

Words of Truth



Exposing The Seventh-day Adventists (Part 3)

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Saturday is a significant day for all Seventh-day Adventists (SDA is how we shall refer to them from here forward). Notice this: “The Sabbath is a day of delightful communion with God and one another. It is a symbol of our redemption in Christ, a sign of our sanctification, a token of our allegiance, and a foretaste of our eternal future in God's kingdom” (<http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/fundamental/>). Of course, not once does the Lord say anything akin to what they claim in the quote above, but that doesn't stop the SDA. The seventh day is a key part to this religious organization. That is why they use the “Seventh-day” as part of their identity. It is the core in their system of beliefs. Let's see, from their words, just how significant Saturday is to the SDA.

The Seventh-day Adventists View Of The Sabbath Day

What are you doing this Saturday? Well, the SDA will be doing something that Christians will not be doing. They will be honoring the Sabbath Day. The SDA teach this in regard to the Sabbath Day:

“**The seventh day (Saturday)** is an **extra-special part of the relationship**. The Bible, from Genesis through Revelation, describes the seventh day as **the one day God has set aside for focused fellowship** with His people. God has named that day ‘Sabbath’ and asked us to spend it with Him. ‘Remember the sabbath day,’ He says, ‘to keep it holy.’ The Sabbath is a whole day to deepen our friendship with the Creator of the universe! A day when we're together, **Jesus with us and us with Jesus**” (<http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/>).

“It's 9:00 Saturday morning and your neighbors have just come out of their front door dressed as though they're going to a symphony concert. But two of them are carrying Bibles! Chances are your neighbors are Seventh-day Adventists on their way to **Sabbath morning worship services at their church**. That means you're in for a very special relationship, a friendship marked by kindness, openness, and honesty--one that could well enrich your life.

Sabbath school is like Sunday school. It is a one-hour time praising God through music, prayers, mission stories, and small group Bible study. During the time there are separate classes for children grouped according to their ages and for adults with varied interests and understanding of the Bible. Music and fellowship are central to each Sabbath school program. You will find Sabbath school to be a ‘good time’ with each other and with God” (<http://www.adventist.org/beliefs/neighbor/>).

Should Christians Honor The Sabbath Day?

There are some things like the “good time” or “Sabbath school” statements we could expose, but all of us should already understand that this religion is carnally minded and they are focused on carnal things (cf. I Peter 2:11). We've already exposed this error in our last article. What we do need to address is whether or not Christians are commanded to keep the Sabbath Day as the SDA proclaim above.

For one, the command to keep the Sabbath day was for the nation of Israel (Exodus 31:13, 16, Leviticus 23:24; 24:8; 25:2, II Chronicles 2:4, Nehemiah 10:33; 13:18, and Ezekiel 20:13). The commands to keep the Sabbath Day were under the Law of Moses. As Gentiles, we are not, nor were we ever under the Law of Moses (Romans 2:12-15). The Law of Moses was for the nation of Israel (Leviticus 26:46, Deuteronomy 4:44, Joshua 8:31-32, and Malachi 4:4). All people, races, nations, etc. are not under the Law of Moses today (Luke 16:16, Romans 7:1-6, Ephesians 2:11-17, Hebrews 8:1-13, and Hebrews 9:15-10:22). The same link ([beliefs; point 19](#)) shows that the SDA clings to Moses' Law.

Would the passing of the Law of Moses necessarily mean that the Sabbath was done away with? Yes, and we can say so because of this: *“And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, where in also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. 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**”* (Colossians 2:10-17). When God wanted something He commanded under the Law of Moses to continue in the Law of Christ, He said so (cf. Romans 13:8-10).

Like the Sabbath, many commands in the Law of Moses are no longer in effect. For example, though homosexuality is sinful (I Corinthians 6:9-10), we are no longer commanded to kill those who practice homosexuality (cf. Leviticus 20:13). Though witchcraft is still sinful (Galatians 5:19-21), we are no longer commanded to kill those who practice witchcraft (Leviticus 20:27). The issue of individuals holding to certain parts of the Law of Moses is not a new problem. When Paul and Barnabas were in Antioch they found certain individuals who were binding circumcision and telling others that they needed to keep the Law of Moses (Acts 15:1-5). The Apostles, the church of Christ in Jerusalem, and the Holy Spirit wrote those individuals commanding them to cease teaching those doctrines (Acts 15:6-35). It would appear that the SDA is not aware of Acts chapter fifteen.

There is “a catch” that the SDA does not realize. You see, if someone is going to follow the Law of Moses they are bound to follow the whole Law (Deuteronomy 27:26 and Galatians 5:1-4). Funny thing is, the SDA holds to the Sabbath Day, but at the same time they don't observe the Sabbath Day. You see, if they did follow the law concerning the Sabbath Day they'd have to observe this portion of that law too: *“And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day. And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation. And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him. And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp. And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses”* (Numbers 15:32-36).

Conclusion

As Christians, we commune on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7-11). Our fellowship with the Lord is through our full obedience to Him (I John 1:3-7). There is more to expose, as we will next week.