

# SUNDAY — THE CATHOLIC SABBATH

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There is nothing in the New Testament, and certainly nothing in the Old, that supports Sunday as a day that has replaced the 7th day Sabbath of Creation (Gen. 2:1-3), which God gave to His chosen people Israel (Ex. 16:22-26; 20:8-11). There are three New Testament texts which the Church uses to try and support Sunday as the new day for the new faith, but these texts, once examined, do not prove Sunday observance, nor that Sunday has replaced the 7th day Sabbath.<sup>1</sup>

There is scant writing about the first day of the week, as all the writers of the New Testament called Sunday. From just the perspective that the 7th day Sabbath had been part of God's Law for Israel for 1,400 years before Yeshua (Jesus) was born in Bethlehem would seem to indicate that if a change had been made, there would have been ample New Testament Scripture to support it. There's not one word that says that the 7th day Sabbath has given way to Sunday.

Trying to equate the Lord's Day with Sunday is also a futile task because nowhere in the New Testament is the first day of the week (i.e. Sunday) equated with the Lord's Day.<sup>2</sup> Some try to explain why the Sabbath has given way to Sunday by pointing to the resurrection, but this, too, cannot be substantiated. There's no Scripture that declares that because Yeshua rose on Sunday, the Sabbath has changed to Sunday.<sup>3</sup> The original theological reasons for why the Roman Catholic Church altered Sabbath to Sunday can be read in an article called *Sabbath Denigration*.<sup>4</sup>

The Roman Catholic Church openly declares that there is nothing in the New Testament that supports a change from the 7th day Sabbath to Sunday and mocks the Protestant churches whose motto is *Sola Scriptura*, which means that *only Scripture* has divine authority to determine one's faith and practice. The Roman Catholic Church, though, declares that it has the authority to change the day, and it did. Nowhere in the Word of God, though, does God delegate that kind of authority to Man (or a church). For instance, if God's Word had said, 'If you want to change the Sabbath day to another day, you can' or something to that effect, then the Roman Catholic Church would have had the authority to do so, but there's nothing in the Word like that.<sup>5</sup> Unless it is in God's Word, Man is breaking God's Word by changing what God has instituted—welcome to Christian Pharisaism.

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<sup>1</sup> For those three texts (and why the 7th day Sabbath is still valid) see Samuele Bacchiocchi's, *From Sabbath To Sunday* (Rome: The Pontifical Gregorian University Press, 1977), pp. 90-131. It's the definitive work on the issue of Sabbath and Sunday.

<sup>2</sup> Nowhere in Scripture is the 'Lord's Day' equated with Sunday. The Lord's Day in the Old Testament was the 7th day Sabbath (Ex. 16:23, 25, 29; 20:10; 35:2; Lev. 23:3; Dt. 5:12-14; Is. 58:13; Mt. 12:8; Mk. 2:28; Luke 6:5) and would also come to be seen as a term for Judgment Day (Isaiah 2:12; 13:6, 9; Jer. 46:10; Joel 1:15; 2:1, 11, 31; 3:14; Amos 5:18; Obadiah 1:15; Zephaniah 1:7, 14; Malachi 4:5; Acts 2:20; 1st Cor. 5:5; 2nd Cor. 1:14; 1st Thess. 5:2; 2nd Peter 3:10).

<sup>3</sup> See [The Resurrection and Mark 16:9](#).

<sup>4</sup> See [Sabbath Denigration](#).

<sup>5</sup> Some might try and point to Jesus giving Peter the keys of the Kingdom (Mt. 16:9), but those keys didn't authorize Peter nor anyone else from changing God's Word. Those keys were symbols of authority to properly teach God's Word, adjudicate between two or more grieved parties, and to legislate or make rules for the believing community, which of course would not mean to change, do away with, or pervert God's laws (Dt. 4:2; 12:32; Luke 16:17; 2nd Tim. 3:16-17).

