

"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord..." - 1 Cor 15:58

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"Arguments Presented By Sabbatarians"

Over the past several weeks, based upon the questions we receive on the radio program, there appears to be a resurgence of this doctrine; the teaching that the Sabbath day is still binding & must be practiced by Christians. Groups, but not limited to, who hold to this doctrine are: 7th Day Adventist & 7th Day Baptist. However, there are groups who do not identify, but teach 1st Day Sabbath Keeping, such as Catholics, Mormons, some Pentecostals groups, & many who adhere to the doctrine of premillennialism. Here is are just a few of their comments & the Biblical response to their statements.

Covenant was made in Genesis with Adam & Eve (Genesis 3:15). This covenant included the Sabbath (Genesis 2:1-3), which is apart & separate from the Law of Moses. God's covenant is forever. Therefore, the Sabbath is forever & binding upon Christians today.

First & foremost, Sabbath keeping was not a command until **Exodus 16:23**. It was commanded to Israel & not to the patriarchs – before Israel (**Deuteronomy 5:1-3**). **Genesis 3:15** is a prophecy about the coming of Christ & not a covenant. **Genesis 2:1-3** itself still is not a covenant. It simply explains what God did on the 7th day, which was not the Sabbath until **Exodus 16:23**. We must also understand why God blessed & sanctified this day. It was because of what He had done on the 7th day & not because of man. The 7th day in **Genesis 2:1-3** & the Sabbath day command given to Israel in **Exodus 16:23** are two totally different things. The Sabbath

was added to the 7th day because the 7th day existed before the Sabbath.

Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath (Matthew 12:8). Since Jesus lives, how is it that He is Lord over everything except the Sabbath? If He was Lord of the Sabbath before the cross, then He is Lord of the Sabbath after the cross.

Jesus was Lord of the Sabbath, when there was a Sabbath. Jesus made this affirmation before the cross & not after. The Sabbath was done away with according to **Colossians 2:14-17** by the authority of Christ (**Colossians 3:17**). Christ was Lord of the Sabbath because He created the Sabbath for man (**Mark 2:27**). However, in being Lord of the Sabbath, He also decides when it is going to end if at all. The Lord of the Sabbath authorized that the Sabbath ended with the coming of His body (**Colossians 2:17**).

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