

The \$100.00 Challenge

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A while ago I received a Xeroxed copy of an overgrown \$100.00 bill. On one side of this bill there was a fourfold challenge to prove that it's not necessary to observe the Sabbath today. The four fold challenge goes thusly:

- 1.GOD CHANGED THE Sabbath FROM SATURDAY TO SUNDAY.
- 2.CHRIST OR THE APOSTLES KEPT SUNDAY HOLY, OR TAUGHT OTHERS TO DO SO.
- 3.BEING UNDER GRACE FREES US TO VIOLATE GOD'S TEN COMMANDMENT LAW.
- 4.SUNDAY IS THE LORD'S DAY.

This challenge was issued by the Seventh Day Adventist cult, from one of their churches based in California. No \$100.00 bill has been sent to me yet, and it's 1998. Here is the response I sent to them in the summer of 1991.

A while back I received a copy of a blown-up \$100.00 bill with a challenge on it which I have, in this paper, answered from the Bible.

My candid opinion is, you have worded your challenge in such a way as to make it almost impossible to collect the \$100.00 reward. I believe that the reason for this kind of wording is that you can't afford for someone like me to prove you are wrong in this matter, and thereby you are false prophets.

I presume that your whole system of belief and faith is based on the Old Testament Jewish Sabbath being applied to the New Testament Church (not the Roman Catholic Church, but the New Testament body of Christ). I also presume that, according to you and your position, if anyone does not keep and observe the Old Testament Sabbath day of worship, they will end up in hell, or something corresponding to that. He would also, by observing Sunday as his day of rest and worship, be guilty of taking and receiving the "mark of the beast."

I'm reasonably sure that you are familiar with the challenge given on the enlarged copy of an hundred dollar bill you sent to me, therefore I will not repeat the information contained thereon. (A copy of that document will be enclosed in the envelope).

First, no Bible believing Christian can show that God changed the Sabbath (seventh day of the week) given to Israel to the first day of the week we know as Sunday. The Sabbath will always be the Sabbath, and the first day of the week will always be the first day of the week. Only a "blank-fool" would say that God has changed the Sabbath from the seventh day to the first day of the week. However, if you are referring to the ritual observance or "religious application" for the completion of the Christian's salvation, or for anyone's salvation that keeps them from going to hell, that's a horse of a "different color": a pale horse with Death riding on him, and Hell following (Revelation 6:8).

Secondly, the Lord Jesus Christ didn't teach his disciples or apostles to blatantly break any Old Testament commandment. As a matter of fact he told them to be careful to keep the Law of Moses for their salvation; but that was *before the cross and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ*. This obedience extended to every one of the over 600 commandments of the Old Testament Law. (Note: No one that you know of, nor either of us has ever kept the whole Law, much less the Ten Commandments; that's why you and I need a Saviour - God in the flesh - who did.) If you will rightly divide the word of truth, the Bible, you will find out that there was a change in the demands and requirements of God for one to be saved. Moreover, that the word salvation⁽¹⁾ does not always mean that one gets eternal life and is freed from the penalty of sin, which is to spend eternity in a lake of fire.

Thirdly, "Being under grace," as you put it, does not give a license to anyone to violate any of God's laws or commandments. Paul said, (Rom 6:1-2) "[1]What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? [2] God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" and, (Rom 6:15) "What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid." And, there are other passages which express the same thing, but these will do for the point I'm making.

The question arises, *If one who professes to be a Christian breaks, by accident or design, one of the least or the greatest of God's laws or commandments, does he automatically forfeit his eternal life and his salvation?* The answer to this question is an emphatic NO!!! The reason: the Lord Jesus Christ took ALL my sins and bore them in his body on the cross, and then he went to hell in my place; and then rose from the grave for my justification. The Lord Jesus Christ is MY substitute (not the devil), and the scapegoat (not the devil) for my sins as well as the sins of Adam's "race." He is the only offering that God will accept - (Isa 53:10-11) "[10]Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his

soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. [11] He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities." No more payment is necessary or required! The saved and born again man need not fear any retribution from a Holy God; because the Lord Jesus Christ is the perfect and final sacrifice and offering for sin(s).

