

Sabbath and Lord's Day

————— The Christian Use of Biblical Law: Part 9 —————

Sermon Questions

1. List at least one passage that commands the Sabbath to be kept: _____
2. What group in church history were known to be strict keepers of the Sabbath? _____
3. We should regard any law of God abiding and valid unless the lawgiver states otherwise. (Yes/No)
4. What reasons support understanding the Sabbath as a *ceremonial* law? (circle all that apply)
 - i. Exodus 31 is explicit in calling the Sabbath a covenant sign between God and Israel.
 - ii. God never chastised other nations for breaking the Sabbath.
 - iii. The Sabbath was not mentioned with Adam, Noah, or the Patriarchs.
 - iv. The New Testament calls it a "shadow."
 - v. Each time the word Sabbath is used in the NT and OT, it only refers to the Jewish Sabbath.
5. In the council of Acts 15, the Gentile Christians were called to observe the Sabbath. (Yes/No)
6. In Romans 14, esteeming one day as better than another was a matter of conscience. (Yes/No)
7. In Galatians, Paul was so concerned because...
 - i. The Gentile Christians were neglecting the Sabbath.
 - ii. The Gentile Christians had adopted the Jewish calendar (observing days and months).
8. In Colossians 2:16–17, the Scripture says the Sabbath has ended with Christ.
9. The Sabbath is still useful as a teacher today. List the four ways it teaches us:
 - i. The Sabbath is a type of _____ rest.
 - ii. The Sabbath foreshadows the _____ (the day of resurrection).
 - iii. The Sabbath reflects the creation principle of _____ rest.
 - iv. The Sabbath became a fitting day for _____.
10. The Sabbath and the Lord's Day are _____ (hint: the same, similar, different).

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Read Exodus 20:8–11 and Exodus 31:12–17. Why would God demand the death penalty for Sabbath violators? Is this evidence that it is a moral or ceremonial law?
2. How should we treat one another if there are differing convictions on the Sabbath? Should we all avoid restaurants on Sundays to promote peace? (see Romans 14)
3. Do you support laws to close business and trade on Sundays (e.g., like the former Lord's Day Acts in Canada)? Why or why not?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____

