, Let the little children come unto Me, and do not forbid them; for such is the kingdom of heaven.

B) Luke 18:16 ..for such is the kingdom of God.

These are written of the same approximate time:

1.A) Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

B) Luke 4:43 But He said to them I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent.

2.A) Matthew 10:7 And as you go preach saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

B) Luke 10:9 And heal the sick there, and say to them 'The kingdom of God has come near.'

That was the a portion of the Logos word given as I prayed to understand this doctrine of yours.

I was also given a Rhema word (Spoken) w/a vision that I am encouraged to share along with more scripture as He spoke it to me in regards to this theory you and Christy you have proposed. However I will let you chew on this first. I realize when I write too much you don't get around to addressing what I'm saying..only in furthering your agenda, or seeing only what you want to see in what I'm saying..and worse.. seem to be intent upon casting aspersions on me in trying to align me with false teachings and doctrines..why? because I disagree or question you concerning the absolute truth of your statements? Or because I do the works of Christ Jesus as He said we would?

Do you ever admit in writing (out loud) when you have made an erroneous statement? stretched the truth by using wrong tense..future for what is happening now..denying the power thereof and not recognizing/acknowledging the aspects of the manifold grace of God manifesting in part, as it is? or in using in your statements an absolute (all, never, only,) etc.? or can you hear it when you are being corrected? May the Spirit of truth mediate this..I would not have anyone be deceived ..not you..not me.. no one.

Be well..may the love of the brethren continue and grow in truth..let us be honest with a sincere heart..this is what I am desiring..But I do not want to compromise and white wash over real problems I am seeing by not speaking out of fear.

Your blood bought sister in Christ..Destiny

**Re: An Exchanged Life, on: 2008/3/9 4:26**

Addressed to Strider100 & Jayyou

What is a Christian believer? Is he an imitator of Jesus Christ, the Son of God? Is there any way that the Christian, through the power of his will, can keep the law? The Sermon on the Mount clarifies that question in the negative. It is not possible to go through this life sinless as Christ did. Christ tells us that if we even look upon a woman in lust, we are guilty of the sin of adultery. Today, with the way that women are dressed can any man honestly say that he has never lusted after a woman? Go down the list in Matthew 5:20-48 and honestly tell me that you are not guilty, by thought or deed, of any of the sins mentioned.

God's standard is- if you break one law, you have broken them all, and are on your way to hell and damnation.

**Actually, the Christian believer lives a different life. He/She never has to imitate Christ, ever!**

The Christian life is an **Exchanged Life**:

When you became a Christian a great exchange took place. Jesus Christ took your place, and died for you on the cross. All of your sins were placed upon Jesus Christ, and He died in your stead. In that great transaction Christ got all your sins and guilt, and you received His righteousness as your eternal position in Christ.

The Apostle Paul expressed this great spiritual principle in the following words. "He (God) made Him (Christ) who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (II Corinthians 5:21).

The Apostle Peter made the same emphasis when he wrote the following. "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit" (II Peter 3:18). Then he goes on to say Christ "bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed" (I Peter 2:24). The sinless one died for the sinner.

**THE PERSON OF THE EXCHANGED LIFE**

**Christ wants to live His life through us.**

It is only the life of Christ—His activity, clothed with you and displayed through you, that ultimately will find the approval of God. The Lord Jesus alone makes our sacrifices acceptable to God.

Only what Christ does in you and through you merits God's approval. That is probably the hardest truth to learn in the Christian life. Jesus said to His disciples: "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). Apart from Christ we can do nothing.

**It is not what I do for God**

We want to do it ourselves. We want to do it our way. We want to do it the way we think best. We want to get the credit. Now that we are saved we think we can do it all in our own human strength. We even try to conduct His work in our fleshly, sinful nature. God will have nothing of it.

God will accept nothing less than His way! A lot that we have done in the name of Jesus is going to burn up because we have done it in the power and motives of the flesh.

The Apostle Paul says:

"According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But let each man be careful how he builds upon it. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire" (I Cor. 3:10-15)

**There is a form of Christian activity that is all right for immediate consumption. It impresses everybody. It will draw a crowd. It will get the applause. However, it will always leave a STENCH behind it if it stems from the FLESH ! It is self-activity! It makes the flesh smell great. It will always produce a kind of fruit that drops, premature and**

immature, to ROT ON THE GROUND. It WILL NEVER REPRODUCE THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

### **THE POWER OF THE EXCHANGED LIFE**

**The exchanged life is a life of faith.**

Can any situation possibly arise, in any circumstances, for which Christ is not adequate? Can there arise any pressure, or promise, or any problem, or any responsibility for which the Lord Jesus Himself is not adequate?

When I realize the total adequacy of Christ in me is there any situation for which He is not adequate? If there is any situation in which Christ is inadequate then it is a clear indication that I am not in the will of God. Christ is limited only by the measure of our availability to all that He makes available to us.

**The exchanged life is a Spirit-controlled life.**

Since the exchanged life is a walk of faith, it must be a life that is filled or controlled by the Holy Spirit.

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we are allowing the Holy Spirit to occupy the whole of our personality with the all sufficiency of Christ.

Jesus said, "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.' But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified" (John 7:38-39).

When I am under the influence of the Holy Spirit, I draw upon the unlimited resources of Christ. The resurrection life of Jesus is imparted to the true believer by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

"Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me" (Gal. 2:20b). That is what it means to live the Spirit-filled life.

Many years ago I heard the Argentine evangelist, Santiago Garaballe, give an illustration of a man who bought a new car. He had never owned a car in his life. The car came with a powerful engine under the hood. What if the man then spent the rest of his life pushing it around! Come on family let's go for a ride! Can you imagine what a life that would be like? Every time he would get into the car someone would have to guide the steering wheel, and someone else would have to start pushing it! What if someone came to him and said, "Jose, why are you always pushing that car? Don't you have any gas in it?"

"Why, yes," said Jose. "It came with a full tank of gas. But I didn't know what to do with it."

"Here, let me show you Jose. Put your keys in here and turn on the ignition. Man, hear that engine purr ... Now there is real power! Come on let's go for a ride."

**In the Christian life you have a powerful engine under the hood—nothing less than the resurrection life of Christ made available to you through the person of God the Holy Spirit who lives within you. Stop pushing! Switch on the power! Expose every temptation, every opportunity, every hill of circumstance, every threatening situation to the divine energy of Christ in you.**

How wonderful it is to be in such an intimate, personal love relationship with God that everything you need, for any circumstance, is always yours, by the hand of God upon you!

Sincerely,

Walter

Re:, on: 2008/3/9 9:26

Quote:  
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-----I realize when I write too much you don't get around to addressing what I'm saying..only in furthering your agenda, or seeing only what you want to see in what I'm saying..and worse.. seem to be intent upon casting aspersions on me in trying to align me with false teachings and doctrines..why? because I disagree or question you concerning the absolute truth of your statements?  
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And Again Saying:

Quote:  
-----I will spell it out for you more definitively after you respond if necessary..I am prepared to do so should you still find it necessary to interrogate me concerning my faith in Christ words to His believers on this issue.  
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Destiny, My first response to this was NOT to you but to Strider, of which we have had I believe a great conversation going WITHOUT presumptuous accusations as you have made here.

YOU responded to a post I made to Strider concerning the differences in the Kingdoms.

Now, I have not seen anyone BUT YOU make such outlandish accusations as you have made here.

I suppose you will be calling A.W. Pink and Scofield Liars as well???

I answered YOUR questions to me by further explaining through Scripture WHY I believe as I do.

Absolutely NOTHING to do with your accusations as to why I stated what I did.

Destinysweet, this thread is not about YOU.

So I presume you are calling all who believe in the different dispensations as LIARS.

However, if YOU believe there is the Old and the New, you are a Dispensationalists whether you like it or not!

You may want to read the footnotes of Scofield or A.W. Pink and call them Liars as well.

I also know by the Spirit of Truth that when Jesus appeared to Paul, the Brightness of His Glory was such that it knocked Paul right off his horse, and blinded him. I don't believe he actually saw the Lord face to face eyes wide open. What he described was a Light....His Glory!

I will NOT be responding to any more of your posts here.

Have a nice day :-)

Katy

Re:, on: 2008/3/9 10:15

Quote:

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Strider100 wrote:  
Dear little Gift,

You said quote:  
*As far as I know, no-one has said that the Sabbath should be abolished! Where did you get that idea???*

My answer to that is that if one does not Remember the 7th Day Sabbath as the LORD instructed, it is the same as *abolishing* it.

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Dear Stephen, anyone who has not entered into His rest, is also abolishing the Sabbath. Even if you do keep the seventh day, that isn't enough.

That probably includes *all of us*, (yes, you too) without exception :-)

Quote:  
-----Little Gift also said, quote: *"What has been said is that the Sabbath should be kept as the Lord originally intended - a perpetual Sabbath. Not one day a week, but 24/7, every single day of the year, for ever!"*.

My response to that is simply this - Could you please show the reference from Scripture about a **perpetual** Sabbath Day that comes before the return of our Lord Yeshua?

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Certainly, I can, but it has been shown you several times before, by various people. Why do you insist on being shown again since you apparently cannot receive it?

For context, here is the whole passage.

Surely it's obvious that here is something greater even than the seventh day Sabbath; into which the Lord is inviting us, indeed commanding us to enter?