The fact of the matter is, the Christian's standing in the grace of God does not give him a license to sin; however, the standing does give him the knowledge that he will never go to hell and the lake of fire for any sin. The grace of God, wherein I stand, has freed me from the necessity to "live-up" to any standard (real or imagined) in order to merit salvation and eternal life. The Lord Jesus Christ measured up for every man, so that if any would just trust what he did, they would get eternal life and be freed from the penalty of the law.

Fourthly, Sunday (the first day of the week) is no more THE "Lord's day" than any other day of the week. The place in the Bible where one COULD get the idea that Sunday is the "Lord's day" is (Rev 1:10) "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet," where John, on the island of Patmos, is seeing events that will take place far into the future. The time that he's seeing is called "the Lord's day." This does not mean that he was "in the Spirit" on Sunday, the first day of the week.

The term "the Lord's day" covers a period of about 1007 years (the time of Jacob's trouble {7 years} plus the Millennial {1000 years} reign of the Lord Jesus Christ). This term is the same as the terms used in the Old Testament prophets when referring to the "tribulation" and the "Millennium." The Lord's day or the day of the Lord is the same thing. [Check it out!](#) Therefore, to limit this "Lord's day" to a specific twenty-four hour period is absurd and doctrinally wrong.

Before I get into the main body of my attempt at the "prize," I want to issue my own challenge to you and your entire cult group:

I challenge any of you to show me, or any Bible believer, where the Lord Jesus Christ ever went to church or attended church on the Sabbath day (Saturday) anywhere in the New Testament.

This challenge is based on the statement at the bottom of your \$100.00 challenge: "JESUS WENT TO CHURCH ON SATURDAY. SHOULDN'T YOU?"

There are **only three** requirements to meet my challenge:

1. Use only the King James Bible
2. Do not use "the Hebrew" or "the Greek" (or any other language) to overturn what the King James says
3. Rightly divide the word of truth between the Jew, the Gentile, and the Church of God (the body of Christ).

So simple! But I know you either won't do it, or will look for a way around the three requirements I listed, or the challenge altogether.

To begin, I have picked a number of places in both the Old Testament and the New Testament to establish the fact that New Testament Christians are not being referred to when the Lord talks of keeping the Sabbath day(s). And, that the New Testament Christian is not commanded to keep or observe the Jewish Sabbath as a part of their salvation, worship, and/or any service whatever to and for God. I want to point out that the Jewish Sabbath(s) were given as a sign to Israel -- NOT TO THE CHURCH OF GOD! No one from Adam to Moses was instructed to keep or observe the Sabbath as a law or commandment for salvation, or anything else. And, there is no indication that anyone kept or observed the Sabbath(s) until after Moses received the commandments from God (Exodus 20: 1-17, et al.).

Matthew 12:1-14 "[1]At that time Jesus went on the Sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. [2] But when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the Sabbath day. [3] But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him; [4] How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the showbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests? [5] Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the Sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? [6] But I say unto you, That in this place is *one* greater than the temple. [7] But if ye had known what *this* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. [8] For the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day. [9] And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue: [10] And, behold, there was a man which had *his* hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath days? that they might accuse him. [11] And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the Sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift *it* out? [12] How much then is a man better

than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath days. [13] Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched *it* forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other. [14] Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him."

Luke 6:1-9 "[1]And it came to pass on the second Sabbath after the first, that he went through the corn fields; and his disciples plucked the ears of corn, and did eat, rubbing *them* in *their* hands. [2] And certain of the Pharisees said unto them, Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the Sabbath days? [3] And Jesus answering them said, Have ye not read so much as this, what David did, when himself was an hungered, and they which were with him; [4] How he went into the house of God, and did take and eat the showbread, and gave also to them that were with him; which it is not lawful to eat but for the priests alone? [5] And he said unto them, That the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath. [6] And it came to pass also on another Sabbath that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered. [7] And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the Sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him. [8] But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth. [9] Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the Sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy *it*?"

