

What is a false Christian and what do they teach?

Yeshua warned that some would say that He was the Messiah and yet would deceive the many. “And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.” (Mat. 24:4-5). What is it that the deceivers will be teaching?

Yeshua declares that He will reject all who claim Him as Lord but practice lawlessness. “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’” (Mat. 7:21-23 NKJV). Many who have preached in Jesus’s name, and done miracles by the power of His name alone, will be rejected for their false teaching of lawlessness, that the law is “done away”. Yeshua says to those without the law, He never knew them, or had a relationship with them. It is through following His laws and instructions that we build a relationship with Him, and He with us. “And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.” (1Joh. 2:3-4). Anyone who teaches about Jesus and says the law is done away is a liar and the truth is not in them according to scripture. That is the Bible definition of a false Christian.

Yeshua asks why people would claim Him as their master and yet not obey Him. “And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and **do not** the things which I say?” (Luk. 6:46). If you are not obeying His laws, He is not your Lord or master. The biblical definition of the love of God is to keep His commandments. “By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous.” (1 Joh. 5:3-4). If we love Yeshua, we will keep His commandments. “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” (Joh. 14:15).

In the Parable of the Tares, Yeshua compares false Christians to tares. “Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.” He answered and said to them: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked *one*. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, **and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire**. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” (Mat. 13:36-43). When we encourage others who “believe in Jesus”, who believe that Jesus forgives their sins, but lets them continue to sin, without warning them that belief will cost them their eternal life, we are not helping him into the Kingdom of God, but rather into the Lake of Fire.

What is a real Christian?

How do we know if we or anybody is a Christian? What is the Biblical definition? “But ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ, **he is none of His**,” (Rom. 8:9). So clearly, if we do not have the holy spirit dwelling in us, we are “none of His”, not a Christian. “But if the spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His spirit

that dwelleth in you,” (Rom. 8:11). But if we have the holy spirit God will “quicken” us, make us eternal.

Now the question is, how do we receive the holy spirit? “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the holy spirit,” (Acts 2:38). Here, two things are required: 1<sup>st</sup> – repent of sinning, breaking God’s law. “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law,” (1 Joh. 3:4). And secondly, be baptized as an outward sign that you believe Jesus, Yeshua forgives your sins. Both of these are required to receive the holy spirit.

And after someone receives the holy spirit, what do they have to do to continue to have the holy spirit? “And we are His witnesses of these things; and so is also the holy spirit, whom God hath given to them that obey Him,” (Acts 5:32). We must continue to obey God to have the holy spirit. And what if someone whom, after receiving the holy spirit willingly breaks the law, saying, “I don’t have to keep the law”? “For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries,” (Heb. 10:26-27). There is no forgiveness or salvation apart from Yeshua’s sacrifice and repentance. Anyone who claims they are a Christian and rejects God’s law is one in name only, not in reality.

Repentance, the first step toward receiving the holy spirit, is taught throughout the New Testament. “In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Mat. 3:1-2). “From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Mat.4:17). “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the holy spirit.” (Acts 2:38). In the book of Acts repentance was taught to the gentiles. “When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.” (Act. 11:18). “But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.” (Act. 26:20). Yeshua encourages His Church to repent. “: I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent” (Rev. 3:18-19). The end time Church will keep God’s commandments. “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” (Rev. 14:12).

Yeshua’s teaching on the law.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.” (Mat 5:17-18 ESV). Yeshua confirms that not one pen stroke of the written law will be done away before there is a new heavens and earth. “Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” (Mat 5:19 ESV). Yeshua taught respect and obedience to all the law. “But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void.” (Luk. 16:17 ESV). God’s law is not done away.

Yeshua did not void or replace the law, He magnified it. “The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness’ sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable.” (Isa. 42:21). He wants the law to be in our hearts. “But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath

committed adultery with her already in his heart.” (Mat. 5:28). God will use the holy spirit to write His law in our hearts.” And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence. And I will give them one heart, and **I will put a new spirit within you**; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: **That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them**: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord God.” (Eze. 11:18-21). Putting God’s law in our hearts *is* the new covenant. “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: But **this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts**; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: **for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.**” (Jer. 31:31-34). The new covenant includes writing God’s law in our heart and forgiveness through Yeshua.