Hebrews 3:7 to 4:

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,  
"Today, when you hear his voice; do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their hearts; they have not known my ways.' As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall never enter my rest.'" Take care, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we share in Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end, while it is said,  
"Today, when you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion. Who were they that heard and yet were rebellious? Was it not all those who left Egypt under the leadership of Moses? And with whom was he provoked forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did he swear that they should never enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

#### Chapter 4

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest remains, let us fear lest any of you be judged to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them; but the message which they heard did not benefit them, because it did not meet with faith in the hearers. For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall never enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way, "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." And again in this place he said, "They shall never enter my rest." Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he sets a certain day

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y, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, when you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not speak later of another day. So then, there remains a sabbath rest for the people of God; for whoever enters God's rest also ceases from his labors as God did from his. Let us therefore strive \*\*\* to enter that rest, that no one fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are open and laid bare to the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Quote:  
-----The perpetual sign of the people of God is their Remembrance of the Seventh Day Sabbath.

Most people I meet are extremely frazzelled, stretched to the hilt, Christians included. That they fool themselves into believing they keep a perpetual Sabbath must be another delusion of the Adversary. Most people are perpetually and frantically **busy**.

YOU are right, but I don't fool myself on this point at all - "entering into His rest" has been the single most difficult thing in my Christian life. And because it can only be entered into by faith, that is probably true of all of us, yourself included!

In the context of the Hebrews passage, the "entering into rest" is speaking of all battles won; the end of warfare, because all victories are gained.

Christ has won the victory. He cried "IT IS FINISHED!" and rested.

This is the Sabbath rest. Anything less is not the true Sabbath rest at all.

I have no doubt you get great refreshment and blessing in keeping the Seventh day. I am in no way knocking that. I am only saying that there is far more, which you seem not even to see, let alone seek.

Believe in the finished work of Christ, enter into His rest.

I'm not there yet either, but "LET US 'LABOUR' TO ENTER INTO HIS REST!"

What is stopping you?

in Him who is our Peace

Jeannette

**Re:, on: 2008/3/9 10:31**

Quote:  
-----Good job Katy!

I have one question.

When Jesus was on earth, would you say that both The Kingdom of heaven, and the Kingdom of God were here.

Chief sinners,

In answer to your question, maybe this will help.



Knowing the doctrinal difference between the terms "Kingdom of Heaven" and "Kingdom of God" is the key to understanding the complete time line of Biblical history, past, present, and future, the proper place of the Church, and the prophetic future of Israel. The Bible is about the struggle for a Kingdom; the Kingdom of Heaven, a Kingdom with its Capital City (Jerusalem) on this Earth.

Israel rejected the Lord Jesus Christ as the Messiah when He first came because Israel was looking for a political King who would make Israel the world ruling kingdom spoken of by their prophets (see Jeremiah 23:5, Psalms 48:2). They were expecting a military deliverance from the Romans and the rest of the heathen. This is easy to understand as they were expecting carnal deliverance. However, they were missing the point about spiritual deliverance and righteousness, which led them to ask of Jesus:

"And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you."  
(Luke 17:20-21 KJV)

In that statement, Jesus was declaring a spiritual truth that Israel did not see. But on another occasion, when asked about His Kingdom by Pontius Pilot, He gave a somewhat different answer:

"Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but **NOW** is my kingdom not from hence."  
(John 18:36 KJV)

In this particular passage the word **NOW** is not speaking about the spiritual Kingdom of God (within you), but of a literal political Kingdom yet to come on the Earth. You should also take note that the word "now" has been removed from many newer translations (NASB, AMP, NLT, ESV, CEV). The reason is because most of the translators of today's "Bibles" are amillennial in their position on prophecy. In other words, they do not accept the literal return of the Lord Jesus Christ to reign on the Earth for a thousand years as foretold in Revelation.

Although that truth is rejected by a major portion of "Christianity" today, His disciples knew it and were asking when the literal Kingdom would come:

"When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."  
(Acts 1:6-8 KJV)

The disciples are clearly asking about a literal Kingdom, and the Lord says it is not for them to know the time when that literal Kingdom (the Kingdom of Heaven) will take place. Until that time the disciples were given power to preach the Kingdom of God; righteousness through faith in the risen Savior who will return to Earth and rule over the whole Earth from Jerusalem.

This is one of the most hated and least understood doctrines of the Bible, yet one of the most important in rightly dividing the truth; the separation of Church doctrine from Tribulation doctrine. Some churches do not want to hear this, because they think that the Church has replaced Israel. Certainly the whole world reviles at the prospect of hated Israel becoming the head of the Kingdoms. There is a hatred of Christians and Jews on a spiritual level that is beyond their own comprehension. Satan hates the Jews, and the world is under Satan's control. Hate and envy are the root reasons the word "now" is removed from John 18:36 in some translations. The world does not want the Lord Jesus Christ to return and rule over them. That is why the Jews killed their King the first time He came. Here is what their King will say about that when He returns:

But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay before me.  
(Luke 19:27 KJV)

There will be a big attitude difference between the Lord's first coming as the gentle Lamb of God and His Second Coming

g as the warrior King, the Lion of Judah:

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes as a flame of fire, and on his head many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

(Revelation 19:11-13 KJV)

The Lord Jesus Christ came to His own and preached a dualistic message. To the Jews, the heirs of the promised political Kingdom, the Lord preached the Gospel of the "Kingdom of Heaven" - a literal physical Kingdom soon to come:

"From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

(Matt. 4:17 KJV)

To the entire world He preached the coming "Kingdom of God" - righteousness and holiness:

"Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."

(Mark 1:14 KJV)

Because the Lord used the terms "Kingdom of Heaven" and "Kingdom of God" interchangeably in places in the four Gospels, most Christians think they are one and the same. They will be, but not until the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ when He rules the world for a thousand years on the throne of His father David (His father in the flesh, His human side) at Jerusalem. Again:

"Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence."

(John 18:36 KJV)

If you rightly divide the Bible, you will see that Jesus was preaching about two (2) components of the Kingdom. He preached that the political kingdom (Kingdom of Heaven) was coming, and if the Jews had accepted Him after His death and resurrection, He would have come back and established it after seven years of tribulation, as foretold in the prophecies:

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

(Daniel 9:24-27 KJV)

In fact, when Stephen was preaching to the Pharisees as they were stoning him, the Lord Jesus was standing up from His seat in the third heaven ready to come back, save the Jews, and establish the Kingdom:

"But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God."

(Acts 7:55-56 KJV)

To show by the Scriptures the difference between the terms "Kingdom of Heaven" and "Kingdom of God," the Holy Spirit has put this little nugget of truth within the Gospel of Matthew:

"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."

(Matt. 11:12 KJV)

Ask yourself this question: If the "Kingdom of God" is within you, and if the "Kingdom of God" and "Kingdom of Heaven" are one and the same, how could anyone take it out of you by violence? And if that righteousness i.e., the Kingdom of God within you, could not possibly be there until after the cross and the resurrection, what is Jesus saying to the Jews here BEFORE the cross and the resurrection? The answer is the Kingdom of Israel, which is God's people and Jerusalem, the Lord's chosen place from which to rule:

"But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King."

(Matt. 5:34-35 KJV)

Israel rejected their King when He came the first time. In the almost two millenniums since then His Kingdom has been in a MYSTERY form; the Lord Jesus Christ reigning in the heart of the believer, and yet seated on the right hand of the Father in the third heaven...

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 the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

(Colossians 1:26-27 KJV)

...while Satan still holds the physical throne over this world:

And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

(Luke 4:6-7 KJV)

Although Satan has now lost the war, the final battle for physical possession is yet to come. This is the present status of the Kingdom of Heaven.

In the more than 1,900 years since His own people rejected His salvation, God has been chastising Israel while blessing us and salvation has gone out to the Gentiles. However, God is not finished with Israel, but He IS just about finished with the Gentiles. The Gentiles' time is running out. The Apostle Paul said this:

"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:"

(Romans 11:25-26 KJV)

We are living in the last days of the blessing to the Gentiles. The Jews are back in the land of Israel (although the Arab world does not recognize it as "Israel" but insists on calling it "Palestine"). Regardless of the name, it is still the land that God promised to Abraham and his seed through Isaac and Jacob, not through the line of Ishmael. That is the ancient root of contention still festering today over the issue of the land.

The Jews have returned to the land as prophesied in the Scriptures, but they are still in unbelief about Jesus. Although they are the enemies of the Gospel of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ...

"As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the father's sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:"

(Romans 11:28-30 KJV)

...they are still God's people and He will use the present evil world to chastise them, open their eyes to the truth they rejected, and bring them again to Himself. That is the truth of the matter - a truth that is bitterly denied by the whole world. Jerusalem and the Middle East are the crucible and iron furnace that will soon wax hotter as the prophecies unfold before us.

Beware! There are two things to watch for which must come to pass before the Lord's return. First (and this is directly related

ated to relationship of Jerusalem between Israel, the Arab world, and the Palestinians) there will be some kind of contract among all parties on the matter of Jerusalem in an effort to establish peace. This is spoken of by the prophet Daniel:

"Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land. At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter. For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant. And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate."  
(Daniel 11:28-31 KJV)

Second, there is going to be a new Temple built in Jerusalem in the future. Notice that the context above is about the exploits of the coming Antichrist, whom unbelieving Israel and the unbelieving world will welcome as the Messiah. Take note about the "daily sacrifice" and the sanctuary, and the abomination that "maketh desolate." There cannot be a daily sacrifice without a Temple. This is a cross reference to what the Apostle Paul spoke about in 2 Thessalonians:

"That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."  
(2 Thess. 2:2-4 KJV)

These things are future and yet to be fulfilled, but they will come to pass. The Holy Bible says so. Believe it!