Both of these accounts deal with the same basic deed, "breaking the Sabbath." The Pharisees are accusing the Lord Jesus Christ and his disciples of violating the Laws of God by breaking one of them: the fourth commandment. This is what *a self-righteous Pharisee* always does with regard to the Lord and his people.

The setting and context of these two accounts is the Lord Jesus Christ fellowshiping with his disciples in the land of Palestine (Israel). This was before the cross and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, and several years before the Church Age began. The question (Luke 6:2) which was asked by the Pharisees was, for the most part, a valid one, but still off base. The Lord answered the question with a question, and an illustration (Luke 6:3-5), which is a very appropriate way of handling the so-called theological problems put to the Christian by any cult member, or any self-righteous lost man.

You will also notice, in Matt.12:9-14 and Luke 6:6-9, that the Lord Jesus Christ didn't enter into a church building, but into a JEWISH synagogue.

There were no churches established, nor were there any church buildings built during the earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. There were Jewish and pagan (heathen) temples, and Jewish synagogues; but, no churches! {Question: What was the reason the Lord entered into a synagogue or a temple in the first place? Hint: It sure wasn't to worship. Question: How then, and why, did the Lord keep and observe the Sabbath?} Remember, it was a Jewish setting and context, not a Gentile set-up!

Mark 6:2

"And when the Sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing *him* were astonished, saying, From whence hath this *man* these things? and what wisdom *is* this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?"

Here again, the Lord has entered into a Jewish synagogue to TEACH, not for worship. Further, each time he entered into one of the Jews' synagogues he "turned the place upside-down." by what is being said, you can see that these Jews had never seen or experienced the things that they saw and experienced. The Lord Jesus Christ upset the whole "order of service." {Question: Would the Pharisees be justified in accusing him of irreverence and blasphemy because of the way he was treating their Sabbath services?}

Matthew 24:20

"But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day:"

This verse is one of prophesy, one to be fulfilled during the time of Jacob's trouble: commonly known as the tribulation. This verse, and its context, has nothing to do with anyone that I'm writing to, or will write to in the next 1 to 38 years.

Mark 1:21

"And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the Sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught."

Again, you see that the Lord Jesus Christ entered into a synagogue to **TEACH**. There is no record of the Lord Jesus Christ worshiping in anyone's synagogue. The Lord Jesus Christ didn't go to **CHURCH**, he went to the **SYNAGOGUE**; there is a difference!

Mark 2: 27-28

"[27]And he said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: [28] Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath."

These two verses say that the Lord made the Sabbath for man, and that he, the Son of man, is the Lord of the Sabbath; which means that he controls the Sabbath. If you think about this, and pray about this for a while, you will begin to understand that the Lord never meant for man to make too much of one particular day. What one needs to do is make a whole lot of the Lord Jesus Christ, who created the man and the day.

Exodus 16:23, 25,26, 29

"[23]And he said unto them, This *is that* which the LORD hath said, To morrow *is* the rest of the holy Sabbath unto the LORD: bake *that* which ye will bake *to day*, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning...[25]And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day *is* a Sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye shall not find it in the field. [26] Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, *which is* the Sabbath, in it there shall be none...[29]See, for that the LORD hath given you the Sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day."

The above verses are only a small helping of the verses in the Old Testament which speak of the Sabbath day. What I want you to notice is who the verses are aimed at. They are aimed at **the nation** of Israel doctrinally, NOT THE GENTILE OR THE CHURCH. You need to get that, and remember it, because the main reason for the giving of the Sabbath to **the nation** of Israel is a sign. And the main application is that the nation, by keeping the Sabbath(s), was right with God. When **the nation** failed to keep her Sabbaths, she was not right with God. (These verses deal with a time when **the nation** was under a faith plus works setup). **The nation** will be under the same kind of setup during the time of Jacob's trouble (i.e., the tribulation), with one exception, the Lord Jesus Christ has already died on the cross for the nation (as well as the world), and has raised from the dead. This fact makes for a real "sticky situation." There will be no "eternal security" during the tribulation (!) to name just one aspect concerning the salvation dispensed during the time of Jacob's trouble. Another thing is, no New Testament Christian is going to be present during that time. But **YOU** will be present during the time of Jacob's trouble - if **YOU** don't get saved and born again, **NOW!**

