

THE SABBATH IS A DAY

TO REMEMBER

Pastor Tom Hughes

1Cor. 2: 1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

1Cor. 2: 2 For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

INTRODUCTION:

This text is the charter of the Christian faith. As Christians, we are to look to Christ and to Christ alone.

1. Tonight I am happy to tell you that I am a Christian. It gives me great peace to know that Christ is my Saviour. I have chosen Him as my Lord. It is my deepest desire to do His will as an expression of my love for what He did for me. I look forward to seeing my Lord in His glory.

2. More than this, a number of years ago I was called to the ministry. I was called to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Any doctrine or teaching that is not found in Jesus Christ, I dare not preach. Anything that Jesus taught, I must preach.

3. May I ask you a few personal questions?

Do you believe that Jesus lived the one perfect life? Do you believe that a Christian is a man who lives like Christ? Do you believe that it is my business as a minister to urge every man to live like Christ? Thank you very much!

4. An astonishing fact: There is one example, one teaching of Jesus Christ, that the world has either rejected or forgotten-THAT DAY ON WHICH HE RESTED AND WORSHIPPED. On the other hand, the whole world is observing Sunday-ABOUT WHICH HE GAVE NO EXAMPLE AND SAID NOT A SINGLE WORD. It is about this matter that I wish to speak tonight.

I. THE LORD'S DAY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. A Visit to Nazareth - Luke 4:16. The example of Jesus was a Sabbath-keeping example. This was nothing unusual-nothing exceptional. HIS WAS A SABBATH-KEEPING CUSTOM.

2. A Serious Question: Since the Cross, would we not keep the Lord's day according to the New Testament? Answer: Yes, absolutely, YES.

3. The Objective Question: Which day is the New Testament Lord's day?

A. Rev. 1:10 is only N.T. text that uses the expression "Lord's Day." This text does not specify which day of the

week the Lord's day is. (One thing sure, the Lord has a day.)

B. Mark 2:27-28 - Jesus says clearly that THE SABBATH IS THE LORD'S DAY.

C. Exodus 20:10 - The Bible says clearly that the 7th day is the Sabbath, Lord's Day.

D. Why is Jesus Lord of the Sabbath? John 1:10 - He made the world (He made the Sabbath). It was Jesus, our Creator Lord, who rested, blessed, and sanctified it. (Gen. 2:1-3).

E. A CLEAR STATEMENT: Might sound like a harsh statement, but only a true statement.

F. My Holy Day. ISA. 58:13,14.

YOU CAN SEARCH THE WHOLE BIBLE-ONLY ONE DAY IS HOLY-THE SEVENTH DAY. THE DAY THAT JESUS MADE AND KEPT.

II. QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK:

1. Can we be sure which day of the week is the 7th day?

(I give several answers.)

A. The "Good Friday" Answer - Luke 23:54. He died

Friday, rose Sunday (Luke 24:1-2.) The day in between Friday and Sunday is clearly the Sabbath.

B. Languages: 108 languages of world call Saturday the

Sabbath (Spanish, French, Ital.)

C. Calendar: 27 different calendars in world use-all agree

5th day is Saturday.

D. Names of days of week: Sunday (largest visible heavenly body is first day), Monday (Moon) next largest visible to naked eye is second.

E. Authorities: No question by experts (see attached Naval Observatory letter.)

F. Hasn't the Calendar been changed? Obviously the months have been changed-not the week.

YOU MAY HAVE PERFECT CONFIDENCE THAT SATURDAY IS THE SEVENTH DAY. THE HOLY DAY OF GOD.

2. What did Jesus say about Sunday?

A. Surprising answer: Never mentioned it. In the Bible the days are numbered, not named. *THE*

EXPRESSION "FIRST DAY OF WEEK" DOES NOT APPEAR ON LIPS OF JESUS.

B. A man once objected that maybe Jesus forgot: John 17:4 - He finished His work. I believe Him.

C. Example of those who loved Him most - Luke

23:56;

Luke 24:1. They went to embalm His body
Sunday-what they would
not do on the Sabbath. Sunday was a working day.

D. Objection: I thought the early apostles kept
Sunday.

Sometimes Acts 20:8 is referred to as an example of
Sunday obser-
vance. This meeting was on Saturday night after the
Sabbath. Paul

traveled all day Sunday (vs. 13). No Sunday-keeping
here or in I

Cor. 16:1-2. No meeting was called - it was a day for
counting money.

