

THE "CHANGE" OF THE LAW



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Exodus 20:1-17

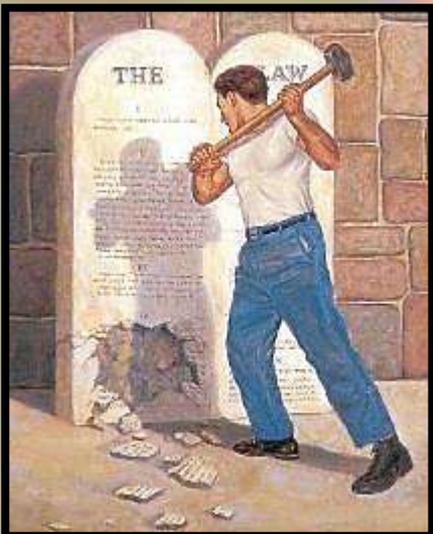


“He will speak against the Most High and oppress his holy people and try to change the set times and the laws. The holy people will be delivered into his hands for a time, times and half a time.”
(Daniel 7:25 NIV)

The “little horn” in Daniel 7 was allowed to change the Law before men by removing, changing and dividing the commandments to his liking.

After the 1,290 years of persecution, an interest on Bible study arose. After the 1844 disappointment, the Law of God was studied in detail and the Ten Commandments began to shine again in Christianity.

- ★ The role of the Law in the Plan of Salvation.
- ★ The Fourth Commandment.
 - ★ Sunday keeping.
 - ★ Sabbath keeping.
- ★ Changing the day of rest.



THE ROLE OF THE LAW IN THE PLAN OF SALVATION

"What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, 'You shall not covet.'" (Romans 7:7)

In Romans 7, Paul wrote about the Christian's inner struggle with the Law. Sometimes we feel like sinning, but that clashes with our desire to keep the Law. What's the problem? Is it law or sin?

The role of the Law is to point out sin, but it cannot make us free from it (v. 7, 10, 24)

Therefore, the Law is not the problem: "the commandment [is] holy and just and good." (v. 12)

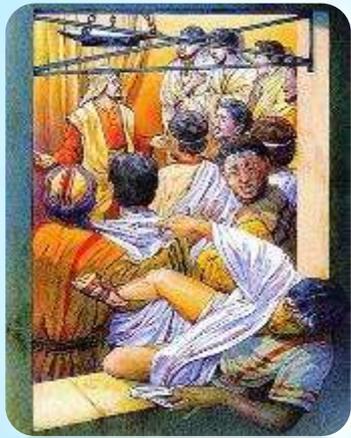
So how can we be free from sin?

Jesus is the only solution (v. 25).

"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1)



SUNDAY KEEPING



“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)

Christians usually gather on Sunday to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, because there are some Sunday (first day) gatherings mentioned in the New Testament. What was the purpose of those gatherings on Sunday?

- Jesus appeared a second time to strengthen Thomas' faith

**John
20:19, 26**



- They gathered because Paul was leaving the next day

Acts 20:7



- That offerings had to be set aside at home and not a Church gathering

**1 Corinthians
16:2**



There is no explicit command in the Bible to keep the Sunday as the day of rest or as a gathering day.

SABBATH KEEPING

"As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath... On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord." (Acts 13:42, 44 NIV)

Unlike the few references to Sunday gatherings; the New Testament is filled with references to the Sabbath.



There's no mention in the Bible of Paul or any other apostles habitually gathering on any other day of the week other than Sabbath.



Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath (Mark 2:28)



Jesus' custom was to go to the synagogue on Sabbath (Luke 4:16)



Paul used to go into the synagogue on Sabbath (Acts 13:14)



Paul also gathered with the Jews on Sabbath when there was no synagogue in the town (Acts 16:13)



If the Gentiles asked Paul to join them, they also gathered on Sabbath (Acts 13:42-44)

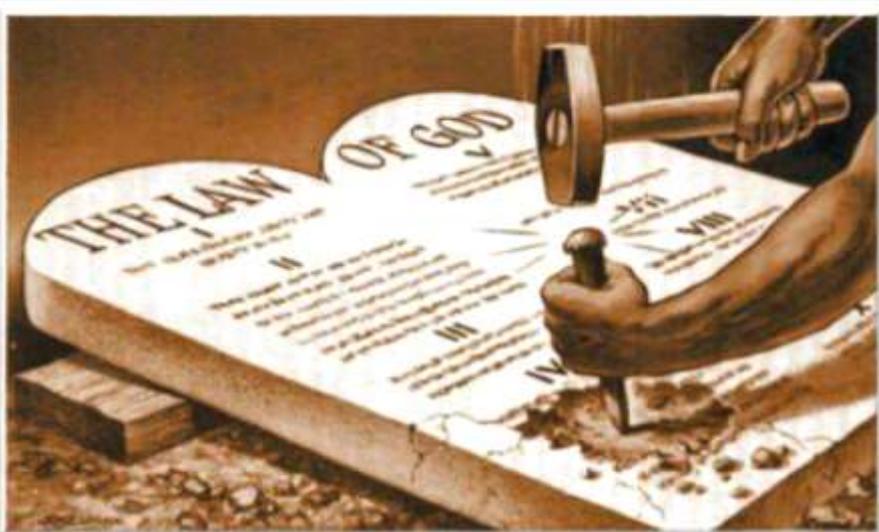
CHANGING THE DAY OF REST



**"He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time."
(Daniel 7:25)**

Why do most Christians observe Sunday?

The Roman emperors and the early Church authorities thought that changing the worship day would make the conversion of the Gentiles easier.



In addition, there was increasing hatred against Jews. This paved the way for the "little horn" in Daniel 7 to change the times (worship days) and the Law (the 2nd, 4th and 10th Commandments)

The change was gradual. Once the change of day was accepted, it was explained as a celebration of the resurrection.

“Had the Sabbath been universally kept, man’s thoughts and affections would have been led to the Creator as the object of reverence and worship, and there would never have been an idolater, an atheist, or an infidel. The keeping of the Sabbath is a sign of loyalty to the true God, ‘Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.’ It follows that the message which commands men to worship God and keep His commandments will especially call upon them to keep the fourth commandment.”

EXTRA SLIDES

The next slides are an extra to this week's lesson.

They can be used by the Sabbath School teacher at will.



BABYLON

his mouth like the mouth of a lion



MEDOPERSIA



his feet like the feet of a bear

GREECE



like a leopard

ROME



seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name

PAPAL ROME



REVELATION, 13

DANIEL, 7

The beast John saw is a mix of the empires Daniel saw.

All the empires follow the dragon's orders: to destroy the people of God.



Revelation 13: 5-7

And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies

and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months

Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven

It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them

And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation

Daniel 7: 24-25

The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings

He shall speak words against the Most High

He shall persecute the saints of the Most High

and shall intend to change times and law

then they shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time

The beast (Rev. 13) is the little horn (Dn. 7)

The Roman Catholic Church teaches a modified Law of God:

The second commandment is missing (you shall not make any graven image)

- 1- You shall not have strange gods before me
- 2- You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain

3- Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day

4- Honor your father and mother

5- You shall not kill

6- You shall not commit adultery

7- You shall not steal

8- You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor

9- You shall not covet your neighbor's wife

10- You shall not covet your neighbor's goods

Sabbath was changed to Sunday

The tenth commandment was divided in two