

REASON TO KEEP THE SABBATH AND THE LAW

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It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment. (Luke 23:54, 56).

The text quote here and other books mentioned in the gospel, teach us that Jesus Christ and the disciples rested on the Sabbath day; and not only them but all Judah's people.

Jesus was born under the law (**Galatians 4:4**) he made himself curse for us. All who rely on observing the laws are under a curse, for it is written: Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us. (**Galatians 3:10, 13**)

The apostles and Judah's people were born under the Pact of the Law: "The Old Testament". They lived under the curse of the law until the day that they gave their lives to Jesus.

The "Old Testament" was given to the Israelites as a religious covenant.

(**Exodus 34:10-27**), for them it was also the National Constitution; but the nation of Israel rejects it and did not want God's government (**1 Samuel 8:6-10**) and they invalidated God's Law, (**Jeremiah 31:31-32**)

And keep my Sabbaths holy; that they may be a sign between us.../ but the children (of Israel) rebelled against me.../___ they desecrated my Sabbaths / I also gave them over to statutes that were not good and laws they could not live by; (Ezekiel 20:20, 21-25)

The Old Testament was fulfilled with the death of Jesus. So only after his death, is the beginning of the New Testament *In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living. (Hebrews 9:16-17).*

Jesus Christ fulfilled the law, the first (the Old Testament) and the second (the New Testament): *Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (Hebrews 10:9-10).*

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (**John 8:36**)

With his life and sacrifice in the cross Jesus Christ made us free of the yoke and the curse of the law. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. (**Romans 5:19**)

Today, after two thousand year, many that call themselves Christians still do not understand that the price of the salvation of sinners was totally paid. The law was obeyed and fulfilled by Jesus Christ.

It was impossible for the disciples and the women to understand the magnitude of the meaning of the word of Jesus: *"...It is finished."* (**John 19:30**)

They (the disciples) continued keeping the Sabbath, under the law of the Jewish nation.

God called Saul of Tarsus expert of the law and made him (Apostle Paul) doctor of the abundance grace of Christ.

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The apostles gathered in assembly in Jerusalem, to discuss: *Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of the disciples a yoke that neither we nor our fathers have been able to bear?/ No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.*

(Acts 15:10-11).

And they decide:

It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements: You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things. Farewell. **(Acts 15:28-29)**

Then, the reason that someone says that he keeps the Sabbath and the law is because he does not know that he follows a false doctrine, a heresy, he does not know that by the law he is already condemned. **(Titus 3:9-11)**

In other words if somebody does not sins, and does not transgresses the Sabbath (something impossible), but he sins other day of the week; he had already transgressed the law and he is already in condemnation. **(James 2:10)**

For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law./ Clearly no-one is justified before God by the law, because, "The righteous will live by faith." **(Romans 3:28. Galatians 3:11).**