# CATHOLIC WORDS ABOUT SUNDAY

Statements and confessions by Roman Catholic priests, along with Protestant realizations of the unbiblical tenure of Sunday, abound. The following are a few of them:

In 1826 John Stoddard, a non-Catholic, pointed out the fact that the Bible gives no Scripture about Sunday replacing the Sabbath day:

‘The first positive command in the Decalogue is to ‘Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy,’ and this precept was enforced by the Jews for thousands of years. But the Sabbath Day, the observance of which God commanded, was our Saturday. Yet who among either Catholics or Protestants, except a sect or two, like the Seventh Day Baptists, ever keep that commandment now? None. Why is this? The Bible, which Protestants claim to obey exclusively, gives no authorization for the substitution of the first day of the week for the seventh. On what authority, therefore, have they done so? Plainly on the authority of that very Catholic Church which they abandoned and whose traditions they condemn.’<sup>6</sup>

Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), a priest of the Dominican order and a revered ‘Father’ and pillar of the Roman Catholic Church wrote,

‘In the New Law the observance of the Lord’s day (Sunday)<sup>7</sup> took the place of the observance of the Sabbath (Saturday), not by virtue of the precept (of God), but by the institution of the Roman Church and the custom (tradition) of Christian people.’<sup>8</sup>

Gaspar de Fosso, the Archbishop of Reggio, remonstrated the Protestants in 1562 saying:

‘The Protestants claim to stand upon the written word only. They profess to hold the Scripture alone as the standard of faith. They justify their revolt by the plea that the Church has apostatized from the written word and follows tradition. Now the Protestants’ claim, that they stand upon the written word only, is not true. Their profession of holding the Scripture alone as the standard of faith is false. PROOF—The written word explicitly enjoins the observance of the seventh day as the Sabbath. They do not observe the seventh day, but reject it. If they do truly hold the Scripture alone as their standard, they would be observing the seventh day as is enjoined in the Scripture throughout. Yet they not only reject the observance of the Sabbath enjoined in the written word, but they have adopted and do practice the observance of Sunday, for which they have only the tradition of the (Roman) Church. Consequently the claim of ‘Scripture alone as the standard,’ fails, and the doctrine of ‘Scripture and tradition’ as essential, is fully established, the Protestants themselves being judges.’<sup>9</sup>

Cardinal Gibbons, a famous 19th century Catholic archbishop in the USA, stated,

‘is not every Christian obliged to sanctify Sunday and to abstain on that day from unne-

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<sup>6</sup> John L. Stoddard, *Rebuilding a Lost Faith By An American Agnostic* (New York: P. J. Kennedy and Sons, 1826), p. 80.

<sup>7</sup> Is Sunday “the Lord’s Day”? Nowhere in Scripture is Sunday ever equated with the Lord’s Day. It’s another Catholic tradition that has no basis in God’s Word. See my article, [The Lord’s Day–Sunday?](#)

<sup>8</sup> Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theological* SS Q[122] A[4] R.O., paragraph four.

<sup>9</sup> J. H. Holtzman, *Canon and Tradition*, published in Ludwigsburg, Germany in 1859, p. 263. Archbishop of Reggio’s address in the 17th session of the Council of Trent, Jan. 18, 1562, in Mansi SC, Vol. 33, cols. 529, 530. The Archbishop of Reggio (Gaspar [Ricciulli] de Fosso) made this speech at the last opening session of Trent (17th Session) reconvened under a new pope (Pius IV) on 18 January 1562.

essary servile work? Is not the observance of this law among the most prominent of our sacred duties? But, *you may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday.* The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify.’<sup>10</sup>

In the doctrinal catechism by Rev. Stephen Keenan, officially endorsed by the Archbishop of New York, the question is asked and answered:

‘Have you any other way of proving that the (Roman) church has power to institute festivals of precept?’

