

# Is Sunday the... "CHRISTIAN SABBATH?"

## **To the Jews God said...**

"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." (Exodus 20:10).

## **To Christians God said...**

"So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ." (Col 2:16,17).

## **Concerning Worship Under Christ, the Bible says...**

"Now on the **first [day]** of the week, when **the disciples** came **together** to break bread, **Paul**, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight." (Acts 20:7).

"On **the first [day]** of the week let each one of you lay **something aside, storing up** as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come" (I Corinthians 16:2)

**No. The New Testament church observed the Lord's Supper and contribution on the first day of the week but it was never called the "Sabbath." The seventh day is the Sabbath and is no longer binding.**

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# Why Are There So Many Churches?

**N**o matter where we live we don't have to drive very far to see that the cities of America are filled with a variety of church buildings. The congregations which assemble in these buildings engage in many different activities, they teach different things and they call themselves by different names. This might be expected if the churches in question represent faith in a different god or follow different scriptures, but why would people who claim to believe in the same God, and the same Bible be so divided? Perhaps the Bible itself can offer some explanation for this. According to the Bible...

**I. Some Have Not Learned All of the Truth.** In the New Testament book of Acts we learn about a man named Apollos who had learned about the coming of the Messiah through John the Baptist.

The problem was that he had not heard that John identified Jesus as the Messiah. As a result, although he followed what he knew faithfully he was missing something. After a Christian husband and a wife named Priscilla and Aquilla heard him teach, **"...they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately."** (Acts 18:26, NKJV).

**II. Some Have Itching Ears.** The Apostle Paul, in the second of his letters to the young preacher named Timothy warned him of a time when true, sound teaching would not be followed. Instead he prophesied a time when men would **"...heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables."** (2 Timothy 4:3,4). Paul says the reason for this is that they will follow their

own desires because **"they have itching ears"** (2 Timothy 4:3). In this case the desire to hear what they want to hear leads people to find teachers that will tell them what they want regardless of whether it is the truth.

**III. Some Follow Human Traditions.** During Jesus' time there was a sect of Jews known as the Pharisees. Although they were highly religious on many occasions Jesus rebuked them because they broke the commandments of God for the sake of their tradition (see Matthew 15:2,3). Even though it seems that their traditions had grown out of an attempt to please God, the Lord characterized them with a quote from the Old Testament prophet Isaiah – **"And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."** (Matthew 15:9; from Isaiah 29:13).

**IV. Some Depart From the Faith.** In Paul's first letter to Timothy he



revealed to him a warning he had learned from the Holy Spirit. He wrote – **"Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons"** (1 Timothy 4:1). In this case whether such people acknowledge it or not by accepting other teachings they depart from the true faith.

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