

THE LORD'S DAY — A NEW DAY #2

INTRODUCTION:

1. The resurrection of Christ is the most stupendous event in world history.
2. It was the day David sang about in his Psalm-Prophecy (Ps 118:22-24).

I. PROOF THAT PSALM 118:22-24, REFERS TO THE DAY OF THE RESURRECTION:

- (1) Peter makes the application (Acts 4:10-12).
- (2) Psalm 118 is the only Old Testament reference to "the stone which the builders refused."
 - (a) Peter applies it to the resurrection of Christ.
 - (b) When he was crucified he was "set at naught" by the Jews.
 - (c) When he arose from the dead he became the head of the corner,
 - (d) God raised him from the dead - "it is marvelous" - nothing like it.
 - (e) Therefore the day of the Resurrection is the "day the Lord made."

II. THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK.

- (1) Adventists deny Christ arose on the first day of the week - a labored effort to prove he arose on the seventh day.
 - (a) If there were no specific statement that Jesus arose on the first day of the week; the argument would work both ways, for there is no statement that he arose on the seventh day.
 - (b) "Cut off in the middle of the week" - Daniel. Daniel does not mean a literal week. Christ was not crucified on Wednesday, and raised on Saturday.
 - (c) Adventists have it elsewhere, a "Day" means a year, and a "Week," seven years; why the change?
 - (d) The ministry of Christ was 3 1/2 years; he was cut off in the middle of the week.
- (2) The Inspired Statement:
 - (a) Luke 24:1,. "Now upon the *first day of the week*, very early in the morning they came unto the sepulcher."
 - (b) Verse 13: "And, behold, two of them went that *same day* to a village called Emmaus."
 - (c) Verses 20,21: "Our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him: --- and besides all this, today is *the third day* since these things were done."
 - (d) Verse 46: "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead *the third day*."
 - (e) The "first day of the week" "Same day" "Third day," refer to the same day.
 - (f) Therefore, Luke 24:1,13,20,21,46, fix the first day of the week, as the Resurrection day.

III. THE BIBLE ON THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH / THE BIBLE ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK

1-That the covenant which included the Sabbath commandment was made with Is-

1-That Jesus Christ arose From the dead on the first day of the week

rael only (Ex. 20:2; Deut 5:15).
2-That Israel was commanded to keep the Sabbath because they had been delivered from the serfdom of Egypt (Deut. 5:15).
3-That in giving them the Sabbath, God used the same day upon which he had rested, or ceased the work of crea-

tion (Gen. 2:3; Ex 20:8-11; 31:17).
4-That the Sabbath was not given, or made known, until the giving of the law at Mount Sinai (Neh. 9:13,14; Ezk. 20:10-12).

5-That the Sabbath was a sign between God and the children of Israel (Ex. 31 17; Ezk. 20:12,20). note: If all nations were commanded to keep the sabbath, how could it have been a sign between God and one nation?

6-That the Old Covenant made with Israel when they come out of Egypt, which included the Ten Commandments (1 Kgs. 8:9, 21) Would be abrogated (Jer. 31:31), and superseded by a new covenant (Heb. 8:6-13; 10:9).

7-That the law which was "Written and engraven on tables of stone" was done away in Christ (2 Cor. 3:6-14).

8-That the law of "the handwriting of ordinances" was "nailed to the cross" and the Sabbath, therefore, no longer binding upon even the Jews themselves (Col. 2:16-16).

9-That Hosea, the prophet, declared the Sabbath, with all other Jewish observances, would cease when the Gentiles should become the people of God (Hos. 2: 11, 23).

10-That the apostle Paul declared the

(Mk. 16:9).

2-That on the first day of the week he was thus declared to be the Son of God (Rom. 1:4)

3-That he met with his disciples repeatedly on the first day of the week between his resurrection and his

4-Pentecost came on the first day of the week (Lev. 23:15). Hence, all the events of the second chapter of Acts-the birthday of the church-took place on the first day of the week (Acts 2:1).

5-That the Holy Spirit imbued the apostles on the first day of the week and began his mission of conversion (Acts 2:1-4).

6-That the first Gospel Sermon proclaiming Jesus as the Son of God was preached on the first day of the week (Acts 2 22-36).

7-That three thousand souls - the first fruits of the gospel harvest (Lev. 23: 17) - were added to the church which began on that Pentecost - the first day of the week (Acts 2:41,47).

8-That the church assembled on the first day of the week to break bread; to observe the Lord's Supper and other items of New Testament worship (Acts 20:7; 2: 42; 1Cor. 16:2; 11:23,33; Heb. 10:25).

9-That in the New Testament we have the following new things: (1) a new covenant; (2) a new institution the church; 3) a new set of ordinances - commandments (1Cor. 11:2; 14:37; (4) a new feast - the Lord's Supper; (5) a new day - the first day of the week; (6) a new word to express the new day; *Kuriakos*, "Lord's day", a word which was never used before (Rev. 1:10).

10-Yet, in the face of all these New

Sabbath, with all other Jewish observances, did cease at the cross, and that we should let no man judge us respecting them (Col. 2:14-16).

11-That Christians are expressly said to be delivered from the law, containing the Ten Commandments (Rom. 7:4,6, 7).

12-That those who would be justified by the law given at Sinai are severed from Christ, and fallen from grace (Gal. 4:24-31;5:1,,4).

Testament facts Adventist Preachers will cling to the Seventh-day Sabbath and seek to bind its observance upon the Christian world.

11-The terms "Saturday" and "Sunday" are both of human origin - merely calendar words and do not affect the Bible."week," and the worship required of Christians on that day.

12-We are interested only in what the New Testament says about the "first day of the week," and the worship required of Christians today.

IV. REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN THE DAY.

- (1) This is the climax of David' s song (Ps. 118:22-24).
- (2) Man is the image of God - hath immortality (1 Cor. 15:21,22).
- (3) Enoch was translated (Gen. 5:21-24;Heb. 11:5).
- (4) Elijah was taken up (2 Kgs. 2:1-12).
- (5) The Resurrection of Christ established it (2 Tim. 1:10).
- (6) Paul believed it and had the demonstration of it (Acts 26:6).
- (7) Science proves it. The body undergoes a complete change every seven years, but personality remains unchanged.

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