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#### **Daily Verse and Comment**

## **Mark 2:28**

(28) Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."

## **Luke 6:5**

(5) And He said to them, "The Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath." New King James Version

Why do some push to do away with the law and commandments that Christ created (see <u>John 1:1-3</u>; <u>Colossians 1:15-17</u>; <u>Ephesians 3:9</u>)? Have we ever wondered what is so terrible about them? What is so bad about honoring one's parents and not murdering, committing <u>adultery</u>, stealing, or lying that they must be done away? Is it because to justify rejecting one commandment a person must reject all?

While most Christians would not outrightly reject nine of the Ten Commandments, there is one that most do—the <u>Sabbath</u>.

In <u>Mark 2:28</u> and <u>Luke 6:5</u>, Christ says, "The Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath." "Lord" here is from the Greek word *kurios*. Zodhiates defines *kurios* in this way: "Lord, master, owner, as the possessor, owner, master, e. g. of property." Christ, as the Creator of the seventh-day Sabbath, is rightly claiming to be the owner of that Sabbath. Nowhere in the New Testament does He trade that day for another. A Catholic cardinal concurs:

But you may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify. (Gibbons, James Cardinal. *Faith of Our Fathers*. First published 1876)

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Cardinal Gibbons is correct. No such scripture exists that shows the owner of the Sabbath, Christ, ever relinquished ownership over the day nor that the writers of the New Testament ever traded it for another day (nor could they, as they did not have the authority from <u>God</u> to do so).

Therefore, by what authority do some observe a Sunday "Sabbath"? Christ, His disciples, and the first-century Christians kept Saturday, the seventh-day Sabbath. Who authorized a Sunday "Sabbath"? Who made this change? How did it occur?

The law created by *Yahweh Elohim*, <u>Jesus Christ</u>, included a seventh-day or Saturday Sabbath. Neither Christ nor the apostles sanctioned the change to Sunday. Nearly three hundred years after them, the Church of Rome did. That church and her daughters, the Protestant churches, continue to bow to that church's authority rather than that of Jesus Christ, *Yahweh Elohim*.

It is interesting that many in Christianity do not know who the <u>God of the Old Testament</u> is, even though the Bible teaches it plainly. It is also interesting to see how that blind spot has colored their view of God's law and commandments, particularly the Sabbath. Finally, it is sobering to realize how that blind spot has led many to unwittingly accept papal authority—human authority—over the authority of the Creator God, the God of the <u>Old Testament</u>, Jesus Christ.

— Pat Higgins

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