“From the time the master of the house shall have risen up and shall have shut the door, then you shall begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us.’ And He answering, will say to you, ‘I do not know from where you are.’ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ And He will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know come where you are, **depart from Me, all you workers of unrighteousness.**’ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the Kingdom of God, but you are being cast out.” (Luk 13:25-28 BLB). Again, Yeshua denies knowing those who reject His righteous commands and casts them out of His Kingdom. Rather, Yeshua taught God’s kingdom and seeking righteousness should be the main focus in our lives. “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness” (Mat. 6:33a).

Scripture reveals the fate of the anti-law lie. “And with all **deceivableness of unrighteousness** in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them **strong delusion, that they should believe a lie**: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had **pleasure in unrighteousness**” (2 Thes. 2:10-12). Those who have pleasure in lawlessness are deceived into the lie that the law is done away. Unrighteousness is the opposite of righteousness, which is obeying God’s law. “My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness” (Psa. 119:172). “Then it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to observe all these commandments before YeHoVaH our God, as He has commanded us.” (Deu. 6:25).

Yeshua especially sought out a man that he had healed to warn him to no longer sin, break God’s law, or something worse would come upon him. “And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: **sin no more**, lest a worse thing come unto thee” (Joh.5:13-14). Yeshua taught there is no forgiveness without repentance “When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: **go, and sin no more**” (Joh. 8:10-11). Yeshua tied healing and forgiveness to repentance of sin. “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law” (1 Joh. 3:4).

Yeshua was asked how to receive eternal life. “And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: **but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments**. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself” (Mat. 19:16-19). Yeshua taught keeping God’s commandments are required for salvation, just as is belief in forgiveness through Him.

Where did the teaching against the law come from?

This teaching of lawlessness was at work in Paul’s day. “For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work” (2 Thes. 2:7). Many of the earliest Church fathers wrote that Simon Magas of the book of Acts was the source of this heresy originally.

“Irenaeus (*Adv. Haer.* 1. 16, Harvey), Hippolytus (*Philos.* 6. 7ff.) and Epiphanius (*Panarion.* 21. 2ff.) describe Simonian doctrine... He seems to have developed his old theme of ‘the Great Power of God’ into a Trinitarian scheme: Simon appeared to the Samaritans as the Father, to the Jews as the Son (he only *seemed* to suffer) and to the world at large as the Holy Spirit. He had a Redemption myth in which he rescued Helen (‘the lost sheep’) from the bondage of successive transmigrations in various female bodies; and **he preached salvation by grace, requiring faith in Helen and himself, but allowing unrestrained liberties in morals afterward**. But Simon also borrowed heavily from Gk. paganism and Gk. Philosophy, and some concepts appear which recur in more sophisticated Christian Gnosticism. **Irenaeus and others regard him as the first major heretic**, the initiator of a long chain of interrelated errors” (*ibid.* 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. pg. 1116, Tyndale House Pub. Inc.; *emphasis added*).

The Sign of a true Christian

Yeshua is Lord of the Sabbath. “For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day” (Mat. 12:8). Yeshua taught the Sabbath was for all men, not just Jews “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” (Mar. 2:27-28).

The Sabbath is God’s sign. “And YeHoVaH spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a **sign** between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am YeHoVaH that doth sanctify you... Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a **sign** between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days YeHoVaH made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed.” (Ex. 31:12-13;16-17). “Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a **sign** between me and them, that they might know that I am YeHoVaH that sanctify them... And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a **sign** between me and you, that ye may know that I am YeHoVaH your God.” (Eze. 20:12;20).

God’s Passover is to be in our forehead and our hand. “And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart... And thou shalt bind them for a **sign** upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes” (Deu. 6:6, 8). The Passover is to be a token (mark) on our hands and our forehead. “Eat unleavened bread during those seven days; nothing with yeast in it is to be seen among you, nor shall any yeast be seen anywhere within your borders. On that day tell your son, ‘I do this because of what YeHoVaH did for me when I came out of Egypt. And it shall be for a **sign** unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial (what we are to remember) between thine eyes, that YeHoVaH’s law may be in thy mouth, for with a strong hand hath Yehovah brought thee out of Egypt...”

And it shall be for a **token** upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes, for by strength of hand YeHoVaH brought us forth out of Egypt” (Exo. 13:7-9,16). The Passover, (and God’s other annual Sabbath days) as well as the weekly Sabbath are the sign of His true Christians.

We can use our hands to keep God’s Sabbaths or to keep pagan festivals. “... (He) that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil” (Isa. 56:2b). The hand is also used to in keeping pagan festivals in setting up the Christmas tree. “For the customs of the people are vain, for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold, they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not” (Jer. 10:3-4). Our mind is in our forehead and we take actions with our hands.