‘Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her—she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday the first day of the week for the observance of Saturday the seventh day; a change for which there is no Scriptural authority.’<sup>11</sup>

Karl Keating, a prominent Catholic apologist and author, writing under the Imprimatur of the Roman Catholic Church said,

‘...fundamentalists meet for worship on Sunday, yet there is no evidence in the Bible that corporate worship was to be made on Sundays. The Jewish Sabbath, or day of rest, was, of course, Saturday. It was the Catholic Church that decided Sunday should be the day of worship for Christians, in honor of the Resurrection.’<sup>12</sup>

On August 25, 1900, an article appeared in the Catholic Press stating:

‘*Sunday is a Catholic institution*, and its claims to observance can be defended *only by Catholic principles*. From (the) beginning to (the) end of Scripture there is not a single passage that warrants the transfer of weekly public worship from the last day of the week (Saturday) to the first.’<sup>13</sup>

The Catholic Mirror, the official publication of Cardinal Gibbons, on Sept. 23, 1893, stated:

‘The Catholic Church...by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday.’<sup>14</sup>

Peter Geiermann, C.S.S.R., in *The Converts Catechism of Catholic Doctrine* (1957), p. 50 wrote:

‘Question: Which is the Sabbath day? Answer: Saturday is the Sabbath day.’

‘Question: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday? Answer. We observe Sunday

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<sup>10</sup> James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, *The Faith of Our Fathers*, originally published in 1876, pp. 111-112 (63rd edition); p. 86 (76th edition); republished and copyright 1980 by TAN Books and Publishers, Inc., pages 72-73.

<sup>11</sup> Rev. Stephen Keenan, *A Doctrinal Catechism*, Imprimatur by John Cardinal McCloskey, Archbishop of New York, Copyright 1876 by T. W. Strong, page 174.

<sup>12</sup> Karl Keating, *Catholicism and Fundamentalism*, copyright 1988 by Ignatius Press, San Francisco, bearing the Nihil Obstat and Imprimatur of the Catholic Church, page 38. Writing ‘in honor of the resurrection,’ is a noble thought, but like the Pharisees before Catholicism, traditions based on noble thoughts are struck down by Jesus when they negate His Father’s commandments (cf. Mark 7:9). The Catholic understanding, that the basis for Sunday replacing God’s Sabbath, wasn’t the first reason for its institution. Instead, the Bishop of Rome, Sixtus, in 120 AD replaced the Sabbath with Sunday, saying that God had rejected the Jews, because “they” murdered Jesus, and that Christians weren’t under any obligation to keep the Sabbath or Mosaic Law. See my Handout, [A Snapshot of Church History and Mosaic Law](#).

<sup>13</sup> Taken from [http://www.nisbett.com/sabbath/sunday\\_not\\_lords\\_day.htm](http://www.nisbett.com/sabbath/sunday_not_lords_day.htm).

<sup>14</sup> Taken from <http://www.biblesabbath.org/confessions.html>.

instead of Saturday *because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.*<sup>15</sup>

Lest some think that the Catholic Church replaced the 7th day Sabbath with Sunday because of the resurrection, there is nothing in Scripture that speaks of Sunday replacing the Sabbath because of the resurrection. In other words, even though Yeshua rose on Sunday, Scripture does not speak of changing the Sabbath to Sunday because of that, meaning that it's not God's will to replace the Sabbath, even because of the Sunday resurrection, which actually was the biblical day of First Sheaf (First Fruits). God had already taken care of the celebration of His Son on First Fruits, which falls on the Sunday of Passover Week.<sup>16</sup>

Peter R. Kraemer, of the Catholic Church Extension Society (1975), Chicago, Illinois wrote:

‘Regarding the change from the observance of the Jewish Sabbath to the Christian Sunday, I wish to draw your attention to the facts:’

- a. ‘That Protestants, who accept the Bible as the only rule of faith and religion, should by all means go back to the observance of the Sabbath. The fact that they do not, but on the contrary observe Sunday, stultifies<sup>17</sup> them in the eyes of every thinking man.’
- b. ‘We Catholics do not accept the Bible as the only rule of faith. Besides the Bible we have the living Church, the authority of the Church, as a rule to guide us. We say, this Church, instituted by Christ to teach and guide man through life, *has the right* to change the ceremonial laws of the Old Testament and hence, we accept her change of the Sabbath to Sunday. We frankly say, yes, the (Roman) Church made this change, made this law, as she made many other laws, for instance, the Friday abstinence, the unmarried priesthood, the laws concerning mixed marriages, the regulation of Catholic marriages and a thousand other laws. It is always somewhat laughable, to see the Protestant churches, in pulpit and legislation, demand the observance of Sunday, *of which there is nothing in their Bible.*<sup>18</sup>

