There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Hebrews 4:9 A gift from his own hand. Let us strive to enter into that rest, remembering the price of the grace exercised toward us, the death of God's dear son, our Savior, who died to satisfiy the claims of the law.

He asks but one thing in return. <u>If ye love me, keep my</u> <u>commandments.</u> John 14:15

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"Sunday is a Catholic institution, and its claim to observance can be defended only by Catholic principles... From beginning to end of Scripture there is not a single passage that warrants the transfer of weekly public worship from the last day of the week to the first." Catholic Press, Sydney, Australia, August 1900

They claim to have the authority to change God's law. *"Of course, the Catholic Church claims that the change was her act;...*

One night, as I was driving back from the hospital where my son was undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia, I was lost in thought. As I drove into a small town I began looking for speed limit signs, but not quite fast enough. In the oncoming lane, I saw a police officer just as he made a U-turn, turned on his lights, and pulled in behind me. I realized immediately that I probably was going to get a ticket for speeding. He came to the window and said, "Ma'am you were going 15 miles per hour over the speed limit." I said something about missing the sign and proceeded to pull my driver's

Keeping the Sabbath Holy

The Sabbath begins at sundown Friday night and continues until sundown Sabbath. (Lev. 23:32) On the preparation day (Friday) we should complete all our work as biblically directed. (Ex. 16:23) On Sabbath we should refrain from buying and selling and all other common labor. (Neh. 13:15-21, Deut. 5:12-14) God promises a blessing on His special day if we refrain from secular pursuits. *If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath*,

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I knew what I had done was wrong, the law hadn't changed, but I had been forgiven. Now, every time I drive through that small town, I am a very law abiding citizen. I always the go speed limit. I will never forget the kindness of that police officer to a mother in distress. We too are under grace. Christ died to make up for the fact that we have all broken the law; we were a planet in distress. The law could not be changed, but he died in our place to satisfy the claims of the law. We should never forget that sacrifice for us, and when we

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Exodus 20:8-11 *Remember the*

sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six

days shalt thou labour, and do all

thy work: But the seventh day is the

sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it

thou shalt not do any work, thou,

nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy

manservant, nor thy maidservant,

nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that

is within thy gates: For in six days

the LORD made heaven and earth.

the sea, and all that in them is, and

rested the seventh day: wherefore

the LORD blessed the sabbath day,

and hallowed it.

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And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

So, why do many Christians worship on Sunday?

Daniel 7:25 tells us of a kingdom represented by the little horn of the fourth beast, who defies God and tries to change times and laws. And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws... (Ezekiel 20:11,12) Ezekiel 20:19,20 I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; <u>And hallow my</u> <u>sabbaths; and they shall be a sign</u> <u>between me and you</u>, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God.

Christ Himself, who made the Sabbath, gave us an example of Sabbath keeping. Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, <u>as his custom</u> was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

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encounter the law of the heavenly kingdom, we, with thanksgiving in our hearts, should be good commandment keeping citizens. James 2:10 says, For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. It seems that most upstanding citizens agree that the last 6 commandments found in Exodus 20 should be kept. Most agree on the first three in the list although some struggle with idolatry, but **ironically**, **everyone seems to forget the one that says- Remember**.

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In the time he was here on earth, Jesus taught us about the Sabbath. Mark 2:27,29 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath. He also anticipated that the Sabbath would continue to be observed following his ascension. He warned the disciples of a time of trouble saying, But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: Matt. 24:20 And the act is a MARK of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters." Cardinal Gibbons, letter dated July 7, 1895.

With not a shred of biblical evidence for the observance of Sunday, and multiple Bible texts supporting the Seventh day Sabbath--Saturday, we then have a choice to make. Do we obey God's law or follow the traditions of man. *Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the*

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The Bible lets us know without a shadow of a doubt that the commandments of God and the Sabbath will forever be kept by God's people.

Until the end of time here on earth--Revelation 14:12 *Here is the patience of the saints:* <u>here are they</u> <u>that keep the commandments of</u> <u>God</u>, and the faith of Jesus.

And even in the new earth-- Isaiah 66:22,23 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

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license out to hand to him. "Are you sleepy?" he asked. It was near midnight, but actually I was not falling asleep. "No, I mumbled, "my son is on chemo." After asking how old my son was, he took my license to scan it. I knew I deserved a ticket, but still didn't want it. I had enough to worry about right now. Coming back to the window, he stated simply, "This looks good, but slow down so you can take care of your son. You have a good night, ma'am."

Grace, I was experiencing grace.

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The fourth commandment is like God's seal, it reminds us that he is the Creator and the rightful owner of this world.

This commandment states that the seventh day is the Sabbath. The Sabbath had its origin in Eden, being made on the seventh day of Creation week. God rested on that day, blessed it, and sanctified it—setting it apart for holy and sacred use. (Gen. 2:1-3, Ex. 31:17) The keeping of God's law, and

The keeping of God's law, and particularly the Sabbath, is a special sign between God and His people.

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from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and <u>call the sabbath a delight</u>, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, <u>not doing</u> <u>thine own ways, nor finding thine</u> <u>own pleasure, nor speaking thine</u> <u>own words</u>: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. Isaiah 58:13,14

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In an effort to unite paganism and Christianity, Constantine did just this in the early part of the fourth century. "Unquestionably, the first law, either ecclesiastical or civil, by which the Sabbatical observance of that day [Sunday] is known to have been ordained, is the edict of Constantine, AD 321." -Chamber's Encyclopedia, article "Sabbath" The Catholic Church carried on this blending of paganism and Christianity and recognizes the unbiblical nature of Sunday worship.