**YOU CAN BE ASSURED THERE IS NOTHING
IN THE BIBLE ABOUT SUNDAY-KEEPING.**

3. What did Jesus say about the Sabbath?

A. He claimed to be Lord of it (Mark 2:27-28.) THE
ONLY THING JESUS EVER CLAIMED TO BE
LORD OF - LORD OF THE SABBATH. (Will you accept
Him as Lord of the Sabbath?)

B. Once a man objected saying, "Jesus mentioned
every other commandment but not the fourth." This is not
true, (Matt. 24:20) Only commandment that Jesus told to
pray to keep.

C. He kept it in His life (Luke 4:16). He rested on it
from the work of creation (Gen. 2:3). He rested on it from
the work of Redemption (Matt. 27:62-66)

D. He called it eternal (Matt. 5:17-18). Just as it will
never be right to lie, steal, kill, commit adultery, IT WILL
NEVER BE RIGHT TO BREAK THE SABBATH (4th
Commandment).

4. Isn't the Sabbath Jewish, or for the Jews?

A. The Sabbath is never called Jewish in Bible (Ex.
20:10) SABBATH OF THE LORD. it is God's Sabbath -
HE MADE IT, RESTED ON IT, AND SANCTIFIED IT.

B. Jesus' statement (Mark 2:27-28). Sabbath is made
for MAN (Mankind). Do only Jews need to rest and
worship? If we call Abraham the first Jew, there were
130,000 Sabbaths before Abraham.

C. Remember - The Sabbath is the 4th of the 10
COMMANDMENTS. Are only Jews forbidden to steal, or
lie, or kill? This entire law is for the whole of mankind. IT
IS THE LAW OF HEAVEN AND EARTH-TOR IN SIX
DAYS THE LORD MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH." As
long as we are on God's green earth, under God's blue sky,
WE ARE DUTY BOUND TO KEEP THE WHOLE OF
HIS LAW.

5. Aren't we now under grace, and not under the law?

A. Answer: Yes, we are under grace. Thank God
for that or we are all lost. We are no longer under the
condemnation of the Law (Rom. 8:1). God has

forgiven us, by His grace, for our law-breaking (I
John 3:4). But grace does not give us the right to
knowingly break God's law (Heb. 10:26-27). God by
His grace has forgiven me every lie I ever told, but His
grace does not give me the right to lie (break the 9th
Commandment). See Matt. 19:17.

III. ODDS AND ENDS OF THINGS I HEAR:

1. I keep every day holy. (Better get a job and go to
work). Fact: Out of 7 days. God made holy only one.
No one can keep holy what God has not made holy. IT
IS IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP HOLY ANY DAY
EXCEPT THE SEVENTH. IT IS THE ONLY ONE
GOD MADE HOLY.

2. One day is as good as another: From a human
point of view that might be right, but God sees it
differently. When Eve was tempted in the Garden to
eat the fruit of the tree of evil, the fruit looked no
different than that of any other tree. The only
difference was that God had said, "Don't eat it."
THAT DIFFERENCE MEANT LIFE AND death..to
the human eye, one day is as good as another. God
alone says that there is a difference. The question is
not one of trees, or fruit, or days, IT IS A QUESTION
OF GOD'S ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY. IS HE
YOUR LORD? Pray about it.

3. I don't think that the Sabbath is important! This
is a statement that you should never make. The
Sabbath is the 4th of the 10 Commandments. Do you
think killing is important (6th Commandment)?
Stealing (8th)? All agree that protection of property
and life are important. I the 4th is not important-WE
ARE TELLING GOD THAT HE DOESN'T KNOW
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE IMPORTANT
AND UNIMPORTANT. NO MAN SHOULD EVER
SIT IN JUDGEMENT ON THE MIND OF GOD.

IV. THE REAL ISSUE: MAKING THE
DECISION TO DO GOD'S HOLY WILL - IT IS
NEVER EASY. I remember when I made my
decision:

1. Sacrifice - "Lord, I'll lose time and half."

Looked at cross and couldn't say that.

2. Friends - "Lord, I'll lose my friends." At cross
His were gone - couldn't say that.

3. People will laugh at me. Looked at crown of
thorns (made in fun) - couldn't say that.

4. I'll be embarrassed. Saw Him naked there -
couldn't talk about embarrassment.

5. Inconvenient - "Lord, I'll be different from
world. It's inconvenient." I looked at nails in His
hands - I could not speak of inconvenience.

WHAT COULD I DO? I FELL AT HIS FEET
AND CRIED - "MY LORD AND MY GOD."