

Sermon Outlines

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**Sunday, God's Sabbath (Part 1)**

Deut. 5:12-14; Mark 2:27-28

**Point:** God changed the day of the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday.

*Westminster Shorter Catechism Q59:* Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?

A59: From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.

- I. **The Principle:** moral law, creation ordinances
  - a. Moral Law:
    - i. Deut. 5:12-14 (4<sup>th</sup> Commandment)
    - ii. James 2:10-11 (Unified Law: All the Commandments Stand Together)
    - iii. Mark 2:27 (Sabbath for Mankind Indiscriminately)
    - iv. Gen. 2:2-3 (Creation Ordinances Still Binding, i.e. marriage, work)
    - v. Heb. 4:1ff. (Sabbath Continuity Argued)
- II. **The New Testament Sabbath**
  - a. Practice:
    - i. 1 Cor. 16:1-2 (First day of the week offerings; rest of book shows preaching and prayer as well (cf. 1 Cor. 14).
    - ii. Acts 20:7 (First day of the week worship)
    - iii. Heb. 10:25 (Forsake not “assembling” [Gk. ἐπισυναγωγῆν Awkward English: “Synagogue(ing)”]—See also: Lev. 23:3)
  - b. Sanctity of God's Law:
    - i. Matt. 5:17 (Not one iota of God's Moral Law is Invalid)
    - ii. Isa. 56:2-7 (OT prophecy about the NT age includes the Sabbath)
    - iii. James 2:10 (see above)
  - c. Assertion of the Lord: Mark 2:28 (see above)
  - d. Renaming the Sabbath: Rev. 1:10 (Lord's Day, cp. Mark. 2:27)
  - e. Sanctification of the New Day (Divine Examples to Follow)
    - i. Sanctified (Set Apart) by Resurrection (Matt. 28:1)
    - ii. Centrality of Resurrection (Acts. 1:22; 4:1,2)
    - iii. Christ's Appearances on Sunday (John 20:19; 20:26; Acts 2:1,2)
    - iv. Early church Father Testimonies