T. Enright, C.S.S.R., in a lecture at Hartford, Kansas on Feb. 18, 1884 said,

‘I have repeatedly offered \$1,000 to anyone who can prove to me from the Bible alone that I am bound to keep Sunday holy. There is no such law in the Bible. It is a law of the holy Catholic Church alone. The Bible says, ‘Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.’ The Catholic Church says: ‘No. *By my divine power I abolish the Sabbath day* and command you to keep holy the first day of the week.’ And lo! The entire civilized world bows down in a reverent obedience to the command of the holy Catholic Church.’<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> Ibid.

<sup>16</sup> See 1st Corinthians 15:20, 23, where Paul calls Jesus the First Fruits to rise from the dead, and my article, [First Sheaf](#).

<sup>17</sup> Stultify means, ‘to cause someone to appear absurd or foolish’ (from the Latin *stultus* ‘foolish’).

<sup>18</sup> Taken from <http://www.biblesabbath.org/confessions.html>.

<sup>19</sup> Ibid.

## PROTESTANT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS ABOUT SUNDAY

On Oct. 28th, 1849, an article appeared in the *Albertan*, about an event held the previous day in Toronto, Canada, which stated:

‘Rev. Philip Carrington, Anglican Archbishop of Quebec, sent local clergymen into a huddle today by saying outright that there was nothing to support Sunday being kept holy. Carrington defiantly told a church meeting in this city of straight-laced protestantism that tradition, not the Bible, had made Sunday the day of worship. He quoted the biblical commandment which said the seventh day should be one of rest, and then stated: ‘That is Saturday.’ ‘Nowhere in the Bible is it laid down that worship should be done on Sunday,’ the Archbishop told a hushed, still audience. Local parsons read his comments today with set, determined looks. They refused comment.’<sup>20</sup>

### *Anglican Episcopal*

Isaac Williams in *Plain Sermons on the Catechism*, vol. 1, pp. 334, 336, writes:

‘And where are we told in the Scriptures that we are to keep the first day at all? We are commanded to keep the seventh; but we are nowhere commanded to keep the first day...The reason why we keep the first day of the week holy instead of the seventh is for the same reason that we observe many other things, not because the Bible, but because the church has enjoined it.’<sup>21</sup>

Canon Eyton in *The Ten Commandments*, pp. 52, 63, 65 writes:

‘There is no word, no hint, in the New Testament about abstaining from work on Sunday ...into the *rest* of Sunday no divine law enters...The observance of Ash Wednesday or Lent stands exactly on the same footing as the observance of Sunday.’<sup>22</sup>

Bishop Seymour in, *Why We Keep Sunday*, says,

‘We have made the change from the seventh day to the first day, from Saturday to Sunday, on the authority of the one holy Catholic Church.’<sup>23</sup>

### *Baptist*

Dr. Edward T. Hiscox, in a paper read before a New York ministers’ conference on Nov. 13, 1893, which the *New York Examiner*, on Nov.16, 1893 quoted, wrote,

‘There was and is a commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day, but that Sabbath day was not Sunday. It will be said however, and with some show of triumph, that the Sabbath was transferred from the seventh to the first day of the week...Where can the record of such a transaction be found? Not in the New Testament, absolutely not!’

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<sup>20</sup> News Item, *Albertan* (Calgary, Alberta, Canada), Oct. 28, 1949.

<sup>21</sup> Taken from <http://www.biblesabbath.org/confessions.html>.

<sup>22</sup> Ibid.

<sup>23</sup> Ibid.

‘To me it seems unaccountable that Jesus, during three years’ intercourse with His disciples, often conversing with them upon the Sabbath question...*never alluded to any transference of the day*; also, that *during forty days of His resurrection life*, no such thing was intimated.’

