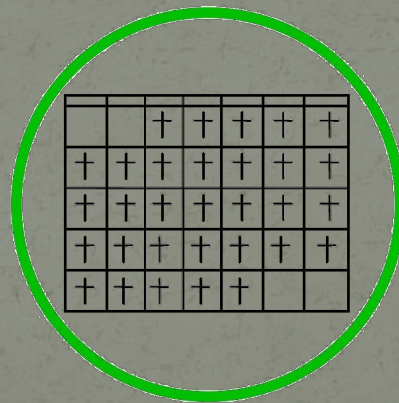
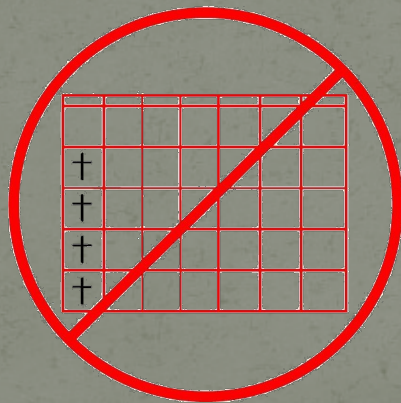


Saturday or Sunday?

Wrong question.



When Jesus came, He did the work assigned to Him by His Father.

The works He did included many miracles and deliverances which were not physically possible for man to perform: only God could do the works that Jesus did.

“The disciples then said one to another, 'Did any one bring him anything to eat?' Jesus saith to them, 'My food is, that I may do the will of Him who sent me, and may finish His work;”

Joh 4:33-34

There was not a day in His life that Jesus disobeyed His Father; everything He did was in accordance with His Father's will.

Every day. Every day. Every day. Especially the Sabbath day.

“After these things, Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said to him, 'Lo, thou hast become whole; **sin no more**, lest something worse may happen to thee.' The man went away, and told the Jews that it is Jesus who made him whole, and because of this were the Jews persecuting Jesus, and seeking to kill him, because **these things he was doing on a sabbath**. And Jesus answered them, '**My Father till now doth work, and I work;**'”

Joh 5:14-17

Self-righteous religious men today squabble over 'which' day to 'keep' the 'Sabbath' without stopping to consider what 'keeping' is, or what 'the Sabbath' is.

If they understood either one, there would be no argument. The argument proves their ignorance.

From the beginning, 'keeping' the 'Sabbath' meant ceasing from work, i.e. resting.

“And the heavens and the earth are completed, and all their host; and God completeth by the **seventh day** His work which He hath made, and **ceaseth by the seventh day from all His work** which He hath made. And God blesseth **the seventh day**, and sanctifieth it, for in it He hath **ceased from all His work** which God had prepared for making.”

Gen 2:1-3

God established this right at the beginning of the world; it was later incorporated into the Law given to Moses, but that in testimony to God's intent.

Thus the Sabbath supersedes the temporary Law:

“Remember the Sabbath-day to sanctify it; **six days** thou dost labour, and hast done all thy work, and **the seventh day is a Sabbath** to Jehovah thy God; thou **dost not do any work**, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy manservant, and thy handmaid, and thy cattle, and thy sojourner who is within thy gates, — for **six days** hath Jehovah made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and **resteth in the seventh day**; therefore hath Jehovah blessed **the Sabbath-day**, and doth sanctify it.”

Exo 20:8-11

God made abundantly clear His purpose in setting apart this day for man, through His prophets; but religious self-righteous men do not accept their testimony.

This testimony is that God intends man to cease from his work:

“If thou dost turn from the sabbath thy foot, **Doing thine own pleasure on My holy day**, And hast cried to the sabbath, 'A delight,' To the holy of Jehovah, 'Honoured,' And hast honoured it, **without doing thine own ways, Without finding thine own pleasure**, And speaking a word. Then dost thou delight thyself on Jehovah, And I have caused thee to ride on high places of earth, And have caused thee to eat the inheritance of Jacob thy father, For the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken!”

