

#775 Constantine the Great and Woodrow Wilson, II – The Council of Laodicea, part 2, Changing the Sabbath Day from Saturday to Sunday

Although for three centuries Christians had already observed Sunday as the Lord's day, in the era of the Council of Laodicea, 364 A.D., some Christians apparently rested on the Saturday Sabbath and had communion or fellowship on Sundays. A key decree (Canon 29) forwarded by the Council of Laodicea was that Christians must not Judaize (adopt the customs, beliefs, or character of the Jews) by resting on Saturday in observance of the Sabbath Day, but instead should honor the Lord's day of Sunday as the Sabbath Day of rest.

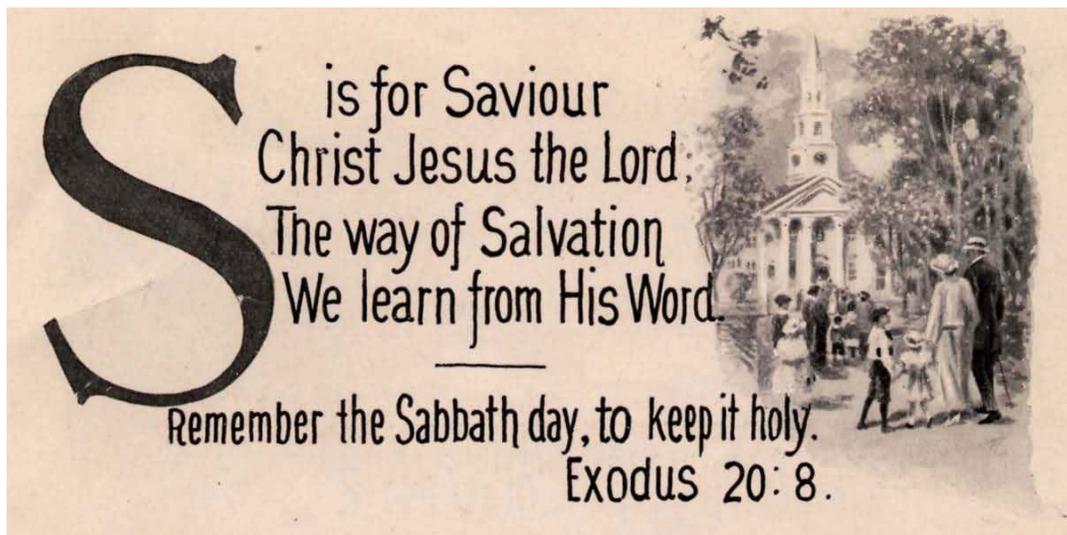
Canon 29 of the Council of Laodicea stated,

“Christians shall not Judaize and be idle on Saturday, the Sabbath, but shall work on that day; but the Lord's day (Sunday) they shall especially honor, and, as being Christians, shall, if possible, do no work on that day. If, however, they are found Judaizing, they shall be shut out from Christ.”

Here is #775–Doc 1, Canon 29 of the Council of Laodicea, 364 A.D.

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Before we get into a discussion concerning the Council of Laodicea, and the deeper prophetic meaning of Canon 29 (about the Sabbath Day), we need to address the matter of the Sabbath Day ourselves. What about the Sabbath Day? Should it be kept on Saturday, or was it to be changed to Sunday? How do we keep the Sabbath Day holy during the Church Age? Let's start with the 4th commandment.

The 4th Commandment. One of the Old Testament Ten Commandments was the 4th commandment of keeping the Sabbath Day holy, Exodus 20:8-10.

Exodus 20:8-10 (KJV) Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

*10 **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:*



The 4th Commandment is not restated in the New Testament. The only one of the Ten Commandments *not* restated directly in the teachings of the New Testament is “remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.”

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| 1. Exodus 20:3 – “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” | Mark 12:30 |
| 2. Exodus 20:4 – “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image . . .” | Romans 1:23 |
| 3. Exodus 20:7 – “Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain;” | Colossians 3:8 |
| 4. Exodus 20:8 – “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.” | ----- |
| 5. Exodus 20:12 – “Honor thy father and mother:” | Ephesians 6:2 |
| 6. Exodus 20:13 – “Thou shalt not kill.” | Matthew 5:21 |
| 7. Exodus 20:14 – “Thou shalt not commit adultery.” | Mark 10:19 |
| 8. Exodus 20:15 – “Thou shalt not steal.” | Mark 10:19 |
| 9. Exodus 20:16 – “Thou shalt not bear false witness . . .” | Mark 10:19 |
| 10. Exodus 20:17 – “Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house, wife, etc.” | Luke 12:15 |

Key Understanding: Instead of repeating “remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy” in the New Testament, Colossians 2:16-17 says:

Colossians 2:16-17 (KJV) Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

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