

### God Did Not Tell You to Keep the Sabbath

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“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy” (Ex. 20:8). This longest of the Ten Commandments (read verses 9-11) made Israel different. “And the LORD said to Moses, ‘You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, ‘Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the LORD, sanctify you... Therefore the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant forever. It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed’” (Ex. 31:13,16-17). The reason for Israel to keep the Sabbath was that they had been slaves in Egypt, and God had brought them out (Deut. 5:12-15).

For two hundred years, critics of the Bible have searched high and low in ancient documents from other nations for parallels to all the Old Testament laws. They want to believe that everything in Genesis to Deuteronomy came from anywhere but above. The search for a rest day every week in any other culture in the ancient world has come up short. This was indeed a sign between the LORD and Israel alone. Sojourners within Israel’s gates were required to keep the Sabbath (Ex. 20:10), but it wasn’t a practice that they brought from home or that they successfully took back with them.

Israelites didn’t always do the Sabbath right, so God’s prophets rebuked them for it often. The Sabbath was still the sign between God and Israel hundreds of years later in Ezekiel’s time. Israel was in pure rebellion to the LORD when he said, “my Sabbaths they greatly profaned” (Ez. 20:13). Insightfully, Ezekiel and the rest of the prophets scolded and warned the nations that surrounded Israel, too, for idolatry, adultery and numerous other immoralities—but never for profaning the Sabbath. Sabbath-keeping just wasn’t a law God had given them.

Have you heard that Sunday is the Christian Sabbath? If so, you have heard wrong. No one with

inspired authority from God ever said that the first day of the week is the new Sabbath. Search your New Testament! Hundreds of years after Jesus built his church, corrupt religious leaders labeled Sunday “the Christian Sabbath.” That was part of their corruption.

Does the New Testament command us to keep the Sabbath? Nowhere. Search your New Testament!

In fact, the Law of Moses (to which the Ten Commandments were central) has ceased to function as the law in God’s economy. Nobody but Jesus could keep it well enough to stand right before God. So he canceled “the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross” (Col. 2:15). “Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ” (Col. 2:16-17). The Sabbath is not what it used to be. It’s not supposed to be. Aiming to observe it could end up in your disqualification from the right relationship with God (Col. 2:18).

Didn’t Paul, the apostle and Christian, keep the Sabbath? No, he capitalized on the Sabbath. The last day of the week gave him ready made Jewish audiences in the synagogues to hear the gospel of Christ (Acts 13:13-52, 17:1-3, etc.). The New Testament records no gatherings of Christians on the Sabbath.

In Genesis 2:2-3, Moses tells why the seventh day was Israel’s Sabbath. But Adam didn’t keep the Sabbath in Genesis 2; he had never heard of it. Similarly in Genesis 2:24, Moses tells why a man should leave his father and mother and be united to his wife. But Adam didn’t leave his father and mother to marry Eve; he didn’t have human parents. It was not until Sinai, thousands of years later, that the LORD made known his Sabbath command (Neh. 9:13-14).

For us, Sabbath rest is not a commandment to keep now but a promise to receive in eternity (Heb. 4:9-11).

Danny Boggs

*His own people, eager to do what is good – Titus 2:14*



Kay Anderson, Carol Bessman, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Bonaga Buck, Joyce Clarkson, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tammy Crawford, Titus Farley, Joe and Teresa Freund, Ervin Hill, Gael Jackson, Molly Jackson, Millie Lyons, Pam McMahan, Sherry Merrill, Kevin Murray, Foy O'Neil, Charlie Phillips, Mebyl Privett, John Randall, Tina Rasbury, Bill Reiboldt, Bryan Reiboldt, Connor Reiboldt, Murray Riley, Lawrence Sanders, Rylee Schroeder, Harold Speir, Edith Toney.

Harold Speir went home from the hospital but is scheduled for surgery tomorrow.

We have several on our prayer list. Many of them have been experiencing difficulties for a while. Please pray for them daily and find ways that you can be an encouragement for them.



**Every "One" Counts:** When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

**Devo and Donuts** meets every Tuesday at 7:00 in the activities center. Start your day in a positive way and invite your friends to join you. 

If you are not able to be at church, continue to visit our Facebook page, website or YouTube channel to see or hear our services **online**. Services will be at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays.

### Today's Sermons



A.M. *Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep it Holy*  
(Ex. 20:8, John Deffenbaugh)

P.M. *Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep it Holy*  
(Discussion Groups)

**Men's Breakfast** will be Thursday morning at 7:00 at Braum's. Come eat and fellowship with your brothers.

Thanks to all who helped in some way with the **Fall Festival** this weekend. It is so important for us to reach out to the community whenever we can.

There are **study questions** on the welcome desk for tonight's discussion if you would like to pick them up early. They will also be available in the rooms this evening. Come ready to be part of the discussion.

Many of our number are at **Week 2 Weekend** at Green Valley Bible Camp. It has been a great weekend for all involved. We have such a great youth group and we are glad they have had a chance to be a part of the "Called Out!" Pray for their safe return this afternoon and continued spiritual growth.

The **young adults** are planning a retreat October 15 - 17. See Madelaine Giebler or Caleb Boggs for more details.

**Lads 2 Leaders:** continue to work on your speeches for the 2022 conference on the theme "Be Strong and Courageous." Study the book of Joshua for the Bible Bowl.

**TriState Youth Series** will be next Sunday in Joplin.

October 30-31, we will be hosting a **Grief Workshop** with Ron and Don Williams. Grief touches everyone's life. This will be a great workshop to invite others to attend. Here is the list of Saturday's topics:

- What Do You Know about Grief and Loss?
- The Emotions and Trauma of Grief
- What to Say or Not to Say in Grief
- How to Make it in the Grief Journey

You will be encouraged and informed by attending these sessions and bringing others. Pick up a flyer from the welcome desk.

*Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for the plant, thoughts and prayers during our time of loss.*

*The Rogers Family*

#### WORSHIP LEADERS

##### Today

AM Opening Prayer: Pete Babb  
AM Closing Prayer: Tony Flint  
Communion Prayers: Tucker Anderson

PM Closing Prayer: Charlie Phillips

##### This Wednesday

Announcements: Caleb Boggs  
Singing: Jason Giebler  
Invitation: Charlie Collinsworth

Opening Prayer: Mike Kidwell  
Closing Prayer: Todd Murray

#### RECORDS

	9-26-21	9-27-20
Bible Study	130	111
AM Worship	174	166
PM Worship	128	118
Wednesday	121	110
Contribution	\$9,851.01	\$8,098.67
Budget	\$8,000.00	\$7,864.15