Isa 58:13-14

Paul explains in Hebrews what God meant to communicate through Isaiah:

“We may fear, then, lest a promise being left of **entering into His rest**, any one of you may seem to have come short, for we also are having good news proclaimed, even as they, but the word heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard, for **we do enter into the rest**—we who did believe, as He said, 'So I swear in My anger, If they shall enter into My rest—;' and yet the works were done from the foundation of the world, for He spake in a certain place concerning **the seventh day** thus: 'And **God did rest in the seventh day** from all His works;' and in this place again, 'If they shall enter into **My rest**—;’”

Heb 4:1-5

“since then, it remaineth for certain to enter into it, and those who did first hear good news entered not in because of unbelief— again He doth limit a certain day, 'To-day,' (in David saying, after so long a time,) as it hath been said, 'To-day, if His voice ye may hear, ye may not harden your hearts,' for if Joshua had given them rest, He would not concerning another day have spoken after these things; there doth remain, then, a sabbatic rest to the people of God, for he who did enter into his rest, he also rested from his works, as God from His own. May we be diligent, then, to enter into that rest, that no one in the same example of the unbelief may fall”

Heb 4:6-11

So what works does God intend us to cease from?

God's works?

Or Man's works?

“Jesus answered, 'Neither did this one sin nor his parents, but that the works of God may be manifested in him; it behoveth me to be **working the works of Him** who sent me **while it is day**; night doth come, when no one is able to work: — when I am in the world, I am a light of the world.’”

Joh 9:3-5

Every day is 'Today' so long as that remains the case. Jesus said that a 'night' was coming wherein no man could work; He also made clear that He worked every day, especially on the Sabbath day.

In fact it was His work on the Sabbath which drove the Jews mad with anger.

“because of this, then, were the Jews seeking the more to kill him, because **not only was he breaking the sabbath,** but he also called God his own Father, making himself equal to God.”

Joh 5:18

Paul re-iterates that EVERY day is the 'Day of Rest' which we are to enter, so asking 'Saturday or Sunday?' doesn't even make sense:

“See, brethren, lest there shall be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in the falling away from the living God, but exhort ye one another **every day**, while the **To-day** is called, that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of the sin,”

Heb 3:12-13

The corollary is also true: there is NO day on which it is okay to do the 'works of the flesh.'

“Be not led astray; God is not mocked; for what a man may sow—that also he shall reap, because he who is sowing to his own flesh, of the flesh shall reap corruption; and he who is sowing to the Spirit, of the Spirit shall reap life age-during; and **in the doing good we may not be faint-hearted**, for at the proper time we shall reap—not desponding; therefore, then, **as we have opportunity, may we work the good to all**, and especially unto those of the household of the faith.”

Gal 6:7-10

The problem is one of religious tradition.

People think Christianity is mainly a Saturday or Sunday 'tithe' which frees up the 'remainder' to do with as one pleases.

This is because 'going to church' to 'have a service' has been taught from the 'pulpits' since around 100 A.D.

But there is no evidence supporting any of this thinking in the scripture: no evidence of 'church attendance', no evidence of 'church services' and no evidence of mandated 'holy days.'

In fact, the universal measure of 'committed church attendance' is specifically prohibited by Paul's clear teaching:

“Let no one, then, judge you in eating or in drinking, or in respect of a feast, or of a new moon, or of sabbaths, which are a shadow of the coming things, and the body is of the Christ;”

Col 2:16-17

Yet 'judging one another' is exactly what people do regarding 'sabbath-keeping,' or this study wouldn't be necessary!

And for the most part, it is those who prefer the 'shadow' judging those understanding its fulfilment in Christ, even though the Spirit is careful to warn against this very thing:

“Thou—who art thou that art judging another's domestic? to his own master he doth stand or fall; and he shall be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. One doth judge one day above another, and another doth judge every day alike; let each in his own mind be fully assured. He who is regarding the day, to the Lord he doth regard it, and he who is not regarding the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He who is eating, to the Lord he doth eat, for he doth give thanks to God; and he who is not eating, to the Lord he doth not eat, and doth give thanks to God.”