The entire theme of the Holy Bible is about the battle over a Kingdom and the rightful ruler of that Kingdom. This controversy goes back long before Abraham and long before Adam's day. It began sometime after the Lord first created the heavens and the Earth. Lucifer (Satan) was the first ruler in the Kingdom of Heaven in the ancient past:

Thou the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee : thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.  
(Ezekiel 28:14-15 KJV)

When he rebelled and sinned against God, unrighteousness was introduced into the physical realm and death came upon the ancient world.

Remember, the story of the whole Bible from the very beginning until the end is about the spiritual battle for the Kingdom. The eventual triumphant ruler of that Kingdom, both in the literal world and over the spiritual forces, will be the KING of KINGS; the Lord Jesus Christ. The Son of the Living God of Israel, who first came as a Lamb, but is soon coming as the Lion of Judah.

**Re: The Biblical reason for the Sabbath, on: 2008/3/9 11:32**

Hello destynsweet,

Way back on p3 (I think), I said this, which may have been misunderstood by both yourself and any others reading. I had kind of assumed (never a good plan!) many people have followed previous threads, and would know to what I referred. But I didn't enlighten you fully, for which I apologise if it has contributed to the distance between yourself and Katy here.

Quote:  
-----I would just like to express my convergence with your concerns about the separation of kingdoms, tenses and Christ's eternal roles as they are manifested in time, which Katy and I have discussed before.  
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The two kingdoms Katy and I have discussed, have to do with Christ's return, and what happens next.

To me, Christ is everything prophecy promised Him to be, already, whether we see the outworking of it on earth yet, or not. I strongly agree that the outworking is essential, and that - for instance, the cross - is a key moment in human history, which was waited upon by heaven as much as earth for its fulfilment. Likewise, Christ's return also will be a key moment in human history.

However, I believe Galatians 4:25 sets out the status quo with regard to Jerusalem below and above.

Returning, though, to your post quoting from Matthew and Luke, where Matthew has used the phrase 'kingdom of heaven' and Luke 'kingdom of God', we cannot escape from Christ's statement that 'the kingdom of God is within you'.

Thus, believers experience both the kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven simultaneously.

So, to separate these kingdoms, in my view, requires this change of perspective: that a person in whom the kingdom of God resides, who resides in the kingdom of heaven, can bring the kingdom of heaven to bear upon the outward life of those who do not yet have the kingdom of God within them, until they begin to believe.

The mighty works which Jesus did were designed to create faith in those who saw them, thus beginning to establish the kingdom of God within them.

It would require a different thread to tease this out in detail, and this was not in my mind when I wrote my previous post. I hope this doesn't add confusion to the thread, as I haven't been following it. I don't agree (for the record), that Paul preached a different revelation from that received in real time by the disciples, but, he certainly codified it for future generations in a way which makes it sound different. Walter's sentence in his last post struck right to my heart somehow, with its relevance to how believers are to live:

"The resurrection life of Jesus is imparted to the true believer by the presence of the Holy Spirit."

This is both the kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven.

There is a simple principle at the back of my mind, namely, that if there was no difference between 'heaven' and 'God', there would be one phrase used throughout, which communicated their indivisibility. But, the very fact that we have it written as we do - the *promise* (the kingdom of heaven) and the *outworked fact* (the kingdom of God), we are forced to seek God for understanding of the difference He intends us to apprehend.

It occurred to me to compare the verses you offered in your post on p7, and to comment on them one by one, but it would have been unwieldy. Suffice for this suggestion, that, to the poor in spirit, there is *no bar* to the kingdom of God being established within them. That's what Luke meant by 'theirs'.

**Re:, on: 2008/3/9 13:00**

Quote:

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waltern wrote:  
Addressed to Strider100 & Jayyou

What is a Christian believer? Is he an imitator of Jesus Christ, the Son of God? Is there any way that the Christian, through the power of his will, can keep the law? The Sermon on the Mount clarifies that question in the negative. It is not possible to go through this life sinless as Christ did. Christ tells us that if we even look upon a woman in lust, we are guilty of the sin of adultery. Today, with the way that women are dressed can any man honestly say that he has never lusted after a woman? Go down the list in Matthew 5:20-48 and honestly tell me that you are not guilty, by thought or deed, of any of the sins mentioned.

God's standard is- if you break one law, you have broken them all, and are on your way to hell and damnation.

**Actually, the Christian believer lives a different life. He/She never has to imitate Christ, ever!**

The Christian life is an **Exchanged Life**:

When you became a Christian a great exchange took place. Jesus Christ took your place, and died for you on the cross. All of your sins were placed upon Jesus Christ, and He died in your stead. In that great transaction Christ got all your sins and guilt, and you received His righteousness as your eternal position in Christ.

The Apostle Paul expressed this great spiritual principle in the following words. "He (God) made Him (Christ) who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (II Corinthians 5:21).

The Apostle Peter made the same emphasis when he wrote the following. "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit" (II Peter 3:18). Then he goes on to say Christ "bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed" (I Peter 2:24). The sinless one died for the sinner.

### **THE PERSON OF THE EXCHANGED LIFE**

**Christ wants to live His life through us.**

It is only the life of Christ—His activity, clothed with you and displayed through you, that ultimately will find the approval of God. The Lord Jesus alone makes our sacrifices acceptable to God.

Only what Christ does in you and through you merits God's approval. That is probably the hardest truth to learn in the Christian life. Jesus said to His disciples: "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). Apart from Christ we can do nothing.

#### **It is not what I do for God**

We want to do it ourselves. We want to do it our way. We want to do it the way we think best. We want to get the credit. Now that we are saved we think we can do it all in our own human strength. We even try to conduct His work in our fleshly, sinful nature. God will have nothing of it.

God will accept nothing less than His way! A lot that we have done in the name of Jesus is going to burn up because we have done it in the power and motives of the flesh.

The Apostle Paul says:

"According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But let each man be careful how he builds upon it. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire" (I Cor. 3:10-15).

**There is a form of Christian activity that is all right for immediate consumption. It impresses everybody. It will draw a crowd. It will get the applause. However, it will always leave a STENCH behind it if it stems from the FLESH! It is self-activity! It makes the flesh smell great. It will always produce a kind of fruit that drops, premature and immature, to ROT ON THE GROUND. It WILL NEVER REPRODUCE THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

### **THE POWER OF THE EXCHANGED LIFE**

**The exchanged life is a life of faith.**

Can any situation possibly arise, in any circumstances, for which Christ is not adequate? Can there arise any pressure, or promise, or any problem, or any responsibility for which the Lord Jesus Himself is not adequate?

When I realize the total adequacy of Christ in me is there any situation for which He is not adequate? If there is any situation in which Christ is inadequate then it is a clear indication that I am not in the will of God.

Christ is limited only by the measure of our availability to all that He makes available to us.

#### **The exchanged life is a Spirit-controlled life.**

Since the exchanged life is a walk of faith, it must be a life that is filled or controlled by the Holy Spirit.

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we are allowing the Holy Spirit to occupy the whole of our personality with the all sufficiency of Christ.

Jesus said, "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.' But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified" (John 7:38-39).

When I am under the influence of the Holy Spirit, I draw upon the unlimited resources of Christ. The resurrection life of Jesus is imparted to the true believer by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

"Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me" (Gal. 2:20b). That is what it means to live the Spirit-filled life.

Many years ago I heard the Argentine evangelist, Santiago Garaballe, give an illustration of a man who bought a new car. He had never owned a car in his life. The car came with a powerful engine under the hood. What if the man then spent the rest of his life pushing it around! Come on family let's go for a ride! Can you imagine what a life that would be like? Every time he would get into the car someone would have to guide the steering wheel, and someone else would have to start pushing it! What if someone came to him and said, "Jose, why are you always pushing that car? Don't you have any gas in it?"

"Why, yes," said Jose. "It came with a full tank of gas. But I didn't know what to do with it."

"Here, let me show you Jose. Put your keys in here and turn on the ignition. Man, hear that engine purr ... Now there is real power! Come on let's go for a ride."

**In the Christian life you have a powerful engine under the hood—nothing less than the resurrection life of Christ made available to you through the person of God the Holy Spirit who lives within you. Stop pushing! Switch on the power! Expose every temptation, every opportunity, every hill of circumstance, every threatening situation to the divine energy of Christ in you.**

How wonderful it is to be in such an intimate, personal love relationship with God that everything you need, for any circumstance, is always yours, by the hand of God upon you!

Sincerely,

Walter

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Wonderful post, Walter. Maybe I should have made it plainer in my last post that even the entering in to His rest is only possible as we believe Him.

And only He can give that faith!

That's what took me so many years to even begin to understand, let alone enter into! But it is the beginning to understanding the real meaning of the Sabbath, and how to keep it. We can't come to this of our own decision and strength, or even by resting and rejoicing in God on a day of the week.

But Christ in us does the work - if we let Him!

in Him

Jeannette

**Re: on: 2008/3/9 13:27**

While Jesus, when born, left Glory, born of a Virgin, was not at that time Glorified.

