

SABBATARIAN ERRORS

WHAT THEY TEACH

The following list on the left-hand side gives some of the major teachings of the Seventh Day Adventists and other Sabbatarians. The right-hand list shows Bible verses which each Sabbatarian teaching opposes. God's Word is Truth (John 17:17). Because some do not love the Truth, God sends them a strong delusion that they might believe a lie and be condemned (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12). Because Sabbatarian teachings oppose Bible teaching in these ways, they are not teaching the Truth of God's Word.

Law came through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). Here are some of the better commandments of Christ:

- (1) WORSHIP GOD ONLY Matt. 4:10; Acts 17:24-28; 1 Cor. 8:5, 6; Rev. 22:9
- (2) KEEP FROM IDOLS Acts 14:15; 17:29; Rom. 1:20-25; 1 Cor. 8:4-6; 10:7
- (3) SWEAR NOT AT ALL Matt. 5:34; 12:36; Eph. 4:29; Col. 3:8; James 5:12
- (4) FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK. Mark 16:9; Acts 2:1, 42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2
- (5) CHILDREN OBEY PARENTS Eph. 6:1-3; Col. 3:20; 1 Tim. 5:8
- (6) NOT TO HATE Matt. 5:21, 22, 38, 39; 1 John 3:15; 1 Peter 4:15
- (7) NOT TO LUST Matt. 5:27, 28; 19:8, 9; 1 Cor. 6:9; Gal. 5:19; Rev. 21:8
- (8) NOTTOSTEAL Eph. 4:28; 1 Cor. 6:10; 2 Thess. 3:10-12; 1 Pet. 4:15
- (9) LIE NOT Col. 3:9; Eph. 4:25; Rev. 21:8; 22:15
- (10) NOT TO COVET Luke 12:15; 1 Cor. 5:11; Eph. 5:3; Col. 3:5

BIBLE REASONS FOR FIRST-DAY WORSHIP

- Jesus was raised upon the first day of the week Mark 16:9
- The resurrection is the heart of the Gospel 1 Cor. 15:17
- The church was established on Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-47
- Pentecost was always upon the first day of the week Lev. 23:15, 16
- Communion was practiced upon the first day of the week Acts 20:7
- Communion was practiced steadfastly or regularly Acts 2:42
- Communion was upon the regular day of Assembly 1 Cor. 11:18-29
- Weekly collections commanded upon every first day 1 Cor. 16:1, 2
- No collections and no communion on the sabbath No scriptures
- Lord's Day same as Lord's Supper, Jesus' Day Rev. 1:10; 1 Cor. 11:20

THE LAW'S PURPOSE WAS TO BRING US TO CHRIST

The purpose of the Law was to imprison the Jews under a do-or-die system which condemned everyone and showed that salvation was impossible by law-keeping. This was God's plan to show the need of a Savior. Since the breaking of a single point of the Law condemns the offender (James 2:10), this shows the utter futility of being under the Law. Notice these verses which show that the purpose of the Law was to point out man's sin, his inability to be saved by law, and his need for salvation by faith in Christ. Because Christians are not under law but under grace (Romans 6:14), sin does not have dominion over them.

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| Law brought knowledge of sin — Rom. 3:20 | Law made sin abound — Rom. 5:20 | Christ saved from curse of Law - Gal. 3:13 |
| Temporary until Christ came — Gal. 3:19 | Jailed men to want faith — Gal. 3:23 | Man wretched, condemned — Rom. 7:24 |
| Imprisoned men in sin to want Christ - Gal. 3:22 | Schoolmaster to bring us to Christ — Gal. 3:24 | Ministration of death — 2 Cor. 3:7 |
| We are no longer under the Law — Gal. 3:25 | It cursed, no one could do all — Gal. 3:10 | Ministration of condemnation - 2 Cor. 3:9 |
| Based upon perfect doing — Gal. 3:12 | | Brought men into bondage — Gal. 2:4 |
| | | Yoke of bondage — Gal. 5:1 |
| | | Impossible yoke — Acts 15:10 |
| | | Kept under spirit of bondage — Rom. 8:15 |
| | | Made known sin, caused death - Rm. 7:5-24 |

The purpose for which God gave the Law was to expose man's sin and show him his need of forgiveness in Christ. Since it cursed every man who could not keep every point perfectly, it pointed to a sin-offering—Jesus Christ (Gal. 3:25). Sinners become sons of God by faith in Christ Jesus, which includes being baptized into Christ to put on Christ (Gal. 3:26, 27).

