

THE LORD'S DAY –LD

1LD – Revelation 1:10. Those who say that there is no particular day for Christians to keep are not recognizing that God has a holy day that He says is His. This text does not state the day of the week, but it does very definitely show that God does have a particular day that is His.

2LD – Matthew 12:8. The Lord's Day must of necessity be the day of which Jesus Christ is Lord. As Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath Day, the Sabbath Day is bound to be the Lord's Day.

3LD – Exodus 20:10. As the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord, the seventh day (Saturday) is the Lord's Day for us to keep. Since Sunday is the first day of the week, it cannot be the Sabbath or the Lord's Day, because God says that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord.

4LD – Exodus 20:11. The seventh day is the Lord's holy day for man to keep because of four facts:

- (1) The Lord made the world in six days.
- (2) On the seventh day, or the last day of the week, He rested.
- (3) The Lord blessed the seventh day for man.
- (4) He sanctified or set apart, the seventh day for man.

5LD – Ephesians 3:9. The Lord who did these four things was the Lord Christ, God the Son. Since Jesus Christ is the One who rested on the seventh day and blessed and sanctified that day for man, the seventh day is Christ's day, the Lord's Day, the Sabbath of Christ. If we belong to Christ, then it is our sacred duty to keep holy the day that He blessed and made holy for us.

6LD – Luke 4:16. When Christ lived here on earth, He kept the seventh day, Saturday, as God's holy day. If we follow Christ in the matter of the day we keep, then we will keep the seventh day.

7LD – Hebrews 13:8. Christ is the same today. So if He were here on earth now as we are, He would keep the same day.

8LD – Genesis 2:1-3. Christ the Creator blessed and set apart the seventh day as a holy day at the very beginning when He made the world for man. Hence the keeping holy of the seventh day is not some ordinance that was instituted by Moses and later abolished at the cross.

9LD – Mark 2:27. The Sabbath was not intended for the Jews only but for all mankind just the same as the other nine precepts of the Ten Commandments.

10LD – Mark 16:9. Jesus arose on EASTER SUNDAY, the FIRST day of the week.

11LD – Mark 16:1-2. The Sabbath was past when the women came to the tomb early in the morning on the first day of the week, on the morning that Christ arose.

12LD – Mark 15:42-44. Jesus was crucified the day before the Sabbath, Friday.

13LD – Luke 23:54-56; 24:1. The Sabbath, according to God's commandment, came in between the crucifixion of Friday and the resurrection on Sunday. So the fourth of the Ten Commandments requires us to keep the seventh day, or Saturday, which comes in between Friday and Sunday. The seventh-day Sabbath of the fourth commandment was not abolished at the cross because in Luke 23:56 we read how the faithful disciples kept the Sabbath of the commandment after the crucifixion of Christ.

14LD – Ezekiel 20:12. The Sabbath was given to be a two-fold sign of Jesus Christ as Creator and Redeemer. The Sabbath is a sign that Christ made the world in six days (Ex. 31:16-17), and by keeping it we show we accept Christ as our Creator. It is also a sign that Christ has the power to re-create us and sanctify us (Ezek. 20:12). It is a sign of His saving grace.

15LD – Isaiah 66:22-23. The seventh-day Sabbath will be kept forever in the new earth. The seventh-day Sabbath reaches from Eden lost to Eden restored, and is to be kept for eternity.