

## EXAMINING OUR FAITH, part 11 quotes

1 “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.” 2 Corinthians 13:5.

(Picture #12 - the Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment of the Decalogue)

2 Did the incarnation of the Lord God Michael becoming Jesus Christ in humanity bring any change to God's 10 commandment law?

“Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **On these two commandments hang all the law**”. Matthew 22:36-40.

How can God's entire 10 commandment law hang on just these 2 commandments?

The first 4 of the 10 commandments deal with God, while the last 6 commandments deal with mankind. As the first and great commandment deals with love to God, then if we truly love God we will keep each of these first 4 commandments. In like manner, as the second great commandment deals with love to mankind, then if we truly love our fellow human beings we will also keep the last 6 commandments. All 10 commandments hang upon, or are found to be rooted and grounded in, the great principles of loving God and mankind. In manifesting our love for God by keeping all His commandments, then we will indeed receive His seal and mark in our forehead and heart and will inherit eternal life.

“...if thou wilt enter into life, **keep the commandments**.” Matthew 19:17.

**3** What particular worship day did Christ Himself keep holy to God when He lived on this earth?

“And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue **on the sabbath day**, and stood up for to read.” Luke 4:16.

“And it came to pass also **on another sabbath**, that he entered into the synagogue and taught”. Luke 6:6.

“And he was teaching in one of the synagogues **on the sabbath.**” Luke 13:10.

**4** After the Old Covenant was done away with at the death of Christ, and the New Covenant was now established with God’s people, did this New Covenant bring any changes to the way God and Christ desire Their followers to worship Them?

“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But **pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day**”. Matthew 24:15-20.

The Abomination of Desolation occurred in 66AD, when the idolatrous standard of the Romans was pitched in the holy ground of Jerusalem by the army under general Cestius Gallus. Thus about 35 years after the New Covenant was established, Jesus Christ stated that the Sabbath of God was to be carefully kept holy by all His followers! But was the Sabbath Christ spoke of here the same 7<sup>th</sup> day of the week, or was it somehow changed to another day of the week?

"For he (God) spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works....**There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is 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.**" Hebrews 4:4,9-11.

The Greek word for "rest" used in verse 9 is "sabbatismos", and this word translates and means “sabbatism” or Sabbath-keeping (Strong's, word #4520.)

There is indeed a Sabbath day which all of God's followers are to observe in this New Covenant period, and this day of the week is the very same day which God made holy at creation - the seventh-day! And if we do not want to fall from God's grace and become lost, then we need to avoid following the same example of unbelief manifested in the past by those who chose not to keep God’s Sabbath day of rest holy!

**5** When Christ - the Lord of the Sabbath - was on this earth, He definitely knew which day of the week was the ancient 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath of creation to worship God on. But since we use a different calendar today than what Christ used, then which day of the week in our modern calendar does this 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath fall upon?

Jesus Christ was crucified on the sixth day of the week, or the preparation day--the day before the Sabbath was to occur (see Mark 15:42; Luke 23:54; John 19:31, 42; Matthew 27:62). He was resurrected on the first day of the week, or the day after the Sabbath had passed (see Matthew 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-10; Luke 24:1-8; John 20:1), thus showing that Christ was resting in the tomb during the seventh day Sabbath. It is plain knowledge that Christ arose from the tomb on Sunday morning--which many refer to as Easter (see Acts 12:4).

Since Christ arose on the day we call Sunday today, this day corresponds to the first day of the week anciently--or the day after the Sabbath had passed. Then the day we call Saturday in our modern calendar, corresponds to the seventh day of the week anciently, and the day we call Friday in our modern calendar, corresponds to the sixth day of the week anciently--or the preparation day before the Sabbath occurs! Therefore the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath of God today is Saturday--the day after Friday, and the day before Sunday!

**6** After the earth is made new, will this new beginning bring any changes to the way God and Christ desire Their People to worship Them?

**“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. 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.”** Isaiah 66:22-23.

All of God's saved and redeemed followers will keep the very same 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath holy to Him on the earth made new! This reveals the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath to be a memorial of creation, and will forever point directly to God as being our Creator! You can no more change this seventh-day Sabbath to another day of the week than you can change the day of your birth to another day! Thus the seventh-day or Saturday--the Sabbath worship day of God, will never change, but will always remain the Sabbath day to worship God on throughout eternity!

**7** "We ought to **obey God rather than men.**" Acts 5:29.

**"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.** For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." Revelation 22:14-15.

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.** For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Ecclesiastes 12:13-14.