Exodus 20:8 & 31:14-16

"[8]Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy...[14]Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it *is* holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth *any* work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. [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. [16] Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, *for* a perpetual covenant."

Many things could be said about the previous verses, but I want to ask you one question: When one of your "church" members violates the Sabbath, in any fashion, do you put them to death? If you were an Old Testament Jew under the Law, you would!! But I doubt, very seriously, that you carry out the Bible mandate these verses command. You and your outfit are just a bunch of lying sinners trying to avoid the plain truth of God's word, the Bible. You are following in the foot-steps of your father the devil (John 8:44).

2 Chronicles 36:21

"To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths: *for* as long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years."

Notice, the Jew was not only instructed to keep one day out of the week holy unto the LORD, he was to keep other holy days, called Sabbaths, unto the LORD. I don't need to remind you that Israel was taken into captivity due to: 1. Their idolatry, and 2. Their disobedience with respect to the Sabbaths for the land, the land of Palestine. The LORD, through the captivity of Israel, gave the land its rest, or Sabbaths.

Isaiah 66:23

"And it shall come to pass, *that* from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD."

Just one question: [When has this verse ever been fulfilled?](#)

Colossians 2:16

"Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holiday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath *days*:"

This is the only place in Paul's epistles where the term Sabbath is used. You notice that there are five things mentioned that the Christian is not to let himself be judged in. You will notice, also, that there is no commandment in any of Paul's writings which tells the Christian to keep or observe the Sabbath. I guess you know that the apostle Paul is the apostle to the Gentiles(!), and he is the establisher of the New Testament church. If it was/is important for the Christian to observe the Old Testament Jewish Sabbath(s) as a part of his salvation and service to God, the apostle Paul would have made some statement concerning it. He didn't, therefore I will follow Paul and not Mr. Miller or Mrs. White.

Ezekiel 46:3-4 "[3] Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the Sabbaths and in the new moons. [4] And the burnt offering that the prince shall offer unto the LORD in the Sabbath day *shall be* six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish."

I draw the conclusion, according to these verses, that anyone who wants to properly observe the Sabbath should, "...worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the Sabbaths and in the new moons...." I presume that you and your "church members" follow these instructions to "the letter." Oh yeah! Don't you know!

Ezekiel 20:10-13

"[10] Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. [11] And I gave them my statutes, and showed them my judgments, which *if* a man do, he shall even live in them. [12] Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I *am* the LORD that sanctify them. [13] But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which *if* a man do, he shall even live in them; and my Sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them."

I imagine that you noticed that God gave his Sabbaths as a sign between him and his people Israel!? Remember, signs are not for the Gentile or the Church, but are for the Jew (1 Cor.1:22 and 14:22). This fact is very important because of the basic differences in how God deals with the Jew, the Gentile, and the Church of God. If you are not at least a [moderate dispensationalist](#), you will fail to discern the difference and, therefore,

CONTINUALLY misapply scripture; which will end in your eventual destruction and condemnation (2 Peter 3:14-18).

Before I deal with the Bible verses concerning the first day of the week, I want to say something regarding what you said on the little challenge paper, under the heading "DID YOU KNOW?".

One point you tried to make, using Acts 13:14,44; 16:13; 17:2 and 18:4,11, was "The book of Acts notes Saturday being used for worship by early Jewish and Gentile Christians 84 times." I studied these references and found that... -- well, you read what I have copied from the Bible, and then I'll tell you what I found:

Acts 13:14-19,44-52

"[14]But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and sat down. [15] And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, *Ye men and brethren*, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on. [16] Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with *his* hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience. [17] The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it. [18] And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness. [19] And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, he divided their land to them by lot...[44]And the next Sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. [45] But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. [46] Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. [47] For so hath the Lord commanded us, *saying*, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. [48] And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. [49] And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region. [50] But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts. [51] But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium. [52] And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost."

