

In spite of all this, Christians were still observing the Sabbath in the sixth century, for Pope Gregory denounced them “as the prophets of Antichrist those who maintained that work ought to be done on the 7th day”. – C.B. Haynes, From Sabbath to Sunday, p.43

- “The Catholic Church for over one thousand years before the existence of a Protestant by virtue of her Divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday.” – Convert’s Catechism, The Christian Sabbath, p. 16

*** It is important to keep in mind that the Bible was **not** available to everyone at that time as it is now! Doctrines were passed along by word of mouth until the layman could scarcely distinguish between Scripture and tradition.

Tradition has taken precedence over Scripture in church history. This also was true in the time of Jesus. *See: Matthew 15:9, “But in vain do you worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”*

“Perhaps the boldest thing, the most revolutionary change that the church ever did, happened in the first century. The holy day, the Sabbath, was changed from Saturday to Sunday...not from any directions noted in the scriptures, but from the Church’s sense of its own power...People who think that the scriptures should be the sole authority should logically become Seventh-Day Adventist, and keep Saturday holy.” – Saint Catherine Catholic Church Sentinel, May 21, 1995

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WHAT BIBLE PROPHECYSAYS ABOUT YOUR FUTURE

Lesson #10

MILLIONS FOOLED BY A FAKE

There was a time in World History when most people believed that the earth was flat! Had the people back then looked into Scripture they would have seen that the Bible says that the earth was a circle, or it was round! *See: Isaiah 40:22* This was told 2,000 years before Columbus. Because most people believed that the earth was flat did not make it so.

Many today believe that the day God wants them to worship Him is Sunday, the 1st day of the week: but that doesn’t make it so! The Bibles from beginning to end testifies to the divine and established fact of the Sabbath day, which is the 7th day of the week. **Nowhere** in Scripture does God indicate that He changed that day of worship!

BIBLICAL REVIEW

- At the end of creation week God created the Sabbath on the 7th day
- God put the Sabbath in the heart of the 10 Commandments on Mt. Sinai, “Remember”-*Exodus 20:8-11*
- God through Moses told the people they were not to add or take away from His commands *See: Deuteronomy 4:2*
- God affirmed that He does not change His mind or character *See: Psalm 89:34*

- Jesus exalted the moral law of God in the same way as Mt. Sinai when He preached His Sermon on the Mount. *See: Matthew 5:17-19*
- Jesus demonstrated by His example the day He wanted to honour. *See: Luke 4:16* He did this **not** because He was Jew but because He was the Son of God!
- When religious leaders accused Him of violating the Sabbath, He said He was Lord **of that** day. *See: Mark 2:27,28*
- Not only did Jesus keep the day but also He asked His disciples to pray that they could keep His holy day far down into the future (70 A.D.). *See: Matthew 24:20*
- The Bible tells us that the day between Friday and Sunday is the Sabbath, according to the commandments. *See: Luke 23:54-56; 24:1* (Sunday is still referred to as the 1st day the week many years after the cross, in this text.)
- The apostles continued to worship and preach on the 7th day Sabbath many years **after** the cross. *See: Acts 13:14, 42-44.*
- None of the New Testament writers tell of a change of the Sabbath day!
- “*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.*” – Cardinal James Gibbons, The Faith of Our Fathers, p, 111, 112.
- “*The reason we observe the 1st day instead of the 7th is based on **no** positive command. One will search the Scriptures in vain for the authority for changing from the 7th to the 1st.*” – Clovis G. Chappell, Methodist, Ten Rules For Living, p.61

HISTORICAL REVIEW

- “*Almost all churches throughout the world celebrate the sacred mysteries (the Lord’s Supper) On the Sabbath of every week, yet the Christians of Alexandria and at **Rome**, on account of some ancient tradition, have ceased to do this.*” – Socrates Scholasticus, 5th Century Historian.
- Other Historians record that the Waldenses, Albigenses, and Celts observed the 7th day Sabbath during the Middle Ages, as well as by many Christians in modern times.
- Many church historians and Vatican Archival records show that the beginning of a gradual change of days occurred sometime between A.D. 70 and 135, the dates when two bitter and bloody insurrections by the Jews were crushed by the Romans. – Dr. S. Bacchiocchi, Divine Rest for Human Restlessness, p. 237, 238.
- “*Christians were not the only ones who became careless and gradually compromised their faith. The erosion of the purity of the Apostolic church stood firm and pure, **but** when the 2nd and 3rd generation Christians came along, we see evidence of compromise and apostasy.*” – Apostolic Constitutions, Book 7, Chapter 23.
- “*Between the days of the apostles and the conversion of Constantine...rites and ceremonies of which neither Paul nor Peter ever heard, crept silently into use, and then claimed the rank of Divine institutions.*”- Dr. W.D. Killen, The Ancient Church, p.15, 16.
- The 1st religious law concerning the keeping of Sunday came, “*In the year 325, Sylvester, Bishop of Rome changed the title of the 1st day, calling it the Lord’s day.*” Historia Ecclesiastica, p.739