SABBATARIAN TEACHINGS: (OPPOSE) BIBLE TEACHINGS:

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| (1) Sabbatarians say that the Law of Moses was for Gentiles. | (1) "The Gentiles which have not the law" (Romans 2:14). |
| (2) Sabbatarians say that the Law's religion was for Gentiles, instead of being only the Jews' religion. | (2) "In the Jews' religion how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God and wasted it" (Galatians 1:13). |
| (3) Sabbatarians say that the Sabbath law was addressed to all men, instead of to those God led out of slavery out of Egypt into the wilderness. They mistakenly teach that Sabbaths are a sign to all men, instead of being a sign between God and Israel only. | (3) "Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. And gave them my statutes, and showed them my judgments . . . Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them" (Ezekiel 20:10-12). |
| (4) Sabbatarians say that the Old Covenant was not made with Israel only when God led them out of Egypt, but with the whole of mankind. Yet Scripture repeatedly says the covenant was with Israel. | (4) "The two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt" (1 Kings 8:9). |
| (5) Sabbatarians say that man has kept the Sabbath from creation, instead of being given this law at Mount Sinai. They say the Sabbath was not "made known" at Sinai, but that it was practiced from creation. | (5) "Thou (God) earnest down also upon Mount Sinai, and spoked with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments; And madest known unto them thy holy Sabbath" (Nehemiah 9:13,14). |
| (6) Sabbatarians say that the Sabbath is perpetual for everyone forever, not just perpetual for the children of Israel throughout their generations. | (6) "Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant" (Exodus 31:16). |
| (7) Sabbatarians say that the Sabbath is perpetual but incense is not perpetual. But incense was as perpetual as the Sabbath (throughout their generations). | (7) "When Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations" (Exodus 30:8). |
| (8) Sabbatarians say that God gave the ten commandments, but Moses gave his own laws. They say the two are different. | (8) "For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother" (Mark 7:10). This is one of the Ten Commandments. |
| (9) Sabbatarians say that Moses only (not God) gave Moses' Law. | (9) "The law of Moses, which the Lord God of Israel had given" (Ezra 7:6). |

(10) Sabbatarians say that burnt offerings and Jewish feasts are not a part of the Law of God. (Sabbatarians claim to keep the Law but do not keep burnt offerings and feasts.)

(11) Sabbatarians say that the Law of God is different from the Law of Moses. (Sabbatarians teach that the Ten Commandments were God's Law, but the sacrifices and ceremonies were Moses' Law.)

(12) Sabbatarians say that everything God ever sanctified is still sanctified. (Yet they do not sanctify first-born sons and animals.)

(13) Sabbatarians say that God's laws are never changed.

(14) Sabbatarians say that it is all right to kindle a fire on the Sabbath day.

(15) Sabbatarians say that Sabbath violators need not be put to death as punishment.

(10) "For the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in the law of the Lord" (2 Chronicles 31:3)

(11) "And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)" (Luke 2:22, 23).

(12) "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine" (Exodus 13:1, 2).

(13) "For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law" (Hebrews 7:12).

(14) "Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the Sabbath day" (Exodus 35:3).

(15) "A Sabbath of rest to the Lord: Whatsoever doeth work therein shall be put to death" (Exodus 35:2).

THE SABBATH LAW WAS GIVEN TO ISRAEL ONLY

Sabbatarians misunderstand that the Law of the Sabbath was given only to the Jews. It is addressed only to them. If a letter is addressed to you, then it is for you and for no one else. The Ten Commandments were addressed only to the Israel that was led out of Egypt. But Christ's commandments are for all people for all time.

Ten Commandments addressed to ones brought out of Egypt	Exodus 20:2
Law given to Israel, People at Mount Sinai	Deut. 5:1, 2
Covenant not made with their fathers	Deut. 5:3, 4
Given to people brought out of bondage in Egypt	Deut. 5:5, 6
Sabbath Law made known on Mt. Sinai (not before).	Neh. 9:13,14
Law given to ones brought out of Egypt into wilderness	Ezek. 20:10
Sabbath was a sign between God and the Jews.	Ezek. 20:12
Two tables of stone were covenant made with Israel	1 Kings 8:9
Israelites to keep Sabbath in their generations.	Exodus 31:16
The Gentiles have not the Law	Romans 2:14
Sabbath and the Law were the Jews' religion	Gal. 1:13,14

