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## **Making Sense of the Sabbath Issue**

1. Question: Did Jesus Christ sin while on Earth?
2. Question: Was Jesus a Sabbath keeper during His time on Earth?
3. Question: If He was, Why then were the Jews accusing Jesus of breaking the Sabbath? (John 5:16-18)

*16 And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day. He answers for Himself, and reproveth them, showing by the testimony of His Father*

*17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.  
18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God. (KJV)*

*16 and because of this were the Jews persecuting Jesus, and seeking to kill him, because these things he was doing on a sabbath.*

*He answers for Himself, and reproveth them, showing by the testimony of His Father*

*17 And Jesus answered them, 'My Father till now doth work, and I work;'*

*18 because of this, then, were the Jews seeking the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the sabbath, but he also called God his own Father, making himself equal to God. (YLT)*

4. Question: What does Jesus say to them in His response to their accusations? (John 5:19-21)

*19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.*

*20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.*

*21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. (KJV)*

*19 Jesus therefore responded and said to them, 'Verily, verily, I say to you, The Son is not able to do anything of himself, if he may not see the Father doing anything; for whatever things He may do, these also the Son in like manner doth;*

*20 for the Father doth love the Son, and doth shew to him all things that He himself doth; and greater works than these He will shew him, that ye may wonder.*

*21 'For, as the Father doth raise the dead, and doth make alive, so also the Son doth make alive whom he willeth; (YLT)*

5. Question: If Christ is our example and His Father is His example, what does that do to the Sabbath question?

6. Comments: See also:

John 9:16:

*16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. (KJV)*

*16 Of the Pharisees, therefore, certain said, 'This man is not from God, because the sabbath he doth not keep;' others said, 'How is a man--a sinful one--able to do such signs?' and there was a division among them. (YLT)*

Genesis 2:1,2:

*1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.  
2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. (KJV)*

*1 And the heavens and the earth are completed, and all their host;  
2 and God completeth by the seventh day His work which He hath made, and ceaseth by the seventh day from all His work which He hath made. (YLT)*

Hebrews 4:4:

*4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. (KJV)*

*4 for He spake in a certain place concerning the seventh day thus: 'And God did rest in the seventh day from all His works;' (YLT)*

Psalms 95:11:

*11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest. (KJV)*

*11 Where I swear in Mine anger, 'If they come in unto My rest —!' (YLT)*

Matthew 11:12,13:

*12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.*

*13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. (KJV)*

*12 'And, from the days of John the Baptist till now, the reign of the heavens doth suffer violence, and violent men do take it by force,*

*13 for all the prophets and the law till John did prophesy, (YLT)*

Luke 16:16:

*16 The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it. (KJV)*

*16 the law and the prophets are till John; since then the reign of God is proclaimed good news, and every one doth press into it; (YLT)*

Romans 7:14:

*14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. (KJV)*

*14 for we have known that the law is spiritual, and I am fleshly, sold by the sin; (YLT)*

Acts 13:39:

*39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. (KJV)*

*39 and from all things from which ye were not able in the law of Moses to be declared righteous, in this one every one who is believing is declared righteous; (YLT)*

Hebrews 7:12:

*12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. (KJV)*

*12 for the priesthood being changed, of necessity also, of the law a change doth come, (YLT)*

Hebrews 8:7:

*7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. (KJV)*

*7 for if that first were faultless, a place would not have been sought for a second. (YLT)*

1 Timothy 1:8-10:

8 *But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;*  
9 *Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,*  
10 *For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; (KJV)*

8 *and we have known that the law is good, if any one may use it lawfully;*  
9 *having known this, that for a righteous man law is not set, but for lawless and insubordinate persons, ungodly and sinners, impious and profane, parricides and matricides, men-slayers,*  
10 *whoremongers, sodomites, men-stealers, liars, perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that to sound doctrine is adverse, (YLT)*

A Couple of very interesting Scriptures came up while researching this article:

Romans 13:8:

8 *Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. (KJV)*

8 *To no one owe anything, except to love one another; for he who is loving he other--law he hath fulfilled, (YLT)*

Romans 13:10:

10 *Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (KJV)*

10 *the love to the neighbour doth work no ill; the love, therefore, is the fulness of law. (YLT)*

7. Question: How does Christ define the Sabbath?

Mark 2:23-28:

23 *And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn.*

24 *And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful?*

25 *And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was an hungred, he, and they that were with him?*

26 *How he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and*

*did eat the shewbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him?*

*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. (KJV)*

*23 And it came to pass--he is going along on the sabbaths through the corn-fields--and his disciples began to make a way, plucking the ears,  
24 and the Pharisees said to him, 'Lo, why do they on the sabbaths that which is not lawful?'*

*25 And he said to them, 'Did ye never read what David did, when he had need and was hungry, he and those with him?'*

*26 how he went into the house of God, (at 'Abiathar the chief priest,') and the loaves of the presentation did eat, which it is not lawful to eat, except to the priests, and he gave also to those who were with him?'*

*27 And he said to them, 'The sabbath for man was made, not man for the sabbath,*

*28 so that the son of man is lord also of the sabbath.' (YLT)*

The point that is being made in all of these texts is that God is waiting until HIS Hosts have been made Complete, or Perfected as Christ was on the Cross, before He celebrates the occasion by keeping the Seventh Day as a Day of Rest, which of course does NOT happen until they are ALL in Heaven. This singular event will only happen to the 144,000, who ALONE are allowed entrance into heaven without seeing Death. The others, will be taught BY THE 144,000, what it means to be Perfect In Jesus, as He was Perfect on the Cross. (see 1 Corinthians 2:1,2)

It would appear that the Bible does NOT support nor teach Sabbath Sacredness, Denominational Creeds do that when they make their Church as God in their thinking - Salvation is for those that have Hearing EARS - We are ALL given a FREE CHOICE !

