

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD NEVER ASK

Oh, I thought you would never ask. There are many things that we find today being observed in Christianity, and even memorialized which are not found nor are they commanded in the Holy Bible. You would think that people who love The Word of God would actually observe its commandments without changing them.

WHAT HAPPENED TO CHRISTIANITY?

What happened to Christianity? By the end of the third century after the advent of Christ, everything that had any semblance of, or connection with, the Jewish people, disappeared from off the face of the earth. Christianity has its roots and foundation in Christ, a Jewish man (and yet God), and every fundamental doctrine and teaching found within the pages of The Old Testament (see: Luke 24:44), SPEAKS about Y'shua (Jesus) Who came through the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (the Jewish people). Yes, Christianity did so well (the first two centuries); then came the big change as more and more Gentiles (non-Jewish) people continued entering the congregation of believers; almost overnight the Sabbath became Sunday.

IT IS MOST INTERESTING

It is most interesting that Christianity for the most part worships on the first day of the week called Sun-day. What does the Sun have to do with all of this? Let us remember the day that the Lord has made (Psalm 118). Should we not according to Scripture worship and rejoice in God's-day (Sabbath-Shabbat), rather than Man's-day (Sun-day).

We at Shalom Scripture Studies come together and worship the Lord on the Sabbath (which is our Friday evening service), and also on the first day of the week while it is yet dark (which is our Saturday evening service). Thus we worship and remember the Lord of the Sabbath day, as well as recognizing the resurrection of Y'shua (Jesus) by worshipping on the first day of the week, while it is yet dark.

In conclusion, may I encourage you to remember the 4th commandment in Exodus 20. "Remember the Sabbath day (the Seventh day), to keep it holy".

Please don't forget to observe all 10 commandments, for all ten are most holy before God. Neglecting just one dishonours God.

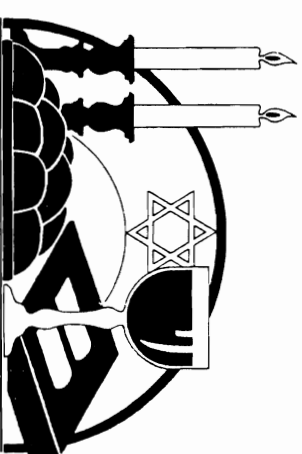
May the Lord grant you wisdom to know the difference between God's Law and man's law. Shalom (Peace) in Him.

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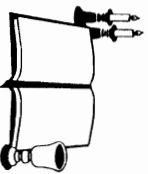
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There are certain words and/or terms that when used in Christianity seem to elicit from some a positive response, while at the same time from others a negative reaction. It simply amazes me as I have listened to certain individuals over a period of more than thirty years, as they editorialize the Holy Bible in order to apply The Word of God to their own culture and traditions. For example, the all-encompassing subject of the Sabbath (Shabbat). You would think that these individuals who apply their various explanations of the Sabbath actually invented Shabbat.

FORGOTTEN SOMEHOW

Forgotten somehow is the fact that it was the Almighty God who introduced and installed for all time the goodness of the Sabbath (See: Genesis chapter Two). By the way, the Sabbath (of God) falls on the seventh day of the week (Gen. 2:2), not on the first day of the week as some would have us believe.

Before we go any further, let's establish for ourselves a biblical definition of the word 'Sabbath'. It means Rest. In Genesis 2:2, we read that the Lord God blessed the Seventh day, then we are told that He sanctified it, and lastly that in it, He rested (Shabbat).

THUS THE SEVENTH DAY

Thus the Seventh day that is blessed and sanctified by The Almighty God is called the Sabbath (Shabbat).

Now if your tradition or practice is to worship the Lord on Sunday, which is the first day of the week, you shouldn't worry. You have the right and privilege to worship the Lord on the first day of the week, and may I remind you that you should continue worshipping our Lord on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and yes even on the 7th day of the week (Shabbat).

WHO ARE WE TO CHOOSE

Who are we to choose which day we are to worship the Lord? Oh, some may say that Y'shua (Jesus) rose from the dead on the first day of the week, therefore, we must worship Him on that day. Well, that's no problem, but what do they do the rest of the week? Do they not worship Him every day of the week? Furthermore, if you choose the first day (Sunday) of the week to worship Him at 11:00 a.m., have you forgotten, as recorded in John 20:1, that Y'shua (Jesus) had risen from the dead while it was yet 'dark'. Therefore, why do you not worship the Lord while it is dark? Why do you so conveniently wait until 9:00, 10:00, or 11:00 a.m. on Sunday?

YOU MAY WORSHIP ON SUNDAY

As stated previously, you may worship on Sunday, but please don't forget the other days of the week to honor the Lord. I mention all of this to bring us to our subject of the Sabbath (Shabbat).

LORD OF THE SABBATH

Who is Lord of the Sabbath (Shabbat)? In Matthew 12:8 we read "for the Son of man (Y'shua-Jesus) is Lord even of the Sabbath day"! Isn't it interesting that nowhere in the Holy Bible do we read that God is Lord over any other specific day of the week, except the seventh day, which is Shabbat (the Sabbath). We read in Revelation 1:11, that the Apostle John "was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day". Now what day do you suppose that is? Well, you have seven choices since a week has seven days. If you conclude that it is the Sabbath (Shabbat), the seventh day of the week that long ago the Almighty God blessed and sanctified (remember Genesis 2), then you are absolutely and completely correct.

You may ask me, Dr. Hidalgo, are you telling me that Jesus and His Apostles and all the disciples actually met and worshipped on Saturday? My unequivocal answer is YES, YES, & YES! Then who changed the day of worship?