‘Of course, I quite well know that Sunday did come into use in early Christian history ...But what a pity it comes branded with the mark of paganism, and christened with the name of the sun god, adopted and sanctioned by the papal apostasy, and bequeathed as a sacred legacy to Protestantism!’<sup>24</sup>

## ***Congregationalist***

Dr. R. W. Dale in *The Ten Commandments* (New York: Eaton & Mains), p. 127-129, wrote,

‘...it is quite clear that however rigidly or devotedly we may spend Sunday, we are not keeping the Sabbath...(the) Sabbath was founded on a specific Divine command. *We can plead no such command* for the obligation to observe Sunday...*There is not a single sentence in the New Testament to suggest that we incur any penalty by violating the supposed sanctity of Sunday.*’

Timothy Dwight in *Theology: Explained and Defended* (1823), Ser. 107, vol. 3, p. 258, writes,

‘...the Christian Sabbath [Sunday] is not in the Scriptures, *and was not by the primitive Church called the Sabbath.*’

## ***Disciples of Christ***

Alexander Campbell in, *The Christian Baptist*, Feb. 2, 1824, vol. 1, no. 7, p. 164, wrote,

‘“But,” say some, ‘it was changed from the seventh to the first day.’ Where? When? And by whom? *No man can tell.* No; it never was changed, nor could it be, unless creation was to be gone through again: for the reason assigned must be changed before the observance, or respect to the reason, can be changed! It is all old wives’ fables to talk of the change of the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day. If it be changed, it was that august personage changed it who changes times and laws ex officio—I think his name is Doctor Antichrist.’<sup>25</sup> (cf. Daniel 7:25 and my Handout, [A Snapshot of Church History and Mosaic Law](#))

In, *First Day Observance*, pp. 17, 19 it states:

‘The first day of the week is commonly called the Sabbath. This is a mistake. The Sabbath of the Bible was the day just preceding the first day of the week. *The first day of the week is never called the Sabbath anywhere in the entire Scriptures.* It is also an error to talk about the change of the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday. There is not in any place in the Bible any intimation of such a change.’<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>24</sup> Ibid.

<sup>25</sup> Ibid.

<sup>26</sup> Ibid.

## ***Dwight L. Moody***

World famous American evangelist Dwight L. Moody, in *Weighed and Wanting* (Fleming H. Revell Co.: New York), pp. 47, 48, wrote,

‘The Sabbath was binding in Eden, and it has been in force ever since. This fourth commandment begins with the word, ‘remember,’ *showing that the Sabbath already existed when God wrote the law on the tables of stone at Sinai*. How can men claim that this one commandment has been done away with when they will admit that the other nine are still binding?’<sup>27</sup>

## ***Lutheran***

In the *Augsburg Confession of Faith*, art. 28, written in 1530 by Melancthon and approved by Martin Luther, and as published in *The Book of Concord of the Evangelical Lutheran Church* (Henry Jacobs, ed., 1, 91, 1, p. 63, it states,

‘They (Roman Catholics) refer to the Sabbath Day,’ having changed it ‘into the Lord’s Day, contrary to the Decalogue, as it seems. Neither is there any example whereof they make more than concerning the changing of the Sabbath Day. Great, say they, is the power of the Church, since it has dispensed with one of the Ten Commandments!’<sup>28</sup>

Dr. Augustus Neander, a well respected Lutheran theologian, in *The History of the Christian Religion and Church* (1843), p. 186, wrote,

‘The festival of Sunday...was always only a human ordinance, and it was far from the intentions of the apostles to establish a Divine command in this respect, far from them, and from the early apostolic Church, to transfer the laws of the Sabbath to Sunday.’<sup>29</sup>

John Theodore Mueller in, *Sabbath or Sunday*, pp. 15, 16, writes,

‘But they err in teaching that Sunday has taken the place of the Old Testament Sabbath and therefore must be kept as the seventh day had to be kept by the children of Israel ...These churches err in their teaching, for Scripture has in no way ordained the first day of the week in place of the Sabbath. *There is simply no law in the New Testament to that effect.*’

## ***Methodist***

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church, in *The Works of the Rev. John Wesley*, John Emory, ed. (New York: Eaton & Mains), Sermon 25, vol. 1, p. 221, writes,

‘But the moral law contained in the ten commandments, and enforced by the prophets, he [Christ] did not take away. It was not the design of his coming to revoke any part of this. This is a law which never can be broken...Every part of this law must remain in force upon all mankind and in all ages; as not depending either on time or place, or any other

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<sup>27</sup> Ibid.

