

TRUE OR FALSE

WORSHIP?

(THE LORD'S DAY)

“Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil” (Exodus 23:2). This great truth and solemn warning that it is unsafe to follow the multitude is found in the very heart of the gospel as taught by Christ and His apostles. Yeshua warned that “Many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many” (Matthew 24:11). As a result of the many false teachers and doctrines, many professed Christians will hear the awful words, “Depart from me, ye that work iniquity (Matthew 7:21-23).

In contrast, Yeshua spoke of the Straight gate” and the narrow way that leads to life eternal. “And *few* there be that find it” (Verses 12-15). Peter warned that false teachers would arise in the church and that many would follow their ways, and as a result, the “Way of truth” would be evil spoken of (2 Peter 2:1, 2), Many other texts of Holy Scripture could be given, but space will not permit.

In Paul's day some had already begun to pervert, or change, the gospel of Christ (Galatians 1:5-8), and since that time more changes have been made in the Law and the Gospel. Some heathen customs were adopted and handed down to us white-washed as Christian customs. One of the changes that took place after the death of the apostles was in God's holy day of rest and worship. Most professed Christians have been taught that the first day of the week is the divinely authorized day for Christian worship. Many call Sunday the Lord's Day and we often hear the statement, “Christians are to keep the Lord's Day and not the Seventh day Sabbath.” Honest people believe that Christ did make a change in the day of worship. Does the Bible teach that such a change was made? Are you willing to investigate, without prejudice?

What is “The Lord's Day” according to the Bible?

THE LORD'S DAY

The one text that uses the term Lord's Day” is found in Revelation 1:10. John says, “I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day.” This statement was made in A.D. 96—over 60 years after Yeshua had ascended to heaven. John did not say which day of the week was the Lord's day! but one thing is certain, and that is that he recognized a certain day as the Lord's day—a holy day. He recorded it as the day on which he was in the Spirit and began to receive the revelation of Yeshua Christ.

This day in order to be “the Lord's day” must needs be set apart, or sanctified, by the Word of God, or of the Lord Yeshua. Man has no such authority. According to the Gospel of the Lord Yeshua, what day is the

Lord's day? Let Yeshua answer in His own words as recorded by three gospel writers.

“For the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath” (Luke 6:5; Mark 2:28; Matthew 12:8).

In the absence of one text of scripture where Yeshua ever authorized the observance of any other day of the week, we must conclude from the above texts that since Yeshua is Lord of the Sabbath day, then the Sabbath is the Lord’s Day of Revelation

1:10.

According to the Lord Yeshua, for whom was the Sabbath, or Lord’s Day, made? Answer: “The Sabbath was made for man

.“(Mark 2:27). According to these plain words of Yeshua Himself, the Sabbath **WAS** made for all mankind and not just for Israel.

When was the seventh day made the Sabbath for man? Answer: At the time of creation. ‘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. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work

(Genesis 2:2, 3). Note that “The Seventh Day” was blessed and sanctified (made holy) in the very beginning “for man.”

The Ten Commandments command us to “Keep it holy” (Exodus 20~8-11). It is called “The Sabbath of the Lord thy God” (Isaiah 56:13). Gentiles, or strangers, that serve God must keep the Sabbath (Isaiah 56:2, 6).

Yeshua KEPT THE SABBATH

Are we to follow Yeshua’ examples in obeying God’s holy law? Answer: “He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness”

(John 8:12). “... Leaving us an example. that ye should follow His steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth” (1 Peter 2:21, 22, 23). “. . . Ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked” (1 John 2:6).

Did Yeshua keep the Sabbath day? Answer:

It was His ‘custom” to attend worship on the Sabbath day (Luke 4:16). He also taught the people how to keep the Sabbath day, setting aside Jewish tradition on the matter (Matthew 12:1-12). His followers kept the Sabbath ‘according to the Commandment” (Luke 23:56). It was to be kept at the fall of Jerusalem in AD. 70 (Matthew 24:15-20).

PAUL Kept the SABBATH

“Be ye followers of me, even as I also am **of** Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1). What was his manner concerning the Sabbath day? And Paul as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the Scriptures” (Acts 17:1, 2). At Corinth, ‘He reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath . . .’ (Acts 18:1-4, 11). This custom gives us **78** Sabbaths (18 months) at Corinth, three at Thessalonica, at Antioch two Sabbaths (Acts 13:42-44), and one at Philippi. These **84** Sabbaths, along with the positive statement that it was Paul’s ‘manner’, establishes the fact that he did observe the Sabbath, following the example of the Lord Yeshua.

Thus we see that the Sabbath was a holy day of rest for both Christ and the Apostle Paul. It was ‘The Lord’s Day’ in New Testament times according to the inspired record and was so observed by John in AD. 96.

Dear reader, please study this prayerfully.

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