

THE LORD'S DAY – THE SON'S DAY

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF ADDRESSING THE LORD'S DAY ISSUE IN OUR APOSTATE WESTERN CULTURE

A. **Abortion: Not the Only Moral Challenge of our Day!**

Jer 7:28 This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

B. **Western Culture in Earlier Days: A Culture Sanctified by the Consistent Keeping of the Lord's Day**

C. **The Apostasy of our Western Culture:**

1. **Manifesting itself throughout our culture**

2Th 2:3 That day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

2. **Precipitated by the wide-spread desecration of the Lord's Day**

3. **Fueled by the antinomianism of evangelical North America**

D. **Hallowing the Lord's Day: Foundational for Biblical Christianity**

II. THE SEVENTH DAY OF REST:

A. **A Creation Ordinance**

1. **Clearly articulated by God Himself in Gen. 1 & Exo. 20**

Gen 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it.

Exo 20:8-11 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy....for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

2. **A day to render supreme glory to the Son—the supreme revelation of the Father**

Joh 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

3. **A day on which the Father preeminently revealed Himself to Adam & Eve in the Person of His Son**

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

4. **An ordinance perpetuated by the OT Sabbath**

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

B. **A Redemption Ordinance**

1. **Clearly articulated in Deuteronomy 5**

Deu 5:12, 15 Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee.... And remember that...the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

2. Fully endorsed by the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ

Act 20:7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them

1Co 16:2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him.

III. THE LORD'S DAY: THE SIGNIFICANT DESIGNATION OF THE NT SABBATH

A. The Lord's Day: The Weekly Commemoration of the Resurrection of Christ

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day...

B. A Day Which is Preeminently His Day—He who is the Lord of the Sabbath

Mat 12:8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

IV. THE LORD'S DAY: A DAY ON WHICH GOD'S SON MUST HAVE THE PREEMINENCE

A. The Father's Love for His Son: The Fountain of all Theology!

Joh 3:35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

Col 1:16 For by him were all things created...all things were created by him, and for him:

Mat 3:17 This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Joh 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

B. The Father's Revealed Will: His Son Must Have the Preeminence in All things

Col 1:18-19 ...that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

C. The Son: The Person in whom the Father Draws Near to Men—and Fallen Sinners

Psa 2:12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

V. THE SIGNIFICANT CONNECTION BETWEEN THE LIVING & THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD

A. The Focal Point of the Lord's Day: The Proclamation of the Word of God

1Co 1:21 it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

B. The Lord Jesus Christ: The Eternal and Living Word of God

Joh 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.... All things were made by him.

Heb 1:1-2 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

C. The Written Word of God: The Father's Record of His Son—the Living Word of God

1Jn 5:10 He that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

D. The Purpose of the Written Word: To Acquaint Sinners with the Living Word!

Act 28:23, 31 He expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets....Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ

Eph 4:21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

E. The Spirit's Objective in Inspiring the Written Word:

1. To lead sinners into all the truth—as it is in Christ!

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself

2. To glorify Christ—the Living Word of God

Joh 16:14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

3. To take out of Christ and show it unto sinners

Joh 16:15 He shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

F. The Faithful Proclamation of God's Word:

1. Revolves around the Living Word=Christ!

Act 8:35 ...and preached unto him Jesus.

2. Endorsed by the Spirit of Christ—drawing sinners to Christ

Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart...

Joh 6:45 Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

VI. THE 4TH & THE 2ND COMMANDMENT

A. The 2nd Commandment: Worship According to Revelation—not Imagination

Joh 4:23-24 The Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

B. The only Legitimate Image of God: His Only Begotten Son—the Living Word

Heb 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person

C. Proper Worship on the Lord's Day: Focused on God's Son

1Co 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Act 20:20-21 I...have taught you publicly, and from house to house...repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 3:8that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

VII. THE LORD'S DAY: CONSECRATED BY THE FATHER TO BE THE SON'S DAY—SONDAY

A. God Is Exalted to the Highest when His Son is Exalted to the Highest!

Joh 5:23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

1Jn 2:23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father.

2Jn 1:9 He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

B. The Hallmark of Apostolic Preaching: They Ceased not to Teach & Preach Jesus Christ

Act 5:42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Act 9:20 Straightway he preached Christ ...that he is the Son of God.

C. Is our Lord's Day a SONday?

1Co 16:22 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.

Joh 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Exodus 20:8-11

- {8} Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.**
- {9} Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:**
- {10} But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God:**
in it thou shalt not do any work,
- thou,
 - nor thy son,
 - nor thy daughter,
 - thy manservant,
 - nor thy maidservant,
 - nor thy cattle,
 - nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:
- {11} For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.**

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

- {12} Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee.**
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 - nor thy stranger that is within thy gates;
- that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou.
- {15} And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.**