

Seventh Day Bondage

aka “Seventh Day Adventist Legalism Issues”

aka Sabbath - Passover – Judaism Issues

aka “Other Groups That Practice Jewish Festivals Issues”

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Some 7th Day Adventists post billboards on interstates and highways that declare Sunday Worship is akin to taking the mark of the beast. But understand that the 7th Day Adventist movement has always been labeled a borderline cult in evangelical circles and amongst Bible scholars, just as the Church Of Christ movement has been rightly labeled so. No doubt, many 7th Day Adventists and Church Of Christ people are genuine born-again believers that love Jesus with all their hearts, but this is DESPITE some of their blatant errors, not BECAUSE of them. I have 7th Day Adventist friends who are truly born-again as evidenced by their love for Jesus. But it is the same situation as with many Roman Catholics who are born-again DESPITE the abundance of erroneous beliefs, not BECAUSE of them. Tragically, many other people in these aforementioned groups also MISS SALVATION ALTOGETHER as they are trying to depend on their rule-keeping or official affiliation with that particular group to get them to heaven. We can be respectful of people from all affiliations while at the same time sharing truth with them. Loving someone includes challenging their errors as long as it is done in a spirit of love and concern for their own welfare, and not in a spirit of religious pride.

Also some churches today, other than 7th Day Adventists, continue to try to practice the Passover Meal and insist on keeping the Old Testament Jewish Feasts.

Introduction: Hebrews 13:8-16 - [8] *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. [9] Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein. [10] We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle. [11] For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. [12] Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. [13] Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. [14] For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. [15] By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. [16] But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.*

- “Under the New Testament, THE LORD’S DAY has replaced THE SABBATH DAY.” ...Bishop Dr. Bob Hellmann
- “Under Grace, RESURRECTION DAY has trumped CREATION DAY.” ...Bishop Dr. Bob Hellmann (The Old Testament Sabbath Day was a celebration of remembrance of the seventh day when God rested from His creation work.)
- The principle of practicing a Sabbath Rest, or a day set apart for devotion and celebration of God is now practiced as a Custom, rather than a Command. That principle is now practiced customarily on the Lord’s Day, the day Jesus rose from the dead. (Read Acts 20:7, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, Luke 24:1-6, John 20:1).
- The Lord’s Supper has replaced the Passover Meal. Keeping the Passover Meal is unscriptural, both for Gentile AND Jewish Believers. If one wishes to demonstrate a Jewish Passover Meal to teach the types and

shadows of Christ contained therein, this is fine. But to celebrate the Passover Meal as religious duty or as a sacrament is unscriptural and in gross error. (Furthermore, there is no such thing as receiving “Mass” as the Roman Catholics teach. No such event or sacrament is recorded in the New or Old Testaments. Staunch Catholics believe in the false doctrine of “Trans-mutation” or “Trans-substantiation”, stating that the moment they receive the bread and the cup, that the elements are literally turned into the actual blood and body of Jesus. If that were so, they would choke on the blood, however. Most protestants believe on the other end of the spectrum, called Trans-symbolism, whereby the elements are merely symbols of the body and blood of Jesus, which is more accurate. I believe in “Trans-Presentation”, meaning that when the believer receives the Lord’s Supper in faith, God’s PRESENCE manifests during the act. By the way, praying to Mary is also futile, and reciting the rosary over and over again is a mere cheap substitute for heartfelt prayer to the Father in Jesus’ name.)

- Relationship has replaced Rules-Keeping.
- Life-in-Christ has superseded Law-in-Moses.
- A Person has eclipsed Precepts.
- Jesus has replaced Jewry.
- Jesus IS HIMSELF now our Sabbath Rest (Read the Book of Hebrews).
- All days, all places, all times are now equivalent in Worship Value. **Read John 4:21-24 !!!!!**

*Romans Chapter 14 - [14:1] Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations. [2] For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs. [3] Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. [4] Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand. [5] One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. [6] He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks. [7] For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. [8] For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. [9] For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. [10] But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. [11] For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. [12] So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. [13] Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. [14] **I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus**, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean. [15] But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. [16] Let not then your good be evil spoken of: [17] For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. [18] For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. [19] Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. [20] For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence.*

[21] It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is **made weak**. [22] Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. [23] And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

If words mean anything above, the weaker believer is defined as the one who feels in their conscience they MUST worship on a specific day, and the stronger believer is the one who is settled in his conscience that every day has equal Worship Value.