“So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,” (Heb. 4:9). “Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” Paul continued to encourage others to keep the Sabbath and the Passover.

The Mark of a false Christian

Just as God’s Sabbaths are a sign in our hands and our heads (our actions and our thoughts) the Beast will enforce his own false mark on his followers.

“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads, And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name” (Rev. 13:16- 17).

“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation, and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever, and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name” (Rev. 14:9-11).

It was prophesied that false Christians would change the sign God had given into the Beast’s mark. The little horn (the Pope) will change times and laws. “I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots, and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things... I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them... 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, and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time” (Dan. 7:8, 21, 25). The Papacy changed the law concerning the time of the weekly and annual Sabbaths.

This happened at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD, and the Council of Laodicea, 365 A.D. when the Sabbath and Passover were outlawed, and Sunday worship and Easter were enforced and the persecution of Sabbath keepers by the Catholic Church began.

The Passover and all things ‘Jewish’ were condemned at the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D.

It appears an unworthy thing that in the celebration of this most holy feast we should follow the practice of the Jews, who have impiously defiled their hands with enormous sin, and are, therefore, deservedly afflicted with blindness of soul... **Let us then have nothing in common with the detestable Jewish crowd**...All should unite in desiring that which sound reason appears to demand, and in avoiding all participation in the perjured conduct of the Jews. (Eusibius, *Life of Constantin*, 3, 18-19; NPNF 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1, pp. 524-525).

Canon 29 of the Council of Laodicea, 365 A.D., reads: "**Christians must not Judaize by resting of the Sabbath**, but must work on that day, rather, honoring the Lord's Day; and, if they can, resting then as Christians. But if any shall be found to be Judaizers, **let them be anathema from Christ**" (*Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*, vol. 19, p. 148).

Emperor Constantine wrote the following concerning keeping the Passover, "Forasmuch, then, as it is no longer possible to bear with your pernicious errors, we give warning by this present statute that none of you henceforth presume to assemble yourselves together. We have directed, accordingly, that you be deprived of all the houses in which you are accustomed to hold your assemblies, and forbid the holding of your superstitious and senseless meetings...Take the far better course of entering the Catholic Church" (Eusibius, *Life of Constantin*, Book 3).

The anti-Jewish hostility is seen in a document ca. A.D. 243, *De Pascha Computus*. "We desire to show...that Christians need at no time...to walk in blindness and stupidity behind the Jews as they did not know what was the day of Passover."

In 400 A.D., the Christians who kept the Passover according to the manner of the Jews, were strongly attacked by Severian, the bishop of Gabala.

The emperor Constantine who forbid the Sabbath began enforcing his mark, Sunday worship.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, 321 A.D., the emperor Constantine issued an edict prohibiting work on Sunday. "On the venerable day of the sun, let the magistrates and the people residing in the city's rest, and let all workshops be closed" (*Codex Justinianus*, liv. 3, tit. 12 3, transl. in *History of the Christian Church*, Schaff, vol. 3 p. 308).

Edward Gibbon, in *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, tells us, "But the devotion of Constantine was more peculiarly directed to the genius of the SUN, the Apollo of Greek and Roman mythology . . . The sun is universally celebrated as the invincible guide and protector of Constantine" (vol.1, p.636-637). "Constantine was not himself "baptized" as a Christian until he was upon his death bed in 337 A.D." (Wells, *The Outline of History*, p.451).

Jesse Lyman Hurlbut in "Story of the Christian Church" records: "The first day of the week was proclaimed as a day of rest and worship, and its observance soon became general throughout the empire. In 321 A.D. Constantine forbade the courts to be held on Sunday, except for the purpose of giving freedom to slaves; and on that day soldiers were commanded to omit their daily military exercises. But the public games continued on Sunday, tending to make it more a holiday than a holy-day" (p.77).

"This legislation by Constantine probably bore no relation to Christianity; it appears, on the contrary, that the Emperor, in his capacity of Pontifex Maximus, was only adding the day of the Sun, the worship of which was then firmly established in the Roman Empire, to the other ferial days of the sacred calendar" (*Encyclopædia Britannica*, 11<sup>th</sup> ed. "Rest Days", pp. 122-123).

Historian H. G. Wells, points out that Yeshua teachings are so different than traditional Christianity that some would say He was not "Christian".

