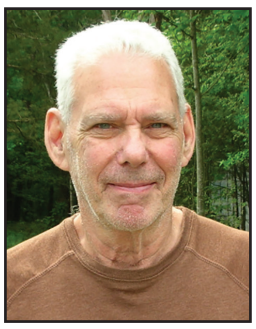
Bible Briefs

The Cross Cancels The 7th Day Saturday Sabbath



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This topic of Sabbath day observance will hopefully bring a more intense understanding of God's Holy Word. "The Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) is a 24-hour time standard based on atomic clocks, as combined with the earth's rotation". The Gregorian calendar is divided into 7-day weeks, and the weeks are numbered 1 to 52, (absent leap year calculation). The International Standard is to start the week on Monday designated as the 1st day of the week. Many countries like the USA and Canada, count Sunday as the 1st day of the week.

God Almighty set the rotation motion of planets with His creation of the universe. Also, the science of time, given to mankind by God, aligns the Gregorian calendar with earth's timeline of creation.

God Almighty spoke the universe into existence, on Sunday, the first day of the week. Gen. KJV 1:3-16, "*And God Said, Let there be light: and there was light. God made two great lights and the stars, and let them be for signs, for seasons, and for days, and years [on the earth]. God call the light Day, and darkness Night. And the evening and the morning were the [1st] first day".*

The entire knowledge of God's Word in the Scriptures, both New and Old Testament, requires material and spiritual understanding (John 5:39 "search the scriptures") the symbolic words of allegory. John 1:14, "*The Word was made flesh [Jesus Christ] and dwelt among us".*

The first 5 verses of God's Word in the Bible, KJV Gen1:1-5, contrast the world's glory and depravity. God's creation proclaims; "*Let there be Light, and there was Light". And the evening and the morning were the [1st] first day*". This demands our complete attention be given to the future coming of the LORD Jesus Christ, regarding His Light and the world's darkness. John 8:12, "*Then spake Jesus unto them, saying I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life"* Walking in darkness symbolically refers to death, ignorance, sin, and wickedness.

A Seventh-Day Sabbath Old Testament ceremonial law forbids any work to be done on the Seventh-Day Sabbath, which was Saturday. See Exodus 31:12-17. See Hebrews 9:14 regarding Seventh-Day Old Testament Covenant Ceremonial animal blood sacrifices, all point to the blood of Jesus Christ's death. The Old Testament First Covenant Laws were dead works (Heb. 9:1) that had ordinances of divine service and a worldly sanctuary. Many ceremonial law sacrifices were required throughout the Israelite's generations. Blood sacrifices of rams and lambs, garment edge fringes, and burnt offerings by fire for a sweet savour to the LORD; See Leviticus 23:15-22.

For the slight infraction of picking up sticks on the 7th Day Old Testament Sabbath, the Holy day of rest to the LORD; God Almighty orders the congregation to stone a man to death. Numbers 15:32-36 declares the following; "*And the LORD said unto Moses, the man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without [outside] the camp".*

Exodus 31:15, "*Six days may work be done; but in the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosover doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death".*

God knew the heart of the man found gathering sticks. Jeremiah 17:10, "*I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings".* The man gathering sticks on the 7th Seventh-Day Sabbath must have planned to start a fire. Perhaps an animal burnt offering sacrifice to God on the sabbath day. This "work" his heart inclined him to do, thinking it would assist with his salvation, and give Glory to God Almighty.

The New Testament Covenant proves only the work of Jesus Christ's blood (his death on the cross), is the one and only sacrifice required for salvation. Romans 3:21 "*Manifested without the law*" by Christ's death on the cross, for the forgiveness of mankind's sins. Hebrews 9:14, "*How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purged your conscience from dead works to serve the living God".*

Jesus Christ's Atonement, (His crucifixion, a reconciliation substitute for sin covering), took place Thursday evening, Friday, and Saturday; (3 nights). Also, (3 days) Friday, Saturday, partial day Sunday. Luke 24:7, "*The son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again".* Mathew 12:40, three days and three nights.

Christ's resurrection on Sunday canceled out the Old Testament Saturday Sabbath, the 7th day of the week, and all the Old Testament ceremonial laws. The Sunday after Passover, Friday, April 1, A.D.33 according to the Gregorian calendar, Christ appeared to his disciples to prove himself alive (Acts 1:3).

Mathew KJV 28:1, *"In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day [sabbath] of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. Luke 24:1, Now upon the first day [sabbath] of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bring spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. Mark 16:1, and when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salone, had brought sweet spices, then they might come and anoint him".*

We can further verify this fact (end of the seventh-day sabbath) by more than 600 years of biblical scripture investigation. * Below Old English Scripture Verses*.

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Mark16:1, And when the Sabbath day was past. * CRANMER Bible-Year 1539, Luke 24:1, But vpon the first daye of the Sabbothes, very early in the mornynge they came vnto the sepulcre*.

Only one vailed command carries over and remains from the Seventh-day Old Testament Ceremonial Laws. That command orders the Christian not to do any work which they believe in their heart contributes and secures their salvation. That includes baptism and circumcision (Old Testament washing/cutting off sins) are only shadows, or a sign, without any substance. Ephesians 4:5, One Lord, One faith, One baptism.

Unless Christians can wash themselves in their own blood, Revelation 1:5, becomes the Christians' only hope for cleansing of our sin condition. "*And form Jesus Christ who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own Blood"* [Death].

Jesus Christ "works" as He abandons the Sabbath day ceremonial laws. Jesus plucks corn on the Sabbath day Mat.12:1. Jesus heals a man at the Bethesda pool John 5:1-10. The start of the New Testament Church was on Sunday, the first day of the week. The Holly Spirit was poured out on Pentecost, a Sunday, and approximately three thousand followers of Christ were saved.

The prophecy of Isaiah chapter 53:1-12 stands out regarding Jesus Christ, rejected of men. Isaiah also defines how we are to observe the New Testament Sunday Sabbath Day, 1st day of the week.

Isaiah 58:13-14 "*If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words. Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it".*

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