- The New Testament COMMAND and emphasis is to assemble regularly, and is NOT focused on where or when. (Hebrews 10:25)

- **Colossians 2:16-17 - 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: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.**

According to the above verse, Sabbath keeping is now unscriptural! It was just a shadow of Christ!!! Ceremonial separation of clean and unclean meats is no longer scriptural. Keeping of holy days is no longer applicable. Keeping of new moons is also an obsolete practice.

Read the entire second chapter of Colossians.

The above verse in Colossians is the clincher and is the DIVINE AUTHORITY that settles the matter once and for all! Know this verse. Understand this verse. Remember it!

Below are notes from Dakes Study Bible on Colossians 2:16 through 3:3

Col 2:16 [Let no man therefore judge you ...]

Five Things Not to Judge Others About

1. What to eat (Col 2:16; 1Ti 4; Ro 14)
2. What to drink (Col 2:16; 1Co 10:31)
3. What holy days to keep (Col 2:16; Ga 4)
4. What new moon festivals to keep (Col 2:16)
5. What sabbaths to observe (Col 2:16; Ro 14:5-6; Ga 4:9-10)

[meat] This refers to clean and unclean animals of the law (Lev 11; Dt 14). The new covenant permits any kind of meat to be used as food (Ro 14; 1Co 8 and 1Co 10; Col 2:14-17; 1Ti 4:1-8).

[drink]

Christian Law on Drinks

The law was very liberal about drinks (Dt 14:24), and yet under it God condemned strong drink (Pr 20:1; 31:4-7; Isa 5:11-23). Like every other subject, we must go to the new covenant to find

out God's will for Christians. It demands that whatever we eat or drink we are to do it to the glory of God (1Co 10:31). It condemns all drunkenness. A Christian must decide on this basis what to drink and what not to drink (Lk 21:34; Ro 13:13; 1Co 6:9-11; Ga 5:19-21).

[holyday] Jews had many holy days, new moons, festivals, and sabbaths that were binding upon all men (Lev 23; 1Ch 23,31). None of them are commanded in the new covenant, so men are now free to do as they please in all these (Col 2:14-17; Ro 14:5-6; Ga 4:9-10).

[sabbath days]

Christian Law On Sabbaths

This refers to all the sabbaths of the law of Moses, including the regular weekly sabbath. All of them are now abolished with the law, thus fulfilling prophecy (Isa 1:13-15; Ho 2:11). Christians are now free to keep any day they want to as a sabbath (Col 2:14-17; Ro 14:5-6; Ga 3:9-10). All sabbaths were a shadow of the rest we now have in Jesus Christ (Col 2:17; Mt 11:28-30; Heb 4:3,10-11; 10:1).

Col 2:18

[Let no man beguile you of your reward] Let no man take your prize. You have found Christ and been made free from sin by the gospel and the Holy Spirit. You started in the spirit so do not let any man induce you to finish in the flesh (Ga 3:1-5).

[voluntary humility and worshipping angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind]

Five Facts about False Cults

1. Self-imposed fastings and self-denials of many things to appear religious, that are not forbidden in Scripture-touch not, taste not and handle not (Col 2:18,20-23; note, Col 2:8).
2. Greek: "threskeia" (GSN-2356), worshipping (Col 2:18) and religion (Ac 26:5; Jas 1:26-27). Here it is a cult or religion of angels and demons (Col 2:18,23; 1Ti 4:1-8).
3. Religion based upon visions that are supposed to come from God and angels (Col 2:18; Dt 18; Je 23; Eze 13).
4. Religion based upon superior knowledge, new discoveries, occult secrets, piety, and sensuous feelings (Col 2:18; Ro 1:21-23; Col 2:8; 1Ti 6:20).
5. Religion that is not Christ-centered and true to the gospel (Col 2:19; Ep 4:14; 5:11-12; 2Co 11:14-15; Mt 7:15, note).

Col 2:19

[holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered] Not acknowledging the Head of the church (Christ) on whom every member depends for nourishment and life.

Col 2:20

[if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world]

Christian Law on Traditions

If you are dead with Christ, having been freed from the elementary rules of the world and rudiments of Judaism, why then be subject to them any longer? Their program is simply touch not this or you will be unclean (Lev 15), taste not this for it is unclean (Lev 11; Dt 14), and handle not that for it is forbidden. All such things are to perish with the using. They are mere traditions of men, not laws of God in the new covenant (Col 2:20-23).