(We see Paul, after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, refer to His Glory, as a light so bright it blinded him)

Jesus prays in John 17, before going to the Cross...Glorify me with the Glory I had with thee BEFORE the foundation of the world.

No, This must happen first before the Glorified Christ returns and takes dominion of the Kingdoms of Satan, setting up HIS Kingdom on earth.

It's the Lord Himself who will consume with the Spirit of HIS mouth and the Brightness ( Glory) of His Coming.

Those In Christ, are going to be Glorified TOGETHER with Christ at His return. When Jesus returns He will be executing Judgement/Wrath upon this wicked evil world, called this present evil age.....

However those during this present evil age PAUL says:

7For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

8And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

9Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

Is the Kingdom of Heaven/ or Earthly Kingdom NOW in operation?

I do believe satan still holds the power over the earth, until the return of Jesus Christ in ALL His Glory overthrows the Mountains/Kingdoms spoken of in Revelation.

8Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

It appears according to this satan is still in Control here. The Victory is certainly won, as it is finished! However, the fulfillment is yet to come.

Quote:  
-----Remember, the story of the whole Bible from the very beginning until the end is about the spiritual battle for the Kingdom. The eventual triumphant ruler of that Kingdom, both in the literal world and over the spiritual forces, will be the KING of KINGS; the Lord Jesus Christ. The Son of the Living God of Israel, who first came as a Lamb, but is soon coming as the Lion of Judah.  
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Genesis 3:15 is yet to come to completion.

His head was bruised at Calvary, yet satan still roams around like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. No Satan is not bound now, Paul says He is walking around.....Paul preached AFTER the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. So the Resurrection of Jesus Christ did not bind satan.

AND:

**\*\*Death\*\*** and Hades have not YET been thrown into the Lake of Fire. We have no power or authority at this time to do that. This will come AFTER the 1000 years of Perfect peace and REST upon the earth. The Church isn't going to bring that in, Jesus Christ...King of Kings and Lord of Lords will have that Honor! **He won that Honor at Calvary!**

Katy

**Re:, on: 2008/3/9 14:14**

I so love how Paul put these events in order.

Look at these verses very closely.

(1) 23But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits;

(2)afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

24Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

Delivered up the Kingdom **\*\*TO\*\*** God.....is this the Kingdom OF God or the Kingdom of Heaven. How can the Kingdom



that is within you be delivered up to God, if those Born Again # (2) are all ready with Christ at His Coming.

Paul tells us that those In Christ NOW are Hidden with God in Christ. We are all ready in the Father....

25For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

(This is The earthly Kingdom Reign of Jesus Christ when YES HE will have ALL rule and ALL authority over the earth for 1000 years clearly stated 6 times in Revelation)

26The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

27For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

**28And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.**

The Final all in all, the fulfillment of all promises.

Katy

Re:, on: 2008/3/9 14:45

Quote:  
-----I was also given a Rhema word(Spoken)w/a vision that I am encouraged to share along with more scripture as He spoke it to me in regards to this theory you and Christyou have proposed.  
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Sis Des, you weren't here last year when we had a discussion with the Moderators about posting dreams, visions and prophecies on here.

I thought you should know - that it is not encouraged.

We're discussing theology here and we do not base our theology on visions, dreams or prophecies.

There are other Forums out there for such things.

If you want the address of one - I'm sure someone here could recommend one of the safer sites for such things.

If we all start posting these type 'experiences' on here - in a short order - there will be total bedlam here.

It's not that we don't believe such things happen - this is not the place to open that door - for the reasons that should be obvious, of what it would attract.

thanks for your understanding.

with His Love.

Re: part 1, on: 2008/3/9 16:01

Dear Little Gift,

You asked, quote: "Surely it's obvious that here is something greater even than the seventh day Sabbath; into which the Lord is inviting us, indeed commanding us to enter?"

Little Gift, my question to you would be: "Surely it is obvious that the rest that the LORD is commanding us to enter, is HIS rest which comes to us when we come to HIM through HIS Son, and find rest and peace for our souls? Why would keeping the 7th day weekly Sabbath take away from that rest? In my experience it only compliments it! Remember that having a peaceful day set-apart unto the LORD is very restful and an absolute delight-----Not work at all! :-)

Also note how in that passage that those who failed to enter HIS rest did so because of "rebellion, not knowing HIS ways, hardened by the deceitfulness of sin, disobedience, unbelief" (excerpts from that passage of scripture).

We are exhorted to "strive to enter that rest, that no one fall by the same sort of disobedience. What disobedience is that passage speaking about?

It is the 'rebellion', detailed in Deut 6:16:

You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah.

You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he has commanded you.

And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may go well with you, and that you may go in and take possession of the good land which the LORD swore to give to your fathers".

Did they enter that land? No. Because of disobedience and unbelief. We are warned not to fall into that same sin. Keeping the 7th day Sabbath is not part of disobedience, unbelief or sin.....it is the opposite!

part 2 on same passage of scripture.....coming up...

Re: part 2, on: 2008/3/9 16:07

Conclusion to discussion on Hebrews 3+4 raised by Jeannette:

Throughout Hebrews 3:7-4:10, the word 'rest' (katapausis-reposing down, that is, rest) is a different word from the one in 4:9 (sabbatismos). In chapter 4:9, "Sabbatismos" Strong's G4520

- From a derivative of (G4521; sabbaton) a "sabbatism" The KJV margin notes on Hebrews 4:9, reads ( or, keeping of a sabbath ). This is a reference to the weekly Sabbath (Sabbath rest, observance, keeping of). There still remains a weekly Sabbath for the people of God.

This term "Sabbatismos" express both our spiritual rest and the Sabbath-keeping which memorializes the same.

This weekly Sabbath is a shadow, a foretaste of the Sabbath which is to come. It also points back to the Creation week, a weekly witness to the world that there is a Creator, who sanctified the 7th day after creation.

We are still living in the 6th Day, the day of work, the day of preparation, while we await the glorious return of King Yehoshua, who will set up His Millennial Kingdom for a thousand year reign (7th day) from Jerusalem. Satan will be bound, and justice and righteousness restored.

Right now we work 6 days a week at our jobs, in our homes, shopping, travelling, cleaning, cooking, gardening, children's activities etc. The LORD gave us the Sabbath day to come apart, to take a break from all that. To stop. To cease. To be blessed!

My questions would be:

\*Why do you believe that one is working when resting? \*Why do you believe that one has not entered into HIS rest, who seeks to obey HIS commands? \*Why do you say that there is a veil over the eyes of those who remember the Sabbath day? \*Why do you ask if they are bewitched when keeping the 7th day Sabbath? It has been clearly stated that no one keeps the 4th commandment in order to *obtain salvation*.

~Why does Rev 14 speak about a call for the endurance of the saints----"those who keep the commandments of God and the testimony of Yeshua"?~

~Why do we see in Rev 15 'those who have conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, singing the Song of Moses, the servant of God, AND the Song of the Lamb?'

.....the answer: **'because Faith without Works is DEAD'**.

Blessings to all as we ponder these things,  
Stephen

(from the land of ice and snow!)

**Re:, on: 2008/3/9 16:17**

I'd rather 'ponder' The Deity of Christ !

**Re:, on: 2008/3/9 16:25**

Quote:  
-----Did they enter that land? No. Because of disobedience and unbelief. We are warned not to fall into that same sin. Keeping the 7th day Sabbath is not part of disobedience, unbelief or sin.....it is the opposite!  
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Strider, that is a most interesting way of stating.

We know entering the Land had absolutely NOTHING to do with Keeping the Law.

If it were of Law, then Moses would have entered, and brought the Children in.

(Just one of those Hidden Gems of Truth)

Do you know it wasn't until AFTER they crossed over that they stopped and ALL were Circumcised, again, obedience to circumcision didn't give them access to the land either.

Both Circumcision and the Sabbath were SIGNS of the Covenant given to Israel.

It was Promised to Abraham...400 years before the Law of Moses. A promise is a promise. God cannot lie. It was theirs.

We read from Paul in Corinthians what happened called the day of provocation...still nothing to do with Law, or sabbath keeping or any of that.

It was out of sheer moaning and groaning all along the way.

When they got to the border to enter in.....they said..

WE CAN'T GO IN THERE, THERE ARE GIANTS IN THE LAND.

Here we see, they lacked one thing....faith in God's Promise. They simply did not believe God...period.

Katy

However what FAITH is not of the Law.

Re: The Biblical reason for the Sabbath, on: 2008/3/9 17:12

Katy said

Quote:

-----However what FAITH is not of the Law.  
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Sister, is this a misprint? Not sure what you meant, but it brought to mind these verses, which I hope contribute helpfully, here.

Romans 3: 27

Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

:-D Amen.

Re: The Biblical reason for the Sabbath, on: 2008/3/9 17:18

Strider said

Quote:

-----This is a reference to the weekly Sabbath... There still remains a weekly Sabbath for the people of God  
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I'm wondering if you've ever read Leviticus 23, brother? Sabbaths aren't 'weekly', there.

Furthermore, if you're *only* keeping a weekly sabbath, you are failing on the six other days you're *supposed* to be keeping it, under the terms of the New Covenant.

