

Seventh Day Adventism

- * This movement was founded by Ellen G. White (1827-1915) and was officially organized in the year 1863.
- * At an early age, she was introduced to the Millerite movement—This was a movement began by William Miller in 1833...This movement eventually called for the return of Christ on October 23, 1844. This day went down in history as the “Great Disappointment”. It was shortly after this “Great Disappointment” that Ellen G. White began to have visions.
- *Visions involved a bright light & Jesus/angels would show her future historical events & places (on earth, in Heaven & on other planets)
- * In December of 1844, Ellen G. White had her first vision while praying. She states, “I was surrounded by light, and was rising higher and higher from the earth.” She saw the “Advent people” travelling a high and dangerous path towards the city of New Jerusalem [heaven]. Their path was lit from behind by “a bright light...which an angel told me was the midnight cry.” Some of the travellers grew weary and were encouraged by Jesus; others denied the presence of the light that went out and they fell “off the path into the dark and wicked world below.”^[7] The vision continued with a portrayal of Christ’s second coming, following which the Advent people entered the New Jerusalem; and ended with White returning to earth feeling lonely, desolate and longing for that “better world.”
- * White’s second vision was given the title of the “Bridegroom vision” and a third vision was that of a new earth.
- * Ellen White in her own words states that her ministry was confirmed thru her visions. “While praying, the thick darkness that had enveloped me was scattered, a bright light, like a ball of fire, came towards me, and as it fell upon me, my strength was taken away. I seemed to be in the presence of Jesus and the angels. Again it was repeated, ‘Make known to others what I have revealed to you.’
- * Many 7th Day Adventists consider Ellen White's writings to be inspired writings to be used as an addition to the Bible.
- * Ellen White wrote many books, one entitled "The Great Controversy" which attempts to describe the war between God & Satan thru human history and prophecies concerning the end of this war.

- * On March 14th, 1858, while attending a funeral, Ellen White received a vision that gave her the contents for "The Great Controversy" to be written
- * In 1972, she received a vision about adhering to the Jewish dietary law
- * One positive outcome of this vision was that John Harvey Kellogg created the now famous corn flake after hearing Ellen White speak on this subject

What is the Sabbath and are Christians required to "keep it"?

2 Groups that are wrong on this issue

Group 1) Sabbath is the 7th day and we should keep that day as a day of rest & worship. Some say salvation depends on keeping the Sabbath & that the mark of the beast applies to those that worship on Sunday.

Group 2) State that after the resurrection of Christ the actual Sabbath was moved to the 1st day of the week. This group even calls Sunday School "Sabbath School".

Sabbath Facts

- * The Old Testament Sabbath is the 7th Day

Exo 20:10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

- * This Sabbath is an Old Testament not a New Testament command.

(Note: No where in the New Testament does Jesus or Paul command the New Testament Christian to observe the Sabbath)

- * The mosaic law was given to the Jew not to the Gentile...

Exo 31:13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that *ye* may know that I *am* the LORD that doth sanctify you.

Exo 31:17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

This law to the Jew is the same as the circumcision and dietary law.

Gen 17:10 This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

Gen 17:11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

Gen 17:12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

Lev 11:7 And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you.

Lev 11:8 Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; they are unclean to you.

* This is the Jewish law and gentiles are not under the Jewish ceremonial law that was established between God and Israel.

1) Keeping the Sabbath is not commanded anywhere in the New Testament.

*Every other one of the commandments are listed but not the Sabbath, Sabbath-breaking is not mentioned

Mat 19:17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is* none good but one, *that is*, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

Mat 19:18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,

Mat 19:19 Honour thy father and *thy* mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Mat 19:20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?

Mat 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Mat 22:38 This is the first and great commandment.

Mat 22:39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Mat 22:40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Rom 13:9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

If the Sabbath is so important to the Christian today, don't you think that Jesus or Paul one would at least mention it one time? Wouldn't God want us to know as New Testament Christians that keeping the Jewish Sabbath as gentiles is extremely important? If not worshipping on the Jewish Sabbath is so critical as to receive the mark of the beast, why didn't Paul warn us about this?

The Jews hated Jesus Himself because He didn't keep the Sabbath...

Joh 5:18 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.

Jesus even referred to Hosea 6:6 and clearly stated that the Sabbath was part of the ceremonial law...