<sup>28</sup> Ibid.

<sup>29</sup> Ibid.

circumstances liable to change, but on the nature of God and the nature of man, and their unchangeable relation to each other.<sup>30</sup>

Harris Franklin Rall, in the *Christian Advocate*, July 2, 1942, p. 26, wrote,

‘Take the matter of Sunday. There are indications in the New Testament as to how the church came to keep the first day of the week as its day of worship, but there is no passage telling Christians to keep that day, or to transfer the Jewish Sabbath to that day.’<sup>31</sup>

## *Presbyterian*

T. C. Blake, D.D., in *Theology Condensed*, pp. 474, 475, writes,

‘The Sabbath is a part of the decalogue—the Ten Commandments. This alone forever settles the question as to the perpetuity of the institution...Until, therefore, it can be shown that the whole moral law has been repealed, the Sabbath will stand...The teaching of Christ confirms the perpetuity of the Sabbath.’<sup>32</sup>

## **SOME POINTS ABOUT SUNDAY**

1. There is not a single verse in the New Testament that states Sunday is the Sabbath or the Lord’s Day.
2. There is not a single verse in the New Testament that states that the 7th day Sabbath has been altered, changed, abolished or replaced. On the contrary, Jesus speaks of being Lord of the Sabbath (Mt. 12:8; Mark 2:28; Luke 6:5).
3. There is not a single verse in the New Testament that commands Christians to keep the first day of the week (Sunday) as a day of rest, worship or holiness.
4. There is not a single verse in the New Testament that states that Jesus ever kept the first day of the week (i.e. Sunday) or even hinted at Sunday replacing the Sabbath. On the contrary, He said that it would be with us until these Heavens and Earth were no more (cf. Mt. 5:18; Heb. 4:9).
5. There is not a single verse in the New Testament that applies to the first day of the week any sacred distinction (e.g. blessed or holy; Gen. 2:1-3) or speaks of any penalty for its non-observance (as does the Sabbath; Ex. 31:12-17).

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<sup>30</sup> Ibid.

<sup>31</sup> Ibid. The ‘indications’ that Rall most likely refers to are Act 20:7 and 1st Cor. 16:1-3, neither of which speak of anyone keeping Sunday. Acts 20:7 speaks of the disciples meeting ‘on the first day of the week’ (in the evening), which would be Saturday night. The first day of the week, as do all the days of the biblical week, begin in darkness the night before; Creation Week being the model for the Bible day beginning and ending. In other words, the disciples met on Saturday night; Paul preached until midnight when Eutychus fell to his death (Acts 20:9-10f.). Paul raised him from the dead and continued to teach until dawn, when he left to travel from Troas. Luke writes of this incident, not to say that Sunday had become the new Sabbath, but to reveal that Paul had the same anointing to raise the dead as Peter had (see Acts 9:40). 1st Cor. 16 has Paul directing the Corinthians to put aside *in their homes*, not in the church, a weekly special gift for the poor Christians in Jerusalem, so that when he came to collect it they would have something to give (cf. 2nd Cor. 9:1f.).

<sup>32</sup> Ibid.



# CONCLUSION

It's truly astonishing that all of Protestantism, Pentecostalism and Charismania have followed in the anti-biblical Roman Catholic tradition of Sunday. As Gaspar de Fosso, the Archbishop of Reggio said, If the Protestants "do truly hold the Scripture alone as their standard, they would be observing the seventh day as is enjoined in the Scripture throughout."