The observance of the Jewish Sabbath, again, transferred to the Mithraic Sun-Day, *is an important feature of many Christian cults* . . . He [Jesus] did not say a word about the worship of his mother Mary in the *guise of Isis, the queen of heaven*. Much that is most characteristically Christian in worship and usage, he ignored. ***Skeptical writers have had the temerity to deny that Jesus can be called a Christian at all***” (*Outline of History*, p.445, *emphasis added*).

The Catholic Church admits it changed the Sabbath to Sunday apart from the Bible.

“Which church does the whole civilized world obey? Protestants call us every horrible name they can think of – antichrist, the scarlet-colored beast, Babylon, etc., and at the same time profess great reverence for the Bible, and yet by their solemn act of keeping Sunday they acknowledge the power of the Catholic Church. The bible says, ‘Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy’, but the Catholic Church says, ‘No, keep the first day of the week,’ and the whole world bows in obedience”. (Catholic Priest T. Enright, C.S.S.R., lecture at Redemptorist College, Kansas City, MO Feb 18, 1884).

“Is Saturday the seventh day according to the Bible and the Ten Commandments? I answer yes. Is Sunday the first day of the week and did the Church change the seventh day – Saturday – for Sunday, the first day? I answer yes. Did Christ change the day? I answer no! Faithfully yours, James Cardinal Gibbons” (letter written by James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore 1877-1921, recorded in *The Catholic Press* Aug. 25, 1900).

“Nowhere in the bible do we find Christ or the Apostles ordered that the Sabbath be changed from Saturday to Sunday. We have the commandment of God given to Moses to keep holy the Sabbath day, that is the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the week, Saturday. Today most Christians keep Sunday because it has been revealed to us by the [ Roman Catholic] church outside the Bible” (*Catholic Virginian*, p.9 Oct 3 1947).

“Some theologians have held that God likewise directly determined Sunday as the day of worship in the New Law, that He Himself has explicitly substituted Sunday for the Sabbath. But this theory is now entirely abandoned. It is now commonly held that God simply gave His Church the power to set aside whatever day or days she would deem suitable as Holy Days. The church chose Sunday, the first day of the week, and in course of time added other days as holy days” (*A course in Religion for Catholic High Schools and Academies Vol 1*, p. 51, John Laux, 1936).

“Question: Which is the Sabbath Day?

Answer: Saturday is the Sabbath Day.

Question: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

Answer: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church in the Council of Laodicea, transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday”.

(*The Converts Catechism of Catholic Doctrine*, Third Edition, Peter Geiermann, C.S.S.R.).

‘We Catholics do not accept the Bible as the only rule of faith. Besides the Bible we have the living Church, the authority of the Church, as a rule to guide us. We say this Church, instituted by Christ to teach and guide man through life, has the right to change ceremonial laws of the Old Testament and hence, we accept her change of the Sabbath to Sunday. We frankly say, yes the Church made this change, made this law, as made many other laws, for instance, the Friday abstinence, the unmarried priesthood, the laws concerning mixed marriages, the regulation of Catholic marriages and a thousand other laws” (*Catholic Church Extension Society*, 1975, Chicago Illinois, Peter R. Kraemer).

**“Sunday is our mark of authority.** The church is above the Bible, and this transference of Sabbath observance is proof of that fact” (The Catholic Record, Sept 1, 1923, *emphasis added*).

“Question: Have you any other way of proving that the Church has power to institute festivals of percept?

Answer: Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her – she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority” (A Doctrinal Catechism Third Edition, Stephen Keenan, p. 174).

“Question: How prove you that the Church hath power to command feasts and holy days?

Answer: By the very fact of changing the Sabbath into Sunday, which Protestants allow of, and therefore they fondly contradict themselves, by keeping Sunday strictly, and breaking most other feasts commanded by the same Church”. (Manual of Christian Doctrine, 1916, Daniel Ferrer).

“Sunday is a Catholic institution, and its claim to observation can be defended only on 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” (The Catholic Press, Vol IV, No. 251, Aug 25, 1900, p. 22, Sydney Australia).

“The Catholic Church... by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday” (The Catholic Mirror, Sept. 23, 1893).