Mat 12:1 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.

Mat 12:2 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.

Mat 12:3 But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him;

Mat 12:4 How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?

Mat 12:5 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?

Mat 12:6 But I say unto you, That in this place is *one* greater than the temple.

Mat 12:7 But if ye had known what *this* meaneth, **I will have mercy, and not sacrifice**, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

Mat 12:8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

Jesus came to do away with the sacrifices and ceremonial laws....

* Notice also that the council @ Jerusalem when sending word to the gentile converts of what to do didn't even mention the Sabbath...

Act 15:19 Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:

Act 15:20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and *from* fornication, and *from* things strangled, and *from* blood.

Act 15:21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.

Act 15:22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; *namely*, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

Act 15:23 And they wrote *letters* by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren *send* greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia:

Act 15:24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, *Ye must* be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no *such* commandment:

* The gentiles were being told that they had to be circumcised and keep the law (Sabbath) but the apostles clearly state that they gave "no such commandment"...

* Another note is that the books of Hebrews & James that were written to the dispersed Jews don't even mention that they need to continue to keep the Sabbath

* Paul didn't say to keep it in any of his letters to the gentiles...

2) Sabbath is Mosaic law, given to Israel under the law

Exo 16:23 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.

* This is the first mention of the word "Sabbath" in the Bible

**Why did God not have anyone observe the Sabbath before Ex. 16:23?

* This means Adam, Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob etc. never even knew what the Sabbath was...

Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

Gen 2:2 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.

Gen 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Remember that Genesis was written after the lives of Abraham, Jacob etc. Genesis tells us that God rested on the 7th day and sanctified it but before the law it was not instituted.

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Exo 16:24 And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein.

Exo 16:25 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.

Exo 16:26 Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, *which* is the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

Exo 16:27 And it came to pass, *that* there went out *some* of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none.

Exo 16:28 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?

Exo 16:29 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.

Exo 16:30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

Exo 16:31 And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it *was* like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it *was* like wafers *made* with honey.

Exo 16:32 And Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt.

Exo 16:33 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations.

Exo 16:34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.

Exo 16:35 And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan.

Exo 16:36 Now an omer is the tenth *part* of an ephah.

Nehemiah clearly states that the Sabbath was not known before the law was given on mount Sinai...

Neh 9:13 Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments:

Neh 9:14 And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant:

Ezekiel also confirms this fact...

Eze 20:10 Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.

Eze 20:11 And I gave them my statutes, and shewed them my judgments, which *if* a man do, he shall even live in them.

Eze 20:12 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.

Notice that sabbath is plural...There are many sabbaths...There is a sabbath day, a sabbath week and a sabbath year...Every seventh year they were to completely rest the land and plant no crops...

God says over and over that the sabbath is a sign between He and Israel...Exodus 31:12, 13, 16 & 17)

The Sabbath Is Actually Discouraged In The New Testament

Col 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

Col 2:15 *And* having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Col 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath *days*:

Col 2:17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body *is* of Christ.

* Christ nailed the Jewish ceremonial law to the cross

* Paul says to not let any man tell you that you must keep the Sabbath

Gal 4:8 Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.

Gal 4:9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

Gal 4:10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.

Gal 4:11 I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

* Paul clearly warns New Testament Christians not to be in bondage to O.T. law

** No where in Scripture to you find that the Sabbath was moved to Sunday and commanded to be kept...

** They used Sunday for worship and observing the Lord's Supper

Act 20:7 And upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

Took up offerings on the 1st day of the week...

1Co 16:2 Upon the first *day* of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as *God* hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

How should we approach Sunday worship?

* Do not approach it as a legalistic Sabbath....We can worship any day of the week...(Wednesday for example)..But the day that your church and Pastor decide to worship, you should be there....

Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: **and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.**

In fact, the Bible teaches here that we should meet more as the times grow darker....

Some state that we shouldn't meet on Sunday because it was named after the sun god....Well Saturday was named after the god Saturn.

The N.T. church met on Sunday before it was called Sunday and the O.T. Jew met on Saturday before it was called Saturday...We settle things by God's Word not history...

Gal 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

* Don't use your liberty in Christ by not being bound to the law to serve the flesh...

While the Bible doesn't command us not to work on Sunday, we should be careful because we might offend someone else in the process....

