

# What Day Did God Sanctify?

This tract has been created to introduce those who are searching for truth set forth in God's word. This tract is not based on the traditions of men and pagan religions.

If you believe that there is a living God who has created all things, with a plan of salvation for lost mankind, the first thing we need to deal with is when God has commanded something to be done, does mankind have the authority to change them. Before you answer that consider these scriptures. Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32; Joshua 1:7; Proverbs 30:6; Galatians 3:15; Revelation 22:18, 19. We see that we are told over and over we are not to add to or take away from God's word from both Old and New Testaments.

What day did God sanctify? Let's look to the scriptures Genesis 2:1-3. God not only sanctified the seventh day but he blessed it as well. What is it when something is sanctified?

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verb (used with object), sanc·ti·fied, sanc·ti·fy·ing.

1. to make holy; set apart as sacred; consecrate.
2. to purify or free from sin: Sanctify your hearts.
3. to impart religious sanction to; render legitimate or binding: to sanctify a vow.
4. to entitle to reverence or respect.
5. to make productive of or conducive to spiritual blessing

To Sanctify something is to, purify, set aside, make holy, to render legitimate. How can mankind accept any other day than the one God set aside for them? Is the seventh day only for the Israelite? Let us see what the scriptures say. Mark 2:27.

The seventh day was not made for one race, but for mankind. When God created, and kept the seventh day there were no races on earth, only Adam and Eve. Let's go back to when God gave the Ten Commandments to Israel and look at what He had to say about the Sabbath. Exodus 20:8-11. Even way back here when one might think that the Sabbath was only for Israel, we see that even the stranger was commanded to keep the Sabbath. The Sabbath has always been for mankind. It is man who fights against God, Israel walked away from it and so did the early church. Once the last of the apostles died, the church wanted to distance itself from anything that they thought was Jewish. The church took it upon itself to decide that the first day of the week was to be kept in remembrance of the resurrection of Jesus. We were never commanded to do this. The only remembrance we were commanded, by our Lord Jesus the Christ to do, was the Lord's Supper.

How can we be sure Saturday is the seventh day? First all of Christianity honours the death of Jesus on Friday, they hold that he was in the sepulchre Saturday and was raised on Sunday.

What does your Bible call those days Matthew 28:1, Luke 23:56; 24:1. In every case Saturday would be the seventh day, so every Easter all the Christian Churches agree that the seventh day is Saturday and Sunday is the first day of the week.

Will the seventh day Sabbath be kept in the new Kingdom? Isaiah 66:23; Revelation 15:4. God gave it to us at creation. He tells us we will keep it in the New Kingdom. Does it not seem logical that we should still be keeping it? No other day has been sanctified and blessed by God to keep.

What examples were we given by the apostle Paul to the gentiles? Acts 13:12, 44; 17:1-4; 18:4-11. Here Paul preached to the Gentiles for 18 months or 78 weeks, and never told them that the Sabbath should be or was going to be changed to the first day of the week. If it were so he would have told them.

What are we told in Hebrews 4:9? That there remains a rest for God's people. We understand that this word Paul uses here is present and future. It does support the earlier scriptures that told us that all flesh will come before God from one Sabbath to another Isaiah 66:23.

Should we not walk in the examples left to us by our Lord and Saviour Jesus and his disciple? Jesus called us to follow him. Matthew 16:24; Mark 10:21; Luke 9:59-62; John 10:27; John 12:26. Our commission is to pattern our life after Jesus the Christ, not the false teachings of men. In Mark 2:27, 28 Jesus tells us that the Sabbath is made for man and that he is Lord of the Sabbath. These words are not words that indicate that this day would be done away with or that another would take its place.

What does the Sabbath signify to mankind?

*Exodus 20 8-11*

*8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.*

*9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:*

*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:*

*11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*

First it tells us it's the Sabbath of the Lord and then it declares His creation week. Don't you think that we should continue to honour that sign which declares that God is the creator of all things?

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