Rom 14:4-6

Now, think of the consequences to the 'churches' if people took these scriptures seriously.

Yes, the 'churches' wouldn't carry on in operation very long at all, would they? Which is why they pull out this scripture as a whip from time to time:

“...and may we consider one another to provoke to love and to good works, **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as a custom of certain is,** but exhorting, and so much the more as ye see the day coming nigh.”

Heb 10:24-25

Again, they refuse to ask what 'gathering yourselves together' means, assuming that it simply must mean 'going to church services'.

But if that is the case, why aren't people going to church more and more now, since 'the day' is closer than it ever was?

The truth is that 'gathering together' has NOTHING to do with 'going to church' instead having everything to do with this kind of gathering (and predictably not much emphasized in 'church'):

“Again, I say to you, that, if two of you may agree on the earth concerning anything, whatever they may ask—it shall be done to them from my Father who is in the heavens, **for where there are two or three gathered together—to my name, there am I in the midst of them.**”

Mat 18:19-20

Isn't being gathered together with Jesus what we are all supposed to be after anyhow?

And so much the more as the Day approaches?

Does the following sound like 'church' to you?

“Daily also continuing with one accord in the temple, breaking also at every house bread, they were partaking of food in gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people, and the Lord was adding those being saved every day to the assembly.”

Act 2:46-47

Here is ‘every day’ again:

“they, indeed, then, departed from the presence of the sanhedrim, rejoicing that for his name they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour, **every day** also in the temple, **and in every house**, they were **not ceasing teaching and proclaiming good news**—Jesus the Christ.”

Act 5:41-42

And again:

“And as they were going on through the cities, they were delivering to them the decrees to keep, that have been judged by the apostles and the elders who are in Jerusalem, then, indeed, were the assemblies established in the faith, and **were abounding in number every day;**”

Act 16:4-5

When one looks through the scriptures, the 'every day' thing becomes really obvious...with far more scriptural support than 'first day of the week' or 'seventh day of the week.'

Don't take my word for it...

“And the brethren immediately, through the night, sent forth both Paul and Silas to Berea, who having come, went to the synagogue of the Jews; and these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, they received the word with all readiness of mind, **every day** examining the Writings whether those things were so; many, indeed, therefore, of them did believe, and of the honourable Greek women and men not a few.”

Act 17:10-12

“And having gone into the synagogue, he was speaking boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading the things concerning the reign of God, and when certain were hardened and were disbelieving, speaking evil of the way before the multitude, having departed from them, he did separate the disciples, **every day** reasoning in the school of a certain Tyrannus. And **this happened for two years** so that all those dwelling in Asia did hear the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks,”

Act 19:8-10

The common reply of course, asserts the 'first day of the week' scriptures.

But this can easily be demonstrated careless translation shaped by tinted glasses which obscures the truth: EVERY reference to 'first day of the week' refers not to Sundays generally, but specifically the one Sunday each year immediately following Passover.

Does God want us 'attending services' ONCE a year?

For more on THAT, please see the ‘Money Collection’ presentation.

“and this is the life age-during, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and him whom Thou didst send—Jesus Christ; I did glorify Thee on the earth, the work I did finish that Thou hast given me, that I may do it.”

Joh 17:3-4

Can we assert the same while debating 'Saturday or Sunday?'

I think not.

So what holds more weight with you: God's will, or your tradition?

Appendix

“At that time did Jesus go on the sabbaths through the corn, and his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck ears, and to eat, and the Pharisees having seen, said to him, 'Lo, thy disciples do that which it is not lawful to do on a sabbath.' And he said to them, 'Did ye not read what David did, when he was hungry, himself and those with him— how he went into the house of God, and the loaves of the presentation did eat, which it is not lawful to him to eat, nor to those with him, except to the priests alone? 'Or did ye not read in the Law, that **on the sabbaths the priests in the temple do profane the sabbath, and are blameless**? and I say to you, that a greater than the temple is here; and if ye had known what is: Kindness I will, and not sacrifice—ye had not condemned the blameless, for the son of man is lord even of the sabbath.’”

Mat 12:1-8