From both Catholics and Protestants come facts and confirmations that God has never replaced the 7th day Sabbath with Sunday. This was done by the fiat and audacity of the Roman Catholic Church. It's perverse enough, and sin aplenty, for Rome to have changed the day, but to boast about it reveals their shamelessness. The Roman Catholic Church has led billions of Christians astray over the last 1,900 years in terms of salvation, and for that, it has truly earned the moniker of "cult," and so it's no surprise that they are the ones who replaced God's Sabbath with their Sunday.

Today though, God is restoring His holy 7th day Sabbath to those who desire His Truth over sinful Catholic traditions. Does any man (or church, which is made up of men) have authority from God to change His days and His ways? Not according to God (Dt. 4:2; 12:32; Rev. 22:18).

There isn't any biblical support for honoring Sunday above other days, or even assembling on it instead of the Sabbath. The 7th day Sabbath of the Lord God of Israel is still very much in effect. It's not only a time of assembly and worship, it's a full 24 hour day of holiness set apart to God that He has given to those who believe in His Son so that they can be refreshed by both not working and by seeking His Presence and praising Him and His Son.

Daniel, 570 years before Jesus rose from the dead, wrote about what the Catholic Church would do in altering and destroying God's holy Sabbath and Law:

"He (the Pope) shall speak pompous words against the Most High God. He shall wear out the saints (Christians) of the Most High God, and he shall attempt *to change the sacred seasons (the Feasts of Israel) and the Law (Sabbath, etc.)* and they (Christians) shall be given into his power for a time, two times, and half a time." (Daniel 7:25)

The 'time' is over! The deception is being revealed for what it is—a satanic plot that has blinded the eyes of Christians for 1,900 years.<sup>33</sup> Jesus is calling all those who believe in Him to lay down their traditional interpretations for why Sunday, Easter and Christmas are kept and to pick up His Word and learn to walk in *His Days and His Ways*.<sup>34</sup> This is what 'the Voice' of God is wanting: Christians to come out of Rome's

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<sup>33</sup> See [The Lifting of the Veil—Acts 15:20-21](#) by Avram Yehoshua. *The Lifting of the Veil* reveals the New Testament's position on the Law of Moses. The Church interprets the four rules of James (Acts 15:20) as table fellowship and completely misses God's point. Understood from its Hebraic perspective the four rules are the theological foundation that establishes Mosaic Law for every believer.

<sup>34</sup> See [Law 102](#) for why many church interpretations against the Law of Moses are not biblical, and also, [A Snapshot of Church History and Mosaic Law](#), [The Feasts of Israel and the Church](#), [Grace, Holiness and the Pharisaic Church](#), [Hebrews and the Change of the Law](#), [Nailed to the Cross—Col. 2:14](#), [Romans 14 and the Dietary Laws](#), [Take the Quiz! Five Quick Questions about the New Testament](#), [Ten Ways Yeshua Fulfilled The Law](#), and

pagan days and and pagan ways. John wrote,

“And I heard another Voice from Heaven saying, “Come out of her, My people! *Lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues!*” (Revelation 18:4)

One doesn't have to be a Catholic in order to be an honorary Catholic, meaning that any Christian who keeps Rome's Days and Ways over the Lord's Days and Ways, is an honorary Catholic. They are following the Pope, not Jesus.

God told Father Abraham, who is the Father and example of our faith in Christ (Rom. 4:12; Gal. 3:7), to leave his father, etc., and to separate himself from all he was familiar with (Gen. 12:1-3) so he could be blessed by God.

Some might say that I can't leave the days and ways (i.e. Sunday and Xmas) of my parents and friends, and pastor, but Jesus said, “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me” (Mt. 10:37). Yeshua also said, “...to those Jews who believed Him,

“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed, and you will know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free.”” (John 8:31-32)<sup>35</sup>

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[The Sabbath and Yeshua.](#)

See [Christmas—Its Origin](#) for why Christmas is not for Christians. The celebration of [Easter](#) is pagan and has absolutely nothing to do with the resurrection of Christ. After all, Jesus is the Lamb of God (cf. John 1:29), not the chocolate Easter Bunny.

<sup>35</sup> This article was last revised on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.