Re: The Biblical reason for the Sabbath, on: 2008/3/9 17:40

Hi Annie :-)

I've taken a few minutes to hammer out a post here addressing your point to Des, because I *was* here, and the mods did n't lock or even comment, in a number of threads where dreams *were posted*. I hope you won't take offence at my laying these things out for all to follow my thinking. Partly, I'm aware that as the whole body functions in love toward one another, different gifts and graces will be manifest, and there are those who are not here so much to discuss theology, as to minister - as you yourself do many times - in what God gives us to write as we share our hearts with one another, and the world.

I myself had quite a moment of revelation, when I finally grasped what Mike Balog has been trying to communicate (generally), for many months about the difficulty of accepting prophecy (in written words) in any thread on SI - that simply, *this is not the setting for it*.

You said

Quote:

-----We're discussing theology here and we do not base our theology on visions, dreams or prophecies.  
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This is true, and every one of us is endeavouring to base our theology on the written word. However, the application of scripture to our lives, is a personal thing, and without doubt there are some people who never dream or have a vision for their entire Christian life, in terms which they would attribute to God. Likewise, there are those who never feel the urge to pray for someone to be healed, and yet others, who are never given an interpretation of prophecy in church. These when they occur, are all manifestations of the practical application of the Holy Spirit within a life, just as is answered prayer.

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However, the question must be raised as to whether when God communicates, it could ever be with a word\picture *which could not be shared with others*. To some extent, the share-ability of a dream or vision, is a safety mechanism, which is helpful to the person who received it, as a reassurance it *is* from the Lord. I do not suggest that these should be shared publicly within a church setting, as if they are 'a word for the church'.

But it occurs to me now, in the context of any discussion about God speaking to individuals, that while you and I don't have to take a vision given to Des for *her* personal guidance as a child of God, from her Father, *as if He had given it to us* - she *does*. This is a simple rule.

When God chooses this route, it is still important for the person who receives it, to take it seriously. This is part of how they function as a member of the body. They can't pick and choose from God's word to them by that route, any more than one can discard a verse, or what God has said *through scripture*.

I'm really hazy as to what it is about visions or dreams, which upsets people who otherwise would be happy to announce that God had given them His word on a matter, while they were *praying*. It's not as if someone (here) has expected to be given credence for what they received through any practice which is disallowed in scripture.

Quote:

-----posting dreams, visions and prophecies on here... is not encouraged  
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Please let not my tiny dissertation be received as encouragement. No-one *creates* a vision; or a dream; just like no-one *makes up* tongues. Wisdom is needed when choosing with whom to share it, or to whom to describe it.

Candidly, I'm relieved that it's becoming more acceptable to share *here* what really goes on in our relationships with God, than that we are genuinely being asked not to state or not to *own up* to the pentecostal working of His life in us - *while at the same time we are supposed to be craving it*. I have found that somewhat confusing!

Praise God that He joins us in the Spirit to whom He will, regardless of whether we meet online first, or face-to-face. Let's strengthen what remains. Let's admit from one another the ministry of the Spirit, that through edification of itself in love, the body of Christ may grow. (Eph 4:16)

8-)

**Re:, on: 2008/3/9 18:04**

I still love ya Sis Dorcas. :-D

I just agree that "this is not the setting" - though I'd use different wording - as I did in my initial post to it.

One would have to go through Every one posted and "test all things". I feel I've done that and others have too - and it proves all the more - that this is not the setting - nor is it a proof of a 'doctrine'.

Thanks for your opinion, stated so lovingly though. Amen ! 8-)

**Re:, on: 2008/3/9 18:07**

quote:

*Did they enter that land? No. Because of disobedience and unbelief. We are warned not to fall into that same sin. Keeping the 7th day Sabbath is not part of disobedience, unbelief or sin.....it is the opposite!*

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*Strider, that is a most interesting way of stating.  
We know entering the Land had absolutely NOTHING to do with Keeping the Law.*

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Dear Katy,

I was simply quoting the Scripture there, Katy. The writer is using the example of the Israelites not entering the Promised Land (their 'rest' (katapausis-reposing down, that is, rest), because of disobedience and unbelief, as an example and warning to us. Let me post that in greater context: (my emphasis)

From Hebrews 3+4:

“Today, when you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion. Who were they that heard and yet were **rebellious**? Was it not all those who left Egypt under the leadership of Moses? And with whom was he provoked forty years? Was it not with those who **sinned**, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did he swear that they should never enter his rest, but to those who were DISOBEDIENT? So we see that they were unable to enter because of **unbelief**”.

"Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of DISOBEDIENCE".

"Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, that no one fall by the same sort of DISOBEDIENCE."

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**"TODAY IF YOU WILL HEAR MY VOICE  
DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEART AS IN REBELLION"**

Three times the author repeats this phrase: (3:8, 3:15, 4:7)

Another verse says the same thing only with different words. Heb 3:13 "Exhort one another daily, while it is called today, lest anyone be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

What actually was it that brought upon Israel the decree that they would not enter the land of promise? It was rebellion! They were on the borders of Canaan, eagerly anticipating a rest from their wilderness wanderings. But they had no faith; rebellion and disobedience were in their hearts.

They could have entered that rest, back then! but...

And God said, "Because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not listened to my voice, they will certainly not see the land which I promised to their fathers." (Numbers 14: 22) Caleb, who 'had a different spirit, and followed the LORD fully', was able to enter in.

If we harden our hearts with the deceitfulness of sin (breaking God's commandments) we will not enter into God's rest.

Isaiah 57.20-21 "But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked."

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Re:, on: 2008/3/9 18:09

Quote:

-----Romans 3: 27

Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

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The only Law of faith there is tht I'm aware of is Faith that works through Love.

So I would say this Law of Faith is by the Love of God who has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit...Romans 5....going more in depth in 1st John.

" However what faith is not of the Law" was a typo, should say, **\*\*That\*\*** Faith was not by the Law of Moses, as that Promise to enter the Land was given 400 years before the Law. The Land was not promised to Moses, but Abraham. God used Moses to bring them out of bondage to the Promise land, and at that time established the Law.

Before the Law of Moses Romans 5 states sin was not imputed to man, however man through Adams sin died and lost that perfect rest they had in the Garden.

As in Adam all die, as In Christ all will be made alive ((those who receive Him that is)).

Those who have been made alive In Christ will enter His rest.

Interesting in Revelation...those who worship the beast have no REST **\*\*\*day or night\*\***..speaking of eternal. ( Is not speaking of a weekly one day rest out of the week).

Interesting it doesn't say as many SDA's believe that WE who do not keep the weekly Sabbath are followers of anti-christ. A very different understanding of scripture.

I bet not many knew this.

If SDA's or sabbath-keepers only keep one day a week their Sabbath Rest, are they WORKING the other 6?

Joshua is a type of shadow of Our rest In Christ.

Joshua represents Jesus, who goes before, just as He did at Calvary. It was the Lord who went before and drove out the enemies. Just as Christ went before, and only through HIM do we have VICTORY.

The Jordan represents the Cross and our identification with Christ at Calvary. It's a most wonderful parallel to Ephesians

We are called to our HIGH calling In Christ Jesus...above powers and principalities. We overcome In Christ these powers and principalities.

RE: Children know their sins are forgiven,

Young men have **\*\*overcome\*\*** the evil one.

Fathers.....

All Faith that works through Love...the Law of LOVE, being made perfect in LOVE. Perfect is that of 7, Rest means 7, Complete means 7.

Your either a 777 in Christ or a 666.....still trying in and of yourself as Cain...a man of the earth.

Justification= Christ Alone=7  
Sanctification= Christ Alone=7  
Glorification= Christ alone=7

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.

Galatians 3:12

And the law is not of faith:

Philippians 3:9

And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Where is boasting then! :-)

Let those who boast, boast in the Lord!

Katy

**Re:, on: 2008/3/9 18:10**

In a post addressed by Waltern to Strider (myself;-)) and Jayyou,

Waltern said, quote:

*"There is a form of Christian activity that is all right for immediate consumption. It impresses everybody. It will draw a crowd. It will get the applause. However, it will always leave a STENCH behind it if it stems from the FLESH! It is self-activity! It makes the flesh smell great. It will always produce a kind of fruit that drops, premature and immature, to ROT ON THE GROUND. It WILL NEVER REPRODUCE THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT".*

Dear Waltern,

Let us be clear here. Sabbath-keeping (keeping the commandments of God) is certainly not something that "draws a crowd" or "impresses everybody". Where is the applause? Do you hear the applause, Walter? All I hear is opposition and accusations ranging from unsaved, bewitched, cultist.....all cloaked in the obsequious language of 'praying for their salvation, that the veil be removed'!

~The STENCH, dear Walter, comes from those within Constantinian Christianity who have always persecuted the saints who keep the commandments of God and the testimony of Yeshua.~

Walter, their blood cries out! The fruit of the great Harlot and her (30 000+?) daughters is evident to anyone who reads the history. Do you think it fair to cloak 'sabbath-keepers' in this mantle of 'fear and loathing', this 'rotten fruit' type language?

“Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, but those who keep the law strive against them.” - Proverbs 28:4

Stephen.



Re:, on: 2008/3/9 18:15

Dorcas:

Quote:

This is a reference to the weekly Sabbath... There still remains a weekly Sabbath for the people of God  
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I'm wondering if you've ever read Leviticus 23, brother? Sabbaths aren't 'weekly', there.

Furthermore, if you're only keeping a weekly sabbath, you are failing on the six other days you're supposed to be keeping it, under the terms of the New Covenant.