Now, anyone with common sense, and basic reading ability, can see that neither Paul nor any other Christian went to the synagogue on the Sabbath in order to [keep the fourth commandment!](#) They went to the synagogue to [make converts to the Lord Jesus Christ and New Testament salvation.](#) Paul, and every other real Christian, knows that no born again child of God need keep the Sabbath day as a day of worship or rest in order to get saved or keep their salvation.

During the period of the book of the Acts there is a transition of time being covered. The Jews and their proselytes would not be in a church, but in a synagogue or the temple.

The custom was, in the synagogue, for a visitor to stand and read from the Old Testament scriptures (not a Bible), and then give a testimony of some kind. Apparently this was what Paul was doing as a part of his evangelistic ministry to the nation of Israel. Paul was taking advantage of the customs of his day. {neither you nor I can use this method today}. The men who were saved as a result of Paul's ministry in the synagogues were unsaved Jews under the Old Testament Law of Moses.

The method that Paul used would be the equivalent of me going into a Seventh Day Adventist building and reading from the Bible the very places that would convict your hearts of your heresy. My intent, as Paul's was, would be to gain converts to the Lord Jesus Christ, not to an organization or a mere man, and never to a woman. Now, you wouldn't stand for me doing that for one nano-second!

Acts 18:4-5,11

"[4]And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. [5] And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews *that* Jesus *was* Christ...And he continued *there* a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them."

If you read the context of these verses very carefully, you will notice that Paul and his company did not re-enter the synagogue on the Sabbath days to worship or even teach. Paul set up a local church in Corinth which would meet on the first day of the week (in honor of the day that the Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead), and this would be apart from the Jews' synagogue. Paul was very careful to never, ever, mix Old Testament Judaism with New Testament Christianity.

And, just because the apostle Paul went into the synagogue when he entered a new town, doesn't mean he was doing so to worship or observe the Sabbath as the Jews were doing. The Bible says that Paul is to be the Christian's pattern in this life, (1 Tim 1:16 KJB) "Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting."

You see, Paul knew where to find the Jews he was to deal with, according to the commandment of God (see Acts 9), to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ Jesus the Lord.

The following scriptures are the only ones which deal with the first day of the week. Please read them very carefully, in their context, to see what God said, as opposed to what you have been taught or presume.

Matthew 28:1 - "In [the end of the Sabbath](#), as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre."

Mark 16:2 - "And [very early in the morning the first day of the week](#), they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun."

Mark 16:9 - "Now when *Jesus* was risen [early the first day of the week](#), he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils."

Luke 24:1 - "Now [upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning](#), they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them."

John 20:1 - "[The first day of the week](#) cometh Mary Magdalene early, [when it was yet dark](#), unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre."

John 20:19 - "Then [the same day at evening, being the first day of the week](#), when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you."

As you can see, and as you know, the Lord Jesus Christ arose from the dead on the first day of the week. This rising from the dead on the first instead of the seventh day of the week symbolized the shedding of the old and the putting on of the new.

It is therefore fitting that the first day of the week be set aside, as any Christian wants, to commemorate the resurrection of the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The Bible says, (Col 2:16-17 KJB) "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holiday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath *days: [17]* Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body *is* of Christ."

There are two days which have been set aside in "traditional" churches for holding services: the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday; and, the central or fourth day of the week, commonly called Wednesday. Why Wednesday (the central day)? because he was crucified on the fourth day of the week; and Why Sunday (the first day of the week)? because he came forth from the grave, victorious over sin, death, hell and the grave.