[rudiments of the world] See note, Ga 4:3; note, Col 2:8.

[why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances] First and only question in Colossians.

Col 2:22

[after the commandments and doctrines of men] Mt 15:9; Mk 7:7; 1Ti 4:1.

Col 2:23

[will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body]

Human Religion Powerless

This is any form of worship man chooses for himself apart from the true worship of God (Ro 1:21-25). Some forms have a great show of refinement, humility, and asceticism, but they are powerless to deal with sin and the old man. They only feed self-righteousness and pride and do not change the heart.

Col 3:1

[ye then be risen with Christ] Note the contrast between this and Col 2:20-if you are dead with Christ from rudiments of the world, act like a dead man. Here, if you are risen with Christ, act like a living man (Col 3:1-3).

[seek those things which are above] See note, Col 3:17.

[where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God] Another proof of the Father and Christ being separate and distinct persons who sit side by side (note, Ac 2:33).

Col 3:2

[Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth] Love heavenly things and be engrossed by them.

Col 3:3

[ye are dead] Christians are dead to three things:

1. Sin (Ro 6:2,7,11; 1Pe 2:24)
2. The law (Ro 7:4; Ga 2:19)
3. The rudiments of the world (Col 2:20)

-END DAKES STUDY BIBLE NOTES-

- The sheer nonsense of such preoccupation with the Sabbath Day is clearly shown by the stark reality of the Jewish Calendar not even being the same as the Gentile calendar. So Seventh Day worshippers are not even really worshipping on the true “seventh day.”
- Also if we are to keep the Sabbath as an “ordinance forever” (Exodus 12:14) as some purport, then we better continue making animal sacrifices, and all the other Old Testament rituals and procedures as well as the second tithe in the third year and the third tithe on the seventh year (20% and 30% of our incomes in some years) as the Jews were required. If we are to keep any part of the law, we must keep it all! Obviously, Sabbath keeping as an “ordinance forever” means for as long as the Jews were under Mosaic law.
- BEWARE of any group that begins to make rules about marriage, foods, etc.

1 Timothy 4:1-7 [4:1] Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; [2] Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; [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. [4] For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving; [5] For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. [6] If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. [7] But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.

- You can have 7th Day Adventist friends, Church of Christ friends, Roman Catholic friends, but just be on your guard against the spirits of error and seducing spirits that they have been exposed to and to which they may be under bondage. The Seventh Day Adventists are very deceitful in some matters. They pride themselves on being End-Time event experts. They mail out full color fliers with pictures of beasts and horses and demons into communities inviting people to a Seminar on the End Times or Last Days. They announce a speaker but don't tell you that it is a Seventh Day Adventist sponsored event. Then after a person attends several meetings in a neutral location and after they have that person hooked and under control of their legalistic spell, they announce that they will continue the seminar or follow-on meetings at a Seventh Day Adventist Church, where the person is then indoctrinated in all the things they can't do, can't eat, and that it is sin if they don't worship on Saturdays. Such activity is cultic in nature!
- Will the Sacrifices ever be reinstated by God? No! A resounding no! Read Hebrew 10:12-14 !!!!!

The Jews may perhaps reinstitute the daily sacrifices in the last days, BUT God will never reinstitute them.

The Law was a temporary Schoolteacher to keep people in God's way until the reality of Christ came. Read Galatians Chapter 3.

- "Fallen from Grace" – A term not necessarily stating that a believer has lost their salvation, but perhaps indicating that a believer has quit depending entirely on the grace of God through Christ (as he once did), but has been seduced to get back under legalism, rules-keeping and the law as his way of living.

*Galatians 5:1-12 [5:1] Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. [2] Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. [3] For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. [4] Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; **ye are fallen from grace.** [5] For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. [6] For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love. [7] Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? [8] This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you. [9] A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. [10] I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be. [11] And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased. [12] I would they were even cut off which trouble you.*

- Concluding remarks: For another believer to accuse a fellow believer of having taken the Mark of The Beast because he chooses to worship on Sunday instead of Saturday is 1) In direct violation of the scripture, 2) Sectarian, 3) Cultic, 4) Exclusivism, 5) An embarrassment to the name of Christ, 6) The Pinnacle of Pride, 7) Error, 8) A laughing stock to Unbelievers observing such fighting and hair-splitting between religious groups. While Christians fight over which day to go to church on, the unbeliever dies and goes to hell!

1 John 2: [26] These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. [27] But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.