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Dear Dorcas,

It is a pleasure to speak with you. (I enjoy your posts, and yes, you do have an "Irenic" spirit. ;-)

Moving on.....

By 'weekly Sabbath' I mean the 7th day Sabbath as instituted and sanctified by our Father in the 7 day Creation, and given as a perpetual sign to HIS people.

Dorcas, I have read Leviticus 23. There are other sabbaths spoken of in regard to the Feasts of the LORD. eg during Feast of Unleavened Bread, Shavuot, Sukkot. However, the subject at hand is the 7th day Sabbath. (the Feasts would probably need another thread!).

Keeping the 7th day Sabbath in no way negates resting in the accomplishments of Yeshua (Jesus). It only compliments it!

.....The terms of the New Covenant that you mentioned.....

The LORD declares in Jeremiah, and it is also quoted in Hebrews 8:

Jer31: 31 "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

33 "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD.

**"I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.**

34 No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

and

Eze. 36:26 "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws".

So I do believe that we know we are living in the new covenant through the sacrifice of Jesus, when, according to YHWH, our Father, we find HIS laws written on our heart, and HIS Spirit within us, that causes us to 'run in HIS ways', as David said!

So in terms of the New Covenant, the 7th day Sabbath is written on our hearts. along with the other commandments of our Father. HE did not say that HE would write 'new laws' on our hearts, which do away with His commandments. The Holy Spirit causes us to walk in HIS ways. There is no striving, no work, just exceeding great joy and purpose, soaring like the eagles! All praise to HIM, through HIS dear Son, our Lord!

Stephen

**Re:, on: 2008/3/9 18:19**

Romans 14:23

And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

Those who would not enter in doubted God...and this was the SIN of disobedience spoken of here.

Katy

**Re:, on: 2008/3/9 18:30**

Walter is new here. I would like him to know that what is going on here is not representative of the beliefs of this Website . In case there are other newcomers or lurkers here.

First off - when someone does not believe in the Deity of Christ - my ears are shut. No other foundation can be laid. All else preached from that false concept of our God and Savior is dross. That is my conviction and I believe that of the Word 's. To give false doctrines a chance is one thing - for the sake of helping those believing them - but when the chance that others may become confused is at stake - "the young or vulnerable" in Christ - Paul's line should be drawn. This is not a "sport" - like ping-pong.

There are as many dangers to this as what Paul faced on a daily basis and the cause of All of his persecutions.....

Gal 2:4 And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

Gal 2:5 To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

Gal 2:6 But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me:

Gal 2:7 But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter;

Gal 2:8 (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)

Gal 2:9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.

Gal 2:10 Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do.

Gal 2:11 But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.

Gal 2:12 For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

Gal 2:13 And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.

Gal 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?

Gal 2:15 We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,

Gal 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 2:17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.

Gal 2:18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

Gal 2:19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Gal 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Re: - posted by jayyou, on: 2008/3/9 18:40

Dear sister Katy-did,

Please allow me to comment on something that you said.

quote: ""We know entering the Land had absoutely NOTHING to do with Keeping the Law.

If it were of Law, then Moses would have entered, and brought the Children in.

(Just one of those Hidden Gems of Truth) "" "" ""

Firstly you said that entering the land had nothing to do with the law, I beg to differ....

This is what the biblel says:

Numbers 14:30-33 'Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in. 31 'But your little ones, whom you said would be victims, I will bring in, and they shall know the land which you have despised. 32 'But as for you, your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness. 33 ' And your sons shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and bear the brunt of your infidelity, until your carcasses are consumed in the wilderness.

please correct me if I am wrong but in verse 33, explains very clearly why with the excpetion of Joshua and Caleb, every body else would not enter...

In the case a aaron this is what the bible says:

Numbers 20:24 "Aaron shall be gathered to his people, for he shall not enter the land which I have given to the children of Israel, because you rebelled against My word at the water of Meribah.

Again, did not enter because of rebellion against God's word.

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Let's see Moses...

Numbers 20:12 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."

God had told Moses to speak with the rock but He struck the rock twice.

clear case of disobedience, let me do it my way.

God said, keep the sabbath, I say, as long as I keep one day it doesn't matter, well in the case of Moses it did matter because that cost him the promise land.

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dear sister, both moses and aaron did not enter because they disobeyed one of God's commands.

quote: "" "" ""It was Promised to Abraham...400 years before the Law of Moses. A promise is a promise. God cannot lie. It was theirs. "" "" ""

You are right dear sister, a promise is a promise however, only two people of all the ones that left Egypt entered, even M

oses and Aaron did not enter.

One thing that amazes me is this:

Numbers 12:6-9 Then He said, "Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream. 7 Not so with My servant Moses; He is faithful in all My house. 8 I speak with him face to face, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?" 9 So the anger of the LORD was aroused against them, and He departed.

Moses, in our way of looking at it, did such a small mistake, instead talking to the rock, he struck it twice. After reading the text above one would say,

why was God so severe with Moses?

**Re:, on: 2008/3/9 19:01**

Quote:

-----why was God so severe with Moses?  
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Because Moses represented the LAW of SIN and Death.

Joshua, a Type of Christ represents eternal Life.

The Land is a type of what Eternal life is...that only can come through GRACE by Faith....not the Law and Grace.

God knew what He was doing by not having Moses bring them in. If that had been so, we would always be confused ..Is it Law...or is it Grace through Faith? You say both....I say not.

Jay you would you clarify the following: Is this true?

After what Anne Posted, I looked this up.

Most Christians are amazed to learn that SDA teaches that Jesus is Michael the Archangel, but Ellen G. White said He was Michael, so if they changed this, they'd need to reject her as "the spirit of prophecy" and they'd not be the remnant church! So now they hold He's both God the Son, and Michael. In fact, Ellen G. White DENIED the deity of Jesus, who in 1903 said, "The man Christ Jesus was not the Lord God Almighty" (ms 140, SDA Commentary V, p. 1129).

It makes a great difference "who" Jesus really is, for 2nd Corinthians 11:4 warned there'd be those who'd teach another Jesus, preach a different gospel, and have another spirit. These marks identify cults, who invariably attack the Doctrine of Christ. Early SDA's denied Jesus' deity saying He was only an archangel. Their Commentary, volume 5, pg. 1129, cites Ellen White as saying...

"The man Christ Jesus was not the Lord God Almighty." -Ellen G. White (1903, ms 150, SDA Commentary V, p. 1129)

John 1:1-3,14; 10:33; 1st Timothy 2:5; 3:16; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 7:4; Revelation 1:8; 15:3, 16:5-7; and 17:14--all show that Jesus is Almighty God. The REAL Jesus is the God-man Christ Jesus. He was never an Archangel! He's not God-angel-man. Clearly, SDA's have a different Jesus, a false Jesus. It is important to note that Jehovah's Witnesses teach the same false doctrine, that Jesus is Michael. As with JW's, SDA's believe that Jesus is God; BUT, not Almighty God, clearly evidenced by Ellen G. White's statement above.

Jayyou, this may be the reason we cannot come to an understanding here.

Those who have entered into His Rest have entered into Jesus Christ...Almighty God.

Colossians 3 state we are hidden with God in Christ Jesus. We are eternal and have eternal life In Christ. That \*\*eternal\*  
\* has no beginning of days or end of days.

We've passed with Christ into the Heavenlies, and are seated with Him in Heavenly Places in Christ Jesus as we speak.

Grace is a GIFT by faith, not of works of any kind.

We are HIS workmanship! Our souls are kept in Perfect Peace perfect rest In Christ.

Katy

PS, However concerning Moses, you do see him standing with Jesus on the mount of Transfiguration don't you? What an Honor that must have been and to come! Moses didn't die in his sin in the wilderness. Moses you will see also in the Hall of Faith in Hebrews 11.

WOW, that was written during the Church Age, and no mention there of anything as is mentioned of Esau. ;-)

**Re: Sabbath - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/3/9 20:01**

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(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewforum.php?forum13&4164>) Welcome and Intro

**Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/3/9 21:41**

Dorcas said;

Quote;Candidly, I'm relieved that it's becoming more acceptable to share here what really goes on in our relationships with God, than that we are genuinely being asked not to state or not to own up to the pentecostal working of His life in us - while at the same time we are supposed to be craving it. I have found that somewhat confusing!

A thousand amens

David

**Re: The Biblical reason for the Sabbath, on: 2008/3/9 22:05**

Strider said

Quote:

-----HE did not say that HE would write 'new laws' on our hearts, which do away with His commandments.  
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How you are playing with words here, is a very serious matter, because your doctrine requires works to be added to faith, which is an abomination to God, and which may lead some astray from the pure faith which God requires.

It is not possible to live and walk in the Spirit and not fulfil the law as He desires, whether one observes a sabbath regularly or not.

But, you strongly imply that those who do not observe a sabbath are missing the mark you believe scripture sets; where as one is missing this particular mark, only if one believes one should be keeping a sabbath and one is not.

Or, one misses a mark if one is keeping a sabbath rather than obeying some other instruction from Father, which supersedes it.

**Re:, on: 2008/3/9 22:08**

Yes, a lot of freedom has been extended here of late for now countless "visions" - but what I brought up on pg 8 was the plan to prove to Katy a belief that was being debated "based upon a vision".

