



1. Legalism – you work and you _____ . v.15-18

And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day. v.16

- **The sabbath was _____ rest under the law.**

Cf. Ex 20:8-11; 31:12-17; 35:2-3; Nu 15:32, 35

- **The sabbath was _____ to Jesus.**

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(Cf. Mt 12:1-14; Mr 2:23-3:6; Lu 4:31-37; 6:1-11; 13:10-17; 14:1-6; Jo 7:21-23; 9:14-16)

- Later, Jesus defends this healing by arguing that they violate the sabbath to circumcise at 8 days old, so it is valid to heal a man on the sabbath (Jo 7:21-23). Legalism produces double standards.
- After this miracle, the Pharisees condemned the disciples for plucking corn on the sabbath (Mt 12:1-8). Jesus countered that David ate shewbread (1Sa 21) and the priests profane the Sabbath (Neh 13:17). Legalism rests on inconsistent Bible interpretation.
- That same day Jesus healed a man with a withered hand on the sabbath (Mt 12:9-14), referencing how they rescued animals from a pit on the sabbath. Legalism flourishes where compassion is lacking.
- At the house of a Pharisee there is a man with the dropsy (swelling from liver disease). After healing him, Jesus confronts their double standard – if your ox falls into a pit on the sabbath, wouldn't you immediately pull him out? (Lu 14:5) Legalism produces hypocrisy.

But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. v.17

Mark 2:27-28; John 19:7 (Cf. Jo 10:30-33)

- **The sabbath was _____ after Jesus.**

Colossians 2:16-17; Galatians 1:6-9; 2:11-21; 3:8-12 (Cf. Ro 10:4; 14-15; 1Co 8-10).

Confirming Scriptural evidence that we, under grace, are liberated from observing the sabbath.

- There is neither command about nor observance of the sabbath before or after the law. It is relevant specifically and uniquely to the time of law.
- The law to observe the sabbath was designed to be a sign of God's covenant with Israel (Ex 31:13-17; Neh 9:14; Eze 20:12). We neither are Israel nor under the old covenant.
- There is no explicit transfer in the NT church. Rather, we are explicitly freed from it (Col 2:16-17).
- The apostles and elders in Jerusalem liberated the church from OT Law – of even circumcision, which actually predates the law; while they did instruct abstaining from blood, they did not instruct keeping the Sabbath (Acts 15:1-30).
- Instead of meeting at the temple/ synagogue (Ac 17:1-2) for prayer and teaching of Scripture on the sabbath, the church began on meeting on the first day of the week (Ac 20:7; 1Co 16:2).
- Paul reprovved the Galatians for observing days (e.g. sabbaths), months, and years (Gal 4:10),
- Many sins are forbidden in church epistles, but Paul is silent about the sabbath; in fact, regarding days is cited as an example of Christian liberty (Ro 14:1-6), specifically for those who are weak.

2. Faith – Jesus works and you _____ . v.19-30

- **Jesus will _____ the dead** v.21, 25-29
Even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. v.21

We can see Jesus' work fulfilled in the following resurrections:

- Jesus raised 3 people from the dead: A widow's son (Lu 7:11-17), Jairus' daughter (Lu 8:41-56), and Lazarus (John 11:1-44)
- Jesus' own resurrection (Jo 20:1-9) with other OT saints (Mt 27:52-53)
- The quickening of the dead spirit at salvation (Ro 6:3-4; Eph 2:1, 5-6)
- The first resurrection: the saved to life (1Th 4:13-18; 1Co 15:2-57)
- The second resurrection: the lost to damnation (Rev 20:11-15)

Marvel not at this... all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth... v.28-29

*They that have done good, unto **the resurrection of life**; and they that have done evil, unto the **resurrection of damnation**. v.29*

- **Jesus will _____ all men.** v.22-23, 27, 29-30

Hath committed all judgment unto the Son... v.22

Acts 10:42 - *the Judge of quick and dead.*

1 Peter 4:5 *Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.*

2 Timothy 4:1 *...who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;*

And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. v.29

Revelation 20:6, 12-15

My judgment is just... v.30

Romans 5:7-8

Conclusion:

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that **heareth my word**, and **believeth on him** that sent me, hath everlasting life, and **shall not come into condemnation**; but is **passed from death unto life**. v.24*

Is your name written in the book of Life?

Are you going through empty motions, or do you have a daily trust and walk with Jesus?