

Prophecies of Hope

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As Christians our great desire should be...

"God send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me;" Psalms 43:3

"You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." John 8:32

"What says the Bible, the blessed Bible,
This my only question be, The teachings
of men so often mislead us, What says the Bible to me?"



I. Three primary definitions of truth in the Bible

1. Jesus is the truth, John 14:6; Ephesians 4:21; 1 John 2:6
We want to honestly ask how does Jesus relate to this subject. As long as we are following Jesus we are following truth.
2. The Word is truth, (Bible) John 17:17
As long as we follow the Bible and the Bible alone we are safe.
3. God's law is truth, Psalms 119:142
As long as we are following the law of God we are following truth.

The question arises then, Is the 7th day Sabbath the truth or not? Let's take the Sabbath in relation to Jesus, the Bible and the law. When we see the Sabbath in relation to these three areas of truth then we will know if the Sabbath is truth.

- **JESUS** - Matt.12:8; Luke 4:16; John 15:10; Matthew 24:20
If Jesus is the truth and we know that He is, then we have found the Sabbath in Jesus.
- **BIBLE** - Gen. 2:1-3; Acts 13:14,42,44; Acts 17:2; Acts 18:4; Isaiah 66:22-23
If the Word is truth and we know that it is then we have found the Sabbath from Genesis to Revelation. There are 149 clear verses in the Bible establishing the 7th day Sabbath.
- **GOD'S LAW** - Exodus 20:8-11
Since we know the Law is truth, then we have found the Sabbath in the Law too.

When you have Jesus' example, 149 verses in the Word of God and the law of God, you have the truth! You can have joy in your heart knowing you are following the truth.

Notes

The real issue isn't Saturday as the Sabbath. The real issue is, who are we loyal to? And are we worshipping in Spirit and in Truth? If we choose to follow the commandments of men the Bible says we are worshipping in vain. Matthew 15:8,9

Let's look at the Nine texts in the Bible that mention the 1st day of the week to see if there has been a Biblical change of the Sabbath to the first day of the week.

1. Genesis 1:5

God stated in the beginning that the evening and the morning were the first day. (The day began and ended at sunset with the dark part of the day coming first.) But He did not say that this day was different from the others. It was not set aside as a day of rest, neither was it blessed or hallowed. It was simply the first day of creation. It was the only day that could not have been the Sabbath, because God could not have created on that day and rested all that day too.

2. John 20:19

People say, "because Jesus rose on Sunday we are keeping Sunday in honor of His resurrection". But after the crucifixion the disciples we're assembled "for fear of the Jews" not for worship. In fact, they didn't even believe Jesus had been resurrected yet (Matt. 28:12)

3. 1 Corinthians 16:1,2

People say, "The N.T. church took a Sunday school offering, which proves we should worship on the first day of the week". "Laying something aside", is like preparing for winter, harvesting, canning getting ready for winter. There was a famine in Jerusalem (Acts 11; Romans 16) Paul is taking a collection for the church in Jerusalem. "No gatherings" meant for them to wait until Paul got there. He is telling them to have it all done when he gets there. Their offerings were made up of wheat, corn, barley and other produce. They did not have coin money readily available to them. This really is a command to stay home and work on the first day of the week. We know in Acts 18:1-4 Paul kept the Sabbath.

4. Acts 20:7-12

People say, "they were breaking bread on the first day of the week therefore it makes Sunday the Sabbath". But the church broke bread together everyday (Acts 2:46). This is Paul's farewell speech. He is ready to depart the next day. This meeting was held after dark, for "there were many lights in the upper chamber." verse 8 The New English Bible reads: "On Saturday night, in our assembly for the breaking of bread." According to the Bible when does a new day begin? Sundown; a day

is from sundown to sundown. This is a special Saturday evening service on the first part (dark part) of the first day that lasted all night. They knew they would never see Paul again. It was his last missionary journey. He left the next morning (light part of 1st day) and walked from Troas to Assos- over 20 miles. In no way was Sunday set aside as a day of worship in this text.

5. Luke 23:56-24:1

Here the days are lined up for us. The two days before the first day are mentioned. The preparation day, which we call Good Friday, then the Sabbath, then He arose on the first day of the week, which we call Easter Sunday.

Preparation day	Sabbath	1st day of the week
Good Friday	Sabbath	Easter Sunday

Sunday couldn't be the Sabbath here, because it says that the Sabbath had passed. These texts leave us no doubt as to which day is the Sabbath.

6. Mark 16:1,2

There is no reference to a change here; or to the first day being set apart as a day of worship. Again two days are mentioned. "The Sabbath was past" shows that the Sabbath was recognized as set apart, Holy and Blessed by God and it came before the first day of the week. The first day was a day of work. The women brought the spices to prepare the body—over 100 lbs were required to do this. They were coming to work not to worship.

7. Mark 16:9

This is just stating the fact that Mary came to the tomb on the first day and was the first to see Him.

8. John 20:1

Again showing that Mary came to the tomb on the first day early in the morning.

9. Matthew 28:1

Two days are mentioned again, Sabbath and the first day, which shows that the Sabbath was still to be kept. Matthew was written about thirty years after the crucifixion. If there had been a change, surely he would have told us. This verse simply states that Mary came to the tomb on the first day. Again there is nothing telling us to keep Sunday instead Sabbath as a day of worship.

All these verses give the Biblical account of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection on the first day. Each text shows that the Sabbath was before the first day of the week-Sunday. In all of these texts we have not seen a command given by God to honor the 1st day in place of the 7th day He blessed. I personally have found the Sabbath to be a great blessing in my life and family and know that as you begin to experience it you will too!