It is up to the Moderators how many "visions" will be permitted, but on a thread like this on "doctrine" - I stand by that doctrine is never proven by visions.

That was the main point and I meant no one any harm, but for the Integrity of His Word standing alone in the formation of doctrinal beliefs.

Thanks guys.

**Re: The Biblical reason for the Sabbath, on: 2008/3/9 22:13**

Annie said

Quote:

-----I stand by that doctrine is never proven by visions

This shows how differently two people can read the same report! I read it that the vision encouraged the person to persevere with their defence of truth as they understood it; not that they claimed their understanding was correct *because* of the vision.

Thank you for explaining that angle more clearly for me. :-)

**Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/3/9 22:33**

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Look at the doctrinal experts of Paul's day, the Jewish religious leaders absolutely did not have a clue!

Jesus spoke in parables and the "experts" were baffled. But he explained the parables to his flock. (revelation)  
The only thing lacking in the body today is the office of Paul.

Paul decided what was from heaven.

Without this unity of spirit one man's vision can override another man's vision.  
Both claim to be from God.

I believe God can and will confirm his word.

If a vision is from Him it usually is burned so deep into the person that 10 years later it is still fresh in that believer.

David

**Re:, on: 2008/3/9 22:33**

Meant to say "Welcome Walter" in my last long post.

"Welcome Walter."

**Re:, on: 2008/3/9 22:39**

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Brother - Even 100 years later - there are still cults to this day that were based upon "visions".

I won't list them here - but I'm sure you've heard of them.

Paul was annoyed by GOD to "write" our N.T. - I can have a 1000 visions, but I will spend years to prove them out by the word and still never share with anyone the vision - but only the Word of GOD that I've researched that proves a belief.

I'm very pentecostal - that's why I'm so "discernment" minded.

If someone's "visions" don't line up with their behavior - I sincerely doubt their visions.  
That's test number one of claiming to have been in the very presence of Jesus.

Test two - how much attention is drawn to self.

Test three - but not necessarily in the order it's been placed in - The WORD.  
Does it line up with The WORD.

Just three quick tests there.

Glad to see you back btw.

His Love.

Re:, on: 2008/3/9 23:08

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There are many **abominations** mentioned in scripture: homosexuality, eating swine and unclean food, sacrificing of children to other gods, making graven images, false balances, etc etc. Obeying the commandments of God because of faith in Jesus is NOT one of them. Or maybe *you* are playing with words?

James 2: 18-26 But some one will say, "**You have faith and I have works.**" **Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.**

You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe -- and shudder.

**Do you want to be shown, you shallow man, that faith apart from works is barren?**

Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered his son Isaac upon the altar?

You see that **faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by works,** and the scripture was fulfilled which says, "**Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness**"; and he was called the friend of God.

You see that **a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.**

And in the same way was not also Rahab the harlot justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so **faith apart from works is dead.**

Jesus strongly implied that we are missing the mark (the mark is the Torah) by teaching others to relax (let alone abolish) the least of the commandments of God. In fact, He said that we are to do all that those who sit on Moses' seat (scribes and Pharisees) say for us to do. We are not to do what they do, however, as they say, but they do not do. That is part of the true faith that God requires, and was taught us by our Lord Jesus!

Do you perhaps also believe in the 2 Gospels as explained to us by 'Christinyou'. quote: "*Gospel of Christ for Israel and The Gospel of Christ given to Paul for the Body of Christ the Church*"

Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2008/3/9 23:38

Why is this discussion still being debated?

This thread is not even about the 7th day Sabbath. Yes, in words it began as such, but its underlying is ALL about speaking falseness in the word and truth.

Tread carefully if you decide to continue this exchange. Souls are on the line here folks.

Re: The Biblical reason for the Sabbath, on: 2008/3/9 23:44

Dear Strider,

I think you know very well that the works of the law - which commended to us our death-worthiness - are not the works to which James refers.

Our righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, and the more we attempt those unkeepable commands the more we show our lack of faith in Christ.

The expositions Jesus gave before His death, are superseded by those He gave after His resurrection, which the apostle



es relayed to us.

**Re: The Biblical reason for the Sabbath, on: 2008/3/10 0:12**

Hello Strider,

This is a ps to my last post. I hope you take v 13 especially to heart.

Romans 14

5 One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day *alike*. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

6 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 give th God thanks.

12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that *there is* nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean.

**Re: - posted by jayyou, on: 2008/3/10 6:27**

Dear sister katy-did,

thank you for message, please allow me to comment on a few things that you said.

first of all, I quoted what you wrote in one of your messages, asked you a few questions and yet you chose to comment on one thing I said out of the whole message.

what I was trying to point out is the fact that you had said that to enter the promise land was not conditioned to the law of God.

and Yet scriptures clearly tells us the reason why they did not enter. because that generation was called rebellious and a stiff-neck generation.

and Only two, of all of those who left Egypt entered into the promise land.

What I wanted you to see was the fact that you had written that to enter the promise land wasn't conditioned, and in fact it was.

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quote: ""God knew what He was doing by not having Moses bring them in. If that had been so, we would always be confused ..Is it Law...or is it Grace through Faith? You say both....I say not. ""

Dear sister this is what the scripture says:

Deuteronomy 7:7-8 "The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples; 8 "but because the LORD loves you,

The fact that God had chosen Israel as His Holy people dear sister, was an act of grace. As Moses said himself, God did not choose them for something they had to offer God, but because of God's grace towards those who obeyed His voice.

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quote: ""PS, However concerning Moses, you do see him standing with Jesus on the mount of Transfiguration don't you ?""

Dear sister, I have no problem in seeing God's purposes written all over scriptures. Sometimes The Almighty does things that we do not understand, but again, Isaiah said,

Isaiah 40:28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

when I asked you the question,

why was God so severe with Moses?

I wanted you to think about the severity of breaking a very simple command, instead of talking He hit it.

but it was disobedience just the same.

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I will be replying to the second part of your message in a different message.....

**Re:, on: 2008/3/10 6:50**

Quote:

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Hi Mike

Admittedly, some of us (myself included) did overstep the bounds earlier in this thread. It is easy to forget that "our wrestling is not against flesh and blood".

Indeed, at one point, I almost retired, wounded and heart-weary, from this particular debate. It took a few days to recover fully. As you know, I do sometimes have an unfortunate way of stirring up opposition, instead of leaving well alone, and sometimes pay quite dearly for it!

Yet, as the thread has gone on, much has been gained. I often find that the result of debating on an issue isn't so much who "wins", (usually nobody!) but in examining afresh what we believe and why. Which has to be healthy.

Also, to me even more important, there is often opportunity to gradually get to know another person through that discussion

ion and debate. Someone may come over as harsh - even frankly nasty at first; or they may come over as sweet and lovely. But appearances may be deceptive both ways.

For example, I have gained quite a lot of respect for "Strider", after our initial shaky beginning.

However, denial of the deity of Christ isn't to be tolerated, though there may still be room for discussion on the Sabbath.

In Him

Jeannette

**Re: - posted by jayyou, on: 2008/3/10 7:30**

Hi again dear sister Katy-did.

You have posted something here that is not concerning the Sabbath, and I will reply to you this once for argument sake, but if you want to discuss if further, please let's do it privately.

I believe that the thread is about the Sabbath.

quote: ""Most Christians are amazed to learn that SDA teaches that Jesus is Michael the Archangel, but Ellen G. White said He was Michael""

Dear sister, quite frankly I don't have a problem with that. Is Jesus Michael?

Please I will answer you my understanding on this subject, I am not trying to convince you or anybody, so please again, if you want to talk further about this, let's do it in private. I do not want people coming to me saying I am preaching SDA doctrines, You asked, I am answering, if anybody should be told of, I should not be me.

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This is how I see it.

Please note that I will be using only scriptures, so that you cannot say I used any source other than the bible.

Michael=

Daniel 10:21 "But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.

Here Michael is Called the PRINCE.....

You do know what a prince is, right?

the son of the King.....

Daniel 12:1 "At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time.

Here Michael is not only called Prince, but He is also called the GREAT.....

Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses.

Now, we all know who the accuser is,

Revelation 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

And we also know who the advocate is:

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Now when Michael and the devil were disputing Moses body, what do you think was going on there?

Yes, the devil was accusing and Michael was the advocate.

Revelation 12:7-8 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

Now if you know anything about war, you will know that when a very important battle takes place, we have in front of the army, the great commander.

It happens the same with the devil and his army,

the devil is the great commander of the evil forces, so to fight with him we have the great commander of good. Jesus Christ....

and we know for a fact that this great battle between good and evil has been all about Christ and the devil. so much so that Christ bought us back from the devil with his all blood.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

Now you can look at this verse in two ways.

either Jesus will return, and by His side the archangel will be shouting and God blowing His trumpet

or

Jesus Himself is the archangel and He has the trumpet of God. I believe is the later.

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One more thing I would like to point out in regard of Jesus and angels....

We know from revelation that angels do not accept worship.

Revelation 22:8-9 Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. 9 Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

Here it clearly tells me that angels do not accept worship, for they consider themselves servants.

but in here it happens quite different.