THE OLD LAW WAS NAILED TO THE CROSS

We are dead to the Law	Rom. 7:4	New made the first old	Heb. 8:13
Delivered from the Law	Rom. 7:6	Law makes faith void	Rom. 4:14,15
Can't marry two Laws	Rom. 7:1-4	We not under the Law	Rom. 6:14
Law was nailed to cross	Col. 2:14	By Law no flesh justified	Rom. 3:20
Ordinances blotted out	Col. 2:14	Christ the end of Law	Rom. 10:4

Taken out of the way	Col. 2:14	Christ no effect to Law-keepers	Gal. 5:4
Not now keep Sabbath days	v. 16	Fallen from grace if keep it	Gal. 5:4
Law now abolished	2 Cor. 3:13	If Law saves Christ's death vain	Gal. 2:21
It is now done away	2 Cor. 3:11	Law only a schoolmaster	Gal. 3:24
The Law now changed	Heb. 7:12	No longer under schoolmaster	Gal. 3:25
1st taken away by 2nd	Heb. 8:13	Under new and better covenant	Heb. 8:6-8

WHICH LAW IS DEAD?

Romans 7:1-4 plainly teaches that the Law is dead. It is like a former husband who dies, enabling the wife to marry another. But Sabbatarians claim that the Law which died was not the Sabbath Law. But verse seven says that the Law which we are dead to is the one which said, "Thou shalt not covet." This is the Ten Commandment Law (Ex. 20:17). Notice the following verses which show that the whole law is dead, not just a part.

One which said thou shalt not covet (Ten Commandment Law)	Romans 7:7
One written and engraven in stones (Ten Commandment Law)	2 Cor. 3:7
One given when could not behold Moses' face (Ten Commandment Law)	2 Cor. 3:7
One given when Moses veiled his face (Ten Commandment Law)	2 Cor. 3:13
One found in reading the Old Covenant (Ten Commandment Law)	2 Cor. 3:14
One which commands Sabbath Days (Ten Commandment Law)	Col. 2:16
One made when God led Israel out of Egypt (Ten Commandment Law)	Heb. 8:5-13
One which said thou shalt not kill (Ten Commandment Law.)	Matt. 5:21; John 7:19
One which said thou shalt not commit adultery (Ten Commandment Law)	Matt. 5:27
One called "The Law" (Ten Commandments & all other O.T. Comm.)	Gal. 5:4

THERE WERE NOT TWO LAWS, BUT ONE

Sabbatarians claim that the Law of God was different from the Law of Moses. This is their way of saying that the Ten Commandments are still binding, but that the ceremonies are done away. But the Law of Moses was the same as the Law of God, as the following verses prove. All of the Jewish commandments were called "The Law" (not Laws) (Gal. 3:24, 25). But Sabbatarians make two laws where the Bible has one. The law of Moses was the same as the Law of God. These verses show that God's Law and Moses' Law were the same:

Hilkiah found the book of Lord given by Moses	2 Chronicles 34:14
Animal sacrifices and feasts in the Law of Lord	2 Chronicles 31:3
Ezra a scribe of the Law of God	Ezra 7:12
Ezra a scribe of Law of Moses which God gave	Ezra 7:6
Book of Law of Moses which Lord commanded Israel	Nehemiah 8:1
They read in the book in the Law of God	Nehemiah 8:8
Moses said honour thy father and thy mother	Mark 7:10
Law of Moses was Law of God, included ceremonies	Luke 2:22, 23
Moses' Law was the Sabbath Law	John 7:19-23
Law graven on stones was Moses' Law	2 Corinthians 3:7-15

THE BETTER COVENANT HAS BETTER COMMANDS

Sabbatarians say that if the Old Law is abolished, we have no law today and we can steal and kill, etc. But we are not without law today but are under law to Christ (1 Cor. 9:21). Christ's covenant is far superior to the Law. The Law said not to take the Lord's name in vain, but Christ says, "Swear not at all" (Matt. 5:34). The Law said not to kill, but Christ forbids anger (Matt. 5:21, 22). The Law said not to steal, but Christ forbids stealing, and also commands honest work, so that stealing will not be a temptation (Eph. 4:28). Each of the other commandments can be shown to be changed and improved in the New Testament. Just as the priesthood of Jesus is far superior to the priesthood of the Law, so likewise the teachings of Jesus are far superior to the Law (Heb. 7:12). We today keep the law of Christ (Gal. 6:2), which is an entirely different system based upon His death which bears our burden. "The