1Co 10:29 Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another *man's* conscience?

1Co 10:30 For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?

1Co 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

1Co 10:32 **Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:**

1Co 10:33 Even as I please all *men* in all *things*, not seeking mine own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved.

What is the spiritual meaning of the 1st day of the week (Sunday)?

* 6 is the number of man

* Six days of labor followed by the Sabbath of rest pictures man attempting to live a perfect life under the law and attempting to earn rest on the 7th day. But man failed miserably at living under the law (Acts 15:10; Romans 3:20; Gal. 3:11)

The Jewish Sabbath is out of place in the dispensation of grace which we now live.....

* The New Testament 1st day shows salvation received as a free gift & then Christian works follow the rest of his/her life to the Glory of God. We start out with his rest by accepting salvation.

Heb 4:9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

Heb 4:10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his.

Rom 4:24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

Rom 4:25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

The Jew was to keep all of these feasts and observances because they all pointed to Christ and his first advent. After the ministry of Christ was complete on this earth, there was no need for all of the ceremonies to continue. This is another reason why the veil was rent in to at his death picturing no more need for the sacrifices (Mark 15:38)

The Ceremonial Laws Were Fulfilled & Not For Us

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1Ti 4:2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

1Ti 4:3 Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

1Ti 4:4 For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

1Ti 4:5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

1Co 7:18 Is any man called being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised.

Paul makes it very clear that we don't have to observe the Sabbath, abstain from meats or be circumcised to be right with the Lord.

There are 3 laws:

1) Moral (Thou shalt not kill, steal, covet, commit adultery etc.)

- 2) Civil (Governmental laws...red lights, stop signs, speed limits etc.)
- 3) Ceremonial (Sabbath, circumcision etc.)

Jesus did not do away with the Moral & Civil laws, they are still in existence, He did away with the Jewish ceremonial laws....

Now, if a Christian is still to be observing the sabbath then we must fully observe it and not partially....The Bible states we are to stone those that violate it.

Num 15:32 And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day.

Num 15:33 And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation.

Num 15:34 And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him.

Num 15:35 And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.

Num 15:36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses.

The Bible states that you couldn't even have a fire in the house on the Sabbath...

Exo 35:3 Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day.

How many 7th day adventists break these commandments each and every Sabbath?

We are not saved or kept saved by the law...

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Gal 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:

** Another point is that the moral law is universal and written in the hearts of man...The Sabbath is not written in the hearts of man...They don't know it is wrong unless they are told...This proves that God does not hold us to the Sabbath...

Rom 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:
Rom 2:15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)
Rom 2:16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

Mark of the Beast

Fundamental 7th Day Adventists teach that anyone that worships on Sunday has accepted the Mark of the Beast....This is extremely unscriptural...

Ellen G. White states in her book "The Great Controversy":

"Fearful is the issue to which the world is to be brought. The powers of earth, uniting to war against the commandments of God, will decree that "all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond" (Revelation 13:16, shall conform to the customs of the church by the observance of the false sabbath."

Is that what this verse states?

Rev 13:15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

Rev 13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

Rev 13:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

I don't see the sabbath or Sunday worship even eluded to in this verse.

She goes on to state:

"The Sabbath will be the great test of loyalty, for it is the point of truth especially controverted. When the final test shall be brought to bear upon men, then the line of distinction will be drawn between those who serve God and those who serve Him not. While the observance of

the false sabbath in compliance with the law of the state, contrary to the fourth commandment, will be an avowal of allegiance to a power that is in opposition to God, the keeping of the true Sabbath, in obedience to God's law, is an evidence of loyalty to the Creator. While one class, by accepting the sign of submission to earthly powers, receive the mark of the beast, the other choosing the token of allegiance to divine authority, receive the seal of God."

So the battle of all the ages comes down to which day you worship God on and that will decide whether you are serving God or Satan....If this were true, Paul and Jesus would have overemphasized that we as New Testament Christians should be sure to keep the Jewish Sabbath....

Don't let anyone place you back under the law of ceremonial "do's and don'ts". The mark of the beast will be a physical mark required by the antichrist during the tribulation in order to keep tract of humanity. No one will be able to go to the store and purchase anything without this mark. We see with technology today that this mark is just around the corner.