## What does the BIBLE say?

As you read the following study, I ask that you do not believe what is presented to you. But, instead, research it for yourself, so that you do not depend on someone else's presentation and come to know biblical truth for yourself. Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Study like the Bereans, they listened to Paul and did not take his word for it. They studied it for themselves, so that they would know for sure.

Acts 17:11 "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." I ask that you do the same with this study.

## Which is the Biblical Sabbath?

The seventh-day Sabbath was instituted at creation for humanity, see Gen. 2:1-4 The seventh-day Sabbath will be observed in heaven, see Isa. 66:23

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Acts 22:3 I am verily a man who am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day. Ps 19:7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

Since the law of the Lord is perfect, there is no need to change or try to improve it. It cannot be improved or changed. If the law could be changed, and the Sabbath is part of the law. God would have changed it, and Jesus Christ would have never had to die on the cross for humanity. If it were possible, the cup would have been taken away from Jesus when Jesus asked God to take it from Him, in the Garden of Gethsemane.

If God could not change the law, how can man, or a church, change the law? You might say that the Seventh-day Sabbath was made for the Jewish people and that it does not apply to the Christians of the present day. The seventh day was made for humanity, when it was made during creation week, 2500 years before there was ever a Jewish person on earth. Genesis 2:1-3

You might say that the Seventh-day Sabbath was done away with at the cross, or it was changed at the resurrection. The only law that was done away with at the cross was the ceremonial law of sacrifices and offerings. The ceremonial law pointed to Jesus coming and fulfilling the debt that man owed for transgressing the law in the Garden of Eden. The Bible confirms that heaven and earth will pass away before one jot or tittle will be changed in the law. Matthew 5:17, 18

If the law was changed or done away with, why would the apostles continue to observe the law and the Seventh-day Sabbath throughout the New Testament? Acts 13:14, 42 16:13 17:1-2; Acts 18:3, 4, 11 Luke 4:16 Romans 3:31 Mark 15:42, 47 16:3. "Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but {that which is important is} the keeping of the commandments of God." Corinthians 7:19