“My brethren, look about you upon the various wrangling sects and denominations. Show me one that claims, or possesses the power to make laws binding on the conscience. There’s but one on the face of the earth- the Catholic Church – that has the power to make laws binding upon the conscience, binding before God, binding under pain of hell fire. Take for instance the day we celebrate- Sunday. What right have the Protestant churches to observe that, day? None whatever. You say it is to obey the commandment, ‘Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.’ But Sunday is not the Sabbath according to the Bible and the record of time. Every one knows that Sunday is the first day of the week, while Saturday is the seventh day and the Sabbath, the day consecrated as a day of rest. It is so recognized in all civilized nations. I have repeatedly offered \$1000 to any one who will furnish any proof from the Bible that Sunday is the day we are bound to keep, and no one has called for the money. If any person in this town will show me any scripture for it I will, tomorrow evening, publicly acknowledge it and thank him for it. It was the holy Catholic Church that changed the day of rest from Saturday to Sunday, the first day of the week. And it not only compelled all to keep Sunday, but at the Council of Laodicea, A.D. 364, anathematized those who kept the Sabbath and urged all persons to labor on the seventh day under penalty of anathema” (T. Enright, Pacific Press Publishing Company, New York, Vol. 5, No. 6, Feb.6, 1890, p. 46).

“Nowhere in the Bible is it stated that worship should be changed from Saturday to Sunday... Now the Church instituted, by God’s authority, Sunday as the day of worship. This same Church, by the same divine authority, taught the doctrine of Purgatory long before the Bible was made. We have, therefore, the same authority for Purgatory as we have for Sunday” (Things Catholics Are Asked About, Martin J Scott).

‘... Protestants, who accept the Bible as the only rule of faith and religion, should by all means go back to the observance of the Sabbath. The fact that they do not, but on the contrary observe Sunday, stultifies them in the eyes of every thinking man” (Catholic Church Extension Society, 1975, Chicago, Illinois, Peter R. Kraemer).

“It is always somewhat laughable, to see the Protestant churches, in pulpit and legislation, demand observance of Sunday, of which there is nothing in their Bible” (Catholic Church Extension Society, 1975, Chicago Illinois, Peter R. Kraemer).

The observance of Sunday by Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the [Catholic] church (Plain Talk About The Protestantism of Today, p.213).

“Incidentally, there is no proof in scripture that God willed the Sabbath to be changed from Saturday to Sunday, so that those non-Catholics who do not accept the value of tradition as a source of faith should logically still observe Saturday as the Sabbath” (This is the Faith; Catholic Theology for Laymen, Francis J. Ripley, p. 176).

“But since Saturday, not Sunday is specified in the Bible, isn’t it curious that non-Catholics who profess to take their religion directly from the Bible and not the Church, observe Sunday instead of Saturday? Yes, of course it is inconsistent; but this change was about fifteen centuries before Protestantism was born, and by that time the custom was universally observed. They have continued the custom, even though it rests upon the authority of the Catholic Church and not upon an explicit text in the Bible. That observance remains as a reminder of the Mother Church from which the non-Catholic sects broke away- like a boy running away from home, but still carrying in his pocket a picture of his mother or lock of her hair” (The Faith of Millions, p. 473, 1956).

“If the Bible is the only guide for the Christian, then the Seventh-day Adventist is right in observing the Saturday with the Jew... Is it not strange that those who make the Bible their only teacher, should inconsistently follow in this matter the tradition of the Catholic Church?” (The Question Box, Cardinal Gibbons, p. 179).

“From this we may understand how great is the authority of the church in interpreting or explaining to us the commandments of God- an authority which is acknowledge by the universal practice of the whole Christian world, even of those sects which profess to take the holy Scriptures as their sole rule of faith, since they observe as the day of rest not the seventh day of the week demanded by the Bible, but the first day. Which we know is to be kept holy, only from tradition and teaching of the Catholic church” (Catechism Made Easy, Henry Gibson, #2, 9<sup>th</sup> edition, vol. 1, p. 341-342).

## **The Two Witnesses V.S. the Beast and False Prophet**

In the near future God will send His two witnesses. “And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.” (Rev. 11:3-6).

These two witnesses will be preaching repentance to God’s law. “Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord” (Mal. 4:4-5).

And the Beast will be revealed. “Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the **man of lawlessness** is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.” (2 Thes. 2:3-4).

The lawless one will perform wonders to deceive people into believing they do not have to obey God's law. "The coming of the lawless one will be accompanied by the power of Satan. He will use every kind of power, including miraculous signs, lying wonders, and every type of evil to deceive those who are dying, those who refused to love the truth that would save them" (2 Thes. 2:9-10 ISV).

The false prophet will also deceive with miracles and enforce the Sunday mark. "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." (Rev. 13:11-17).

#### In Conclusion

Share the truth of repentance with everyone you know who claims to be a Christian. Plant the seeds leading to their repentance before the Wrath of God is soon poured out on the whole world. Never let anyone think are a Christian without obeying God, that is a lie. And if we do not love the truth, we will be given over to a reprobate mind,