The Sabbath–

2 God commanded the Sabbath

Exodus 20:8-11 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it."

1 God created the Sabbath

Genesis 2:2-3 "And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made."

Mark 2:27 "And He said to them, 'The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.'"

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B C D E F

3 Israel ignored the Sabbath

Ezekiel 20:21, 24
"Notwithstanding, the children rebelled against Me; they did not walk in My statutes, and were not careful to observe My judgments, 'which, if a man does, he shall live by them'; but they profaned My Sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out My fury on them and fulfill My anger against them in the wilderness. ... Because they had not executed My judgments, but had despised My statutes, profaned My Sabbaths, and their eyes were fixed on their fathers' idols."

G H I J

Past, Present and Future

4 Jesus observed the Sabbath

Luke 4:16 "So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read."

The apostles observed the Sabbath after the resurrection

Acts 13:42, 44 "So when the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. ... On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God."

6 The Sabbath will be observed after Christ returns

Isaiah 56:6-7 "Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and holds fast My covenant—even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer."

Isaiah 66:23 "'And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me,' says the Lord."

Revelation 22:14 "Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city."

5 Roman Christianity tried to abolish the Sabbath

The Council of Nicaea, A.D. 325: Constantine and the Catholic Church established Sunday as a day of rest.

The Council of Laodicea, ca. A.D. 365: The Catholic Church made it illegal to "Judaize" or be idle from work on the seventh-day Sabbath.

K L M N O P

1 . God Creates the Sabbath – Our Creator does not "tire", but realizes mankind needs (*benefits from*)

- **A** - Original purpose was not "ceremonial" rather (1) Provided rest for body and mind & (2) o

2. God Commanded the Sabbath – The 10 Commandments are a special revelation of How to love Go

- **B - Deu 5:15 And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD y the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.**

- **C - Lev 23:1-3 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, these are My feasts. Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of sole dwellings**

- **D** - Manna shows only one day of the week is the Sabbath **Exo 16:27-29 Now it happened LORD said to Moses, "How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws? for two days. Let every man remain in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seve**

- **E** - Sabbath is a Sign **Exo 31:12-17 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak als Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who s it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut of holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.' "**

- **F** – Israel was obedient for a time **Jos 24:31 Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshu which He had done for Israel. Jdg 2:7 So the people served the LORD all the days of LORD which He had done for Israel.**

3. Israel Ignored the Sabbath

- **G - Jdg 2:10-12 When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another ge Israel. Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals Egypt; and they followed other gods from among the gods of the people who were all arou**

- **H - Neh_13:15-18 In those days I saw people in Judah treading wine presses on the Sabl burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I warned them abo fish and all kinds of goods, and sold them on the Sabbath to the children of Judah, and in this that you do, by which you profane the Sabbath day? Did not your fathers do thus, a Israel by profaning the Sabbath."**

a rest . "Sabbath" is our English pronunciation of the Hebrew word for "rest"

pportunity to worship, pray and hear the word of God (3) Memorial of Creation (4) & Kingdom focus

d & how to love fellowman & the Sabbath is there! (*Key importance*)

our God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore

and say to them: 'The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations,
nn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it; it is the Sabbath of the LORD in all your

that some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather, but they found none. And the
See! For the LORD has given you the Sabbath; therefore He gives you on the sixth day bread
nth day."

o to the children of Israel, saying: 'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between
nctifies you. You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes
f from among his people. Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest,
leath. Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath
the children of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on

a, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had known all the works of the LORD
Joshua, & all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the

neration arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for
; and they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of
nd them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the LORD to anger.

oath, and bringing in sheaves, and loading donkeys with wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of
ut the day on which they were selling provisions. Men of Tyre dwelt there also, who brought in
Jerusalem. Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said to them, "What evil thing is
nd did not our God bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Yet you bring added wrath on

- **I - Neh_13:19,21 So it was, at the gates of Jerusalem, as it began to be dark before the Sab the Sabbath. Then I posted some of my servants at the gates, so that no burdens would be l the night around the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you!" From that time on**

- **J** - Proper Sabbath - **Isa 58:13-14 "If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, From doi honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure you to ride on the high hills of the earth, And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your fath**

4. Jesus Observed the Sabbath - & helped us understand between the **letter** of the Law and **Spirit** of th

- **K** - Most important New Testament statement about the Sabbath! (*Correspondence Course Les* **Mar 2:27-28 And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the**

  As **Lord of the Sabbath**, Jesus clarified "how Sabbath should be kept… by allowing plucking &

- **L** - Jesus *created* the Sabbath **Joh 1:3 All things were made through Him (the Word), & wi us**

4. The Apostles observed the Sabbath after the Resurrection – Confirms Sabbathkeeping as a fundamen

- **M - (NIV) Heb 4:9 There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God;** (Greek 4:

5. Roman Christianity tried to Abolish the Sabbath

- **N** - Church of God keeps the Sabbath and teaches the importance of it – CGI is part of that trad

- **O - From Sabbath to Sunday: A Historical Investigation of the R** Scholar)

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- **P** – Is the Mark of the Beast related to Sabbath Observance? **Rev 13:16-17 He causes all, bot their foreheads, & that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of**

6. The Sabbath will be Observed after Christ returns – In the millennial rest, & the Kingdom of God …

›bath, that I commanded the gates to be shut, and charged that they must not be opened till after ›rought in on the Sabbath day. 21- Then I warned them, and said to them, "Why do you spend they came no more on the Sabbath.

ng your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the LORD , Nor speaking your own words, Then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; And I will cause er. The mouth of the LORD has spoken."

e law… **Mat 12:12 Therefore it <u>is</u> lawful to do good on the Sabbath.**

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Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."

eating of grain (Matt 12:1-8), and healing – relieving suffering (Matt 12:9-14)

thout Him nothing was made that was made. (Vs 14) & the Word became flesh & dwelt among

ntal practice of Jesus and the apostolic church (*Provides example of what we should do today*)

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<u>se of Sunday Observance in Early Christianity</u> (1977) by Samuele Bacchiocchi (7th Day Adventist

dissertation, originally presented at and published by the Pontifical Gregorian University in 1977. **The ›ximately one century after the death of Christ, as a result of an interplay of political, social, pagan and change of names or of numbers, but rather a change of meaning, authority and experience.** Essentially it nction of being the **first book written by a non-Catholic ever to be published by a Pontifical press** with mes in English and has been translated in several other languages. Hundreds of scholars of different **f the Lords Day**. I received a **gold medal from Pope Paul VI** for earning the academic distinction of summa Rome.

small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on the beast…

the Goal of humanity to know God & share in His Kingdom, His Plan, and Eternal life adventures!