Judges 6:11-12 Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites. 1 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, "The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!"

then in verse Judges 6:18-24 "Do not depart from here, I pray, until I come to You and bring out my offering and set it before You." And He said, "I will wait until you come back." 19 So Gideon went in and prepared a young goat, and unleavened bread from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot; and he brought them out to Him under the terebinth tree and presented them. 20 The Angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And he did so. 21 Then the Angel of the LORD put out the end of the staff that was in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Angel of the LORD departed out of his sight. 22 Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the LORD. So Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face." 23 Then the LORD said to him, "Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die." 24 So Gideon built an altar there to the LORD.

Here the Angel of the Lord accept a sacrifice. If the Lord can be called the Angel of the Lord, why do you have a problem with Jesus being called Michael the archangel....

the bible is full of appearances of the Angel of the Lord.

I will only give you another one to show that the Angel of the Lord accept worship again...

Judges 13:18-22 And the Angel of the LORD said to him, "Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful?" 19 So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it upon the rock to the LORD. And He did a wondrous thing while Manoah and his wife looked on -- 20 it happened as the flame went up toward heaven from the altar -- the Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar! When Manoah and his wife saw this, they fell on their faces to the ground. 21 When the Angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and his wife, then Manoah knew that He was the Angel of the LORD. 22 And Manoah said to his wife, "We shall surely die, because we have seen God!"

In this case the Angel asked them why do you ask my name?

in another case the same thing was said.

Exodus 3:2-14 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn." 4 So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." 6 Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father -- the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. 7 And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. 8 "So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. 9 "Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10 "Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" 12 So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." 13 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."

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Genesis 32:26-29 26 And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" 27 So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." 28 And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." 29 Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there.

again the Angel of the Lord appeared first to Moses and He identified Himself as the GREAT I AM.

and in the case of Jacob, He would not say His name.

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what I want you to know here dear sister is people have no problem when God Himself appeared and called Himself the Angel of the Lord. but you have a problem by Jesus being called the Archangel.

I for one, have no problem with that, I worship God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and that is sufficient for me.

God appeared to Moses and He called Himself the Angel of the Lord, I have never prayed or worship God referring to Him as the Angel of the Lord.

I have never prayed a prayer and said in the name of Michael amem.

People use this argument about michael to say that EGW is a false prophet. and that is all.....

I hope I answered your question, and as I said if you want to continue this, please PM me.

I will be answering your question about Jesus Deity in another message.

God bless you.....

**Re: - posted by jayyou, on: 2008/3/10 7:42**

Dear sister Katy-did,

I will be addressing one last thing about your last message to me..

Quote:"""In fact, Ellen G. White DENIED the deity of Jesus, who in 1903 said, "The man Christ Jesus was not the Lord God Almighty""""

Dear sister, please correct me if I am wrong, but have you ever read any of EGW books.

I would like to ask you, please read the book

THE DESIRE OF AGES.

and then we can discuss this.

we all love to go to websites that are in favour of our beliefs but I would ask you,

for arguments sake, read this book and then tell me if she denied Christ's Deity.

Here is a little bit of the first chapter of this book.

His name shall be called Immanuel, . . . God with us." "The light of the knowledge of the glory of God" is seen "in the face of Jesus Christ." From the days of eternity the Lord Jesus Christ was one with the Father; He was "the image of God," the image of His greatness and majesty, "the outshining of His glory." It was to manifest this glory that He came to our world. To this sin-darkened earth He came to reveal the light of God's love,--to be "God with us." Therefore it was prophesied of Him, "His name shall be called Immanuel."

By coming to dwell with us, Jesus was to reveal God both to men and to angels. He was the Word of God,--God's thought made audible. In His prayer for His disciples He says, "I have declared unto them Thy name,"--"merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,"--"that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them." But not alone for His earthborn children was this revelation given. Our little world is the lesson book of the universe. God's wonderful purpose of grace, the mystery of redeeming love, is the theme into which "angels desire to look," and it will be their study throughout endless ages. Both the redeemed

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and the unfallen beings will find in the cross of Christ their science and their song. It will be seen that the glory shining in the face of Jesus is the glory of self-sacrificing love. In the light from Calvary it will be seen that the law of self-renouncing love is the law of life for earth and heaven; that the love which "seeketh not her own" has its source in the heart of God; and that in the meek and lowly One is manifested the character of Him who dwelleth in the light which no man can approach unto.

In the beginning, God was revealed in all the works of creation. It was Christ that spread the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth. It was His hand that hung the worlds in space, and fashioned the flowers of the field. "His strength setteth fast the mountains." "The sea is His, and He made it." Ps. 65:6; 95:5. It was He that filled the earth with beauty, and the air with song. And upon all things in earth, and air, and sky, He wrote the message of the Father's love.

Are these the words of someone who denies Christ's Deity.

I encourage you, for argument sake to read this book, I can guarantee it will be a blessing to you.

I challenge you, to do it.

in love, Jayyou...

**Re:, on: 2008/3/10 8:48**

Jayyou, in reading your post here with the scriptures you feel back up that Jesus is indeed Michael the Arc Angel, I would like to ask you to read what Hebrews Chapter 1 says most clearly.

I do appreciate your honesty in explaining your beliefs, and rather than accuse I came to ask if this were true, and I do appreciate you did not take this as an attack on you or anyone.

It is important that many of these issues are first placed on the table, so we can discern where our differences are.

One thing I know Jayyou, Angels do not have BLOOD, therefore no angel could have shed his blood for our sin.

I also know too, that during the time of Noah, it may be possible that Angels did inter-marry with humans. There are two theories about this time of who these sons of God were that married the daughters of men. I don't know this for a fact, but if true, this is why God sent the flood, because angels may have overstepped to corrupt mankind.

I have looked at the scriptures you have placed here in your argument for Jesus being Michael, however Michael arguing with Lucifer over Moses would not be something strange.

Lucifer was the Highest Arc Angel, possibly Michael right by his side in command.

Lucifer wanted to be GOD, and fell into rebellion bringing sin into the Universe, then further corrupting mankind.

I posted scripture where Lucifer/Satan having \*now\* from the fall, dominion over the Kingdoms, offering these Kingdoms to Jesus if Jesus would bow down and worship him. This was during Jesus 40 days in the wilderness.

During Revelation we see many angels who war with the fallen angels over the Kingdoms/Mountains as described in Revelation.

ADDED: **called powers and principalities.**

**Again, we are told we don't fight against flesh and blood but against powers and principalities.**

I imagine Michael, now God's Highest in command ( of the angelic world...called ministering Spirits...and God's messengers, as they have always been in the OT, doing battle in the supernatural sphere, as is spoken in Daniel.

Please read these scriptures.

Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

Jesus at Calvary won victory over death, and will ultimately win victory over satan and the kingdoms of this world now in his hands...when the Kingdoms of the world become the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Now maybe you can understand how all of these posts I have made actually DO fit into this conversation.

Katy

**Re: The Biblical reason for the Sabbath, on: 2008/3/10 9:03**

Hi Katy,

I know there is theory which to which you alluded here

Quote:  
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but I believe Jesus comes to our rescue in His statement to the Sadducees about angels not being given in marriage (Mark 12:25).

I believe that the phrase 'sons of God' refers to the knowledge they had that Adam had been made by God, and like God (Luke 3:38), and 'daughters of men' is an acknowledgement that Eve was taken from Adam. You will find that CS Lewis also had this understanding, though I had it for myself, before I learned that he had also interpreted it thus.

Still today, there are evil spirits which attack humans sexually, and it doesn't lead to pregnancy or the birth of strange half-breeds. This is not to say that there is no spiritual influence on sexual behaviour, or, on the development of some babies in the womb, but, they are totally human, no matter how influenced, whether by assault, or invitation.

Sorry this is pretty morbid, but we need to understand the differences; that the Son of God, the Logos, became the Word made Flesh; He was entirely pure, and while human in construction physically, was fully begotten of God, spiritually.

I hope these points assist your ministry here.

**Re:, on: 2008/3/10 9:44**

Hi Dorcas,

I do think I agree with your theory here, because I don't believe Angels can procreate.

I think the reason behind the other theory was that fallen angels in the book of JOB were also called the sons of God. Based on that, there are two theories out there.

Thank you for sharing this.

Actually that is a great point to bring in Here.

Adam and Eve, were formed by God, and man is lower than the Angels, as spoken in Hebrews as well. That Jesus took on the form of man..or the seed of Abraham and became LOWER than the Angels. WOW Dorcas.....THANKS!

Those who are In Christ are raised up together with Christ, are Now IN Christ HIGHER than the Angels.

I once heard this is why Satan hates man so much anyway, because of who we are and will be at our redemption...Glorified together with Him.

Well, I do need to go, and thanks for posting what you did. :-)

So then Jayyou, are you In Christ....entered into HIS KINGDOM not of this world? You know if entering the Land is a type of being Baptized into Christ....your theory is we must be obedient FIRST to receive salvation. I see it as a Gospel Call, and obedience is believing the Gospel That Jesus Christ Died for our sin, invites us to share in the Height, Depth, Width and Length of HIM((Ephesians 3)) The Jordan represents the Cross, and OUR obedience is our identification in Death and resurrection Life, bringing into our lives the fellowship of His sufferings...

***This is what people moan and groan about denying the Cross, as those who didn't go over were actually denying the Cross. That's not a pun either***

Katy

**Re: Sabbath - posted by crsschk (), on: 2008/3/10 9:48**

This has now gone completely over the rails. Go buy a good book on biblical hermeneutics people.

*Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do. Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling;*

*Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm. But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;*

*Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; 1Ti 1:4-10*

This thread will be locked.