Isn't it a bit ironic that the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified on the fourth day of the week, and your cult screams and hollers about the fourth commandment!? It's almost as if the Lord Jesus Christ was putting to death your system of Sabbath idolatry before it ever came into being. {Four and Four} And because the Lord Jesus Christ is to have the preeminence (the first place) in all things (see Col.1:18) the Lord rose from the dead on the first day of the week, not the seventh, or last day of the week. The Lord Jesus Christ is the first begotten of the dead (Rev. 1:5), not the last begotten of the dead. Therefore it is very fitting that the new creature (2 Cor. 5:17) should worship him on the first day of the week to give him the preeminence in ALL things.

Here's a real nugget: Acts 20:7 indicates that a Sunday evening meeting was held, and continued until after midnight.

Conclusion

The information that you have on your little leaflet is not dispensationally accurate. It may well be true, but it can't be applied to the Christian in any part of this present dispensation. A **REAL** Christian (which I am) is one who is depending totally on the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ, and on nothing he (the Christian) can do.

No Christian is ever commanded to observe the Sabbath as a matter of religion or ritual in order to become saved, or to stay saved. As a matter of fact, every day is supposed to be an holy day and a day of worship for the Christian; not just Saturday or Sunday. However, I don't fault your desire to follow your conscience in this matter of keeping the Sabbath (i.e., Saturday)

holy to the Lord. It just isn't a matter for the child of God to get all tangled up with (2 Tim. 2: 3,4).

You see, there has been a definite change in the requirements God has for the salvation of a soul and the implantation of eternal life in the heart (spirit). Eternal life is the Lord Jesus Christ himself (1 John 5:9-14)!!! In order to understand this you need to rightly divide the word of truth (your King James Bible) and make a difference between the Jew, the Gentile, and the Church of God. If you fail to rightly divide the Bible, you will end up trying to live your life as a Jew under the curse of the Old Testament Law. And in doing so, you will die and go to hell and the lake of fire. Further, because **YOU** don't discriminate between the three groups listed above, **YOU** end up with a satanic heresy which will be responsible for damning **THOUSANDS** of souls to everlasting torment and punishment in the lake of fire; which is the second death.

My position is very simple: one need only repent of their sin(s) and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to be saved and get eternal life. (See Acts 16:30,31) In the Lord Jesus Christ I am everything that God's Law demands and, what he deserves from his creatures; in myself I am nothing! (John 15:5) Keeping or not keeping the Sabbath cannot affect me one way or the other.

I received the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour about 27 years ago when I applied and activated Acts 16:31 and Romans 10:9-13. The Lord Jesus Christ entered my heart (as he promised) and I became a new creature in him. He in me, I in him. My position and relationship with him can never, never, never be broken, not because of my righteousness, but because of his.

Finally, just because I don't observe the Sabbath as you think I should observe it doesn't mean that I'm an unsaved man who has received the mark of the beast. The fact is, I try to observe every day as a day unto the Lord, making the first and the fourth day of the week my special days for concentrated, group service. EVERY DAY IS A DAY OF REST FOR ME -- SPIRITUALLY. Now, the only way you can keep me from getting the \$100.00 reward is to do the following:

1. Re-define your terms
2. Re-interpret the scriptures based on your position
3. Use any other translation to correct the word of God

4. Wrongly divide the word of truth - the KJB

5. Use "the Hebrew" or "the Greek" to prove your position.

If you don't do one or all five of the items I just listed, and you stay with the word of God, the King James Bible, you will have to send me the \$100.00 - in cash.

However, I don't expect that you will send me even one "red-cent." In any event, I'll either see you with me at the judgment seat of Christ (1 Cor.3:1-11 & 2 Cor. 5:8-12), or you will stand before the white throne judgment (Rev.20:11-15). After the white throne judgment you will be cast alive into the lake of fire, there to suffer forever and forever. I certainly hope you will appear at the Judgment seat of Christ.

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1. Salvation in the word of God is not only and always being saved from going to hell, and/or receiving eternal life through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; it is, at times, being delivered from a pending doom, having one's ministry saved from being destroyed, or being saved from deception.