If you really feel and are certain that your Church would NOT lead you astray, then ask yourself, Why are there so many denominations out there, all teaching basically the same thing? Keep in mind that if a denomination were to lose one member, it loses that members support as well as their loyalty. No organization that I have ever witnessed or heard of has willingly worked in a way that would destroy itself by willingly teaching anything contrary to it's own benefit.

There is no denomination that is willing to understand that the principles of God are NOT understood by man - because denominations are run by men, not God. Isaiah 28:8 explains it this way:

*8 For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean.  
(KJV)*

8 *For all tables have been full of vomit, Filth--without place!* (YLT)

King Solomon says it in this way in Proverbs 26:11 and then Christ says it again in Matthew 24:24. That will be assigned as homework if you are brave enough to have read this far and are still in doubt.

I Almost forgot to say that one must also know how to understand a simple matter about how God intentionally hides His instructions for the searching person to find them. Most words and thoughts in Scripture ARE given in Symbols or Spiritual terms; it wouldn't hurt to also look at Proverbs 25:2.

*Pro 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.*

*2. The honour of God is to hide a thing, And the honour of kings to search out a matter. (YLT)*

A look at a reference concordance like the 'Strong's Exhaustive Concordance' will show you that in the Hebrew tongue or language, the two words: thing and matter have the very same definition. Rather odd, wouldn't you say? The way that I am understanding these words is that we as mortal humans are NOT to depend on our own thinking nor what we have been told is Truth, nor are we to assume that we have the correct answers to what we may think that Scripture is telling us; we should always be in a learning mode and be honest and faithful Kings and Priests, open to His ways.

Something that was left out or omitted from most Christians basic Scriptural training was this important fact about how the average Israeli relied on their basic Jewish faith for their knowledge of the Law and it's requirements in keeping it holy.

One of those Laws dealt with the Tabernacle services and the Shewbread and what it meant. The Shewbread was a sacred bread that on The High Priest could eat at certain times of the year. The Shewbread consisted of two piles of six loaves each laid out on a table in the Most Holy Place of the Sanctuary. Those piles of bread had a sacred significance: These two stacks of Shewbread represented both the future Jesus and Michael, the God of Israel. The number six represented the day in which man was created. The two numbers side by side = 66, which is the number of Books in the Scriptures. It also represents both Jesus and Michael sitting at a table containing the Shewbread.

Once you add an additional person, who desires to be like God, you have then added an additional '6' to the number '66' and have now an unholy or unsanctified number which now represents man or rather a sinful man, by the number 666 which all mankind knows is used to represent The Mark of The Beast.

An individual should always consider what the Scriptures says in Jeremiah 31:32, which

signify's Christ as a Believer's (bride's) husband.

Then, a Believer has to consider what Romans 7:1-4 states what the consequences once a husband DIES, the bride or wife is now FREE to marry another man, because she is no longer bound by the initial law of being married to a single person.

Also, remember that the Scriptures does have it's own four-letter word for people that disregard the importance of understanding Symbols/Spiritual terms, and surprisingly, it starts with the letter f! (See Proverbs 26:11; Romans 1:22 ) I also believe that you will be enthralled by listening to this audio explaining the many different ways that the Scriptures uses in which the Word of God is HIDDEN for the searching Heart alone to find and apply in his own life. TRUTH has to be searched out, it is not there for you to trip over.. LISTEN to link.

The Bible teaches that it is the individual, NOT the Church, that has to make a Choice, the Church does NOT have a Soul, it is incumbent on YOU to make the correct decision; no Church should act as a god to any person...if you can prove to yourself that Jesus Christ did indeed keep the Sabbath holy, during His time on this earth and that He was tortured and killed to satisfy some deed that the Father has hidden within Himself; then that also means that the Father has never loved you and that the death of His most precious Son was only to settle some score that only heaven could keep track of, then my friend, either I worship a different God or you never had the privilege of knowing and comprehending MY God. Knowing God is an eternal decision, there is NO mercy after the event is over, that IS why it is given as a Free Choice.

There is nothing spiritually wrong with attending church on the Sabbath, but, on the other hand, there is nothing to be SPIRITUALLY gained by it, as well. (Put yourself in God's shoes for a moment - If you have the guts to think that you CAN THINK like Him - Isaiah 55:8-11)

It IS very difficult for a denominational individual to understand these things until they begin to believe in God and his methods of thinking. God does NOT think like humans nor will a human ever begin to think like God; until a human develops God's ways of thinking. That, trust me, will never change as long as there is Sin on this planet.

Understanding what is to be taken Literally vs. Spiritually IS a BIG Salvational Issue!

For Further References:

Bible Texts - The Law & Judgment

All Texts in the KJV & YLT (Young's Literal Translation ) versions - It is strongly suggested to have a Strong's Concordance at hand when using the KJV Bible as a study tool

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