

the Lord your God, which have separated you from other people" (Leviticus 20:7; 22-24).

Thus, in the New Testament, guided by inspiration, the apostle Peter urged Christians, "Like as he who called you is holy, be ye yourselves also holy in all manner of living" (1 Peter 1:15). And the apostle Paul admonished the followers of Christ in Corinth with these words, "come ye out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord" (2 Corinthians 6:17).

Christians are a "holy nation," a people belonging to God. (Read: 1 Peter 2:9 and Titus 2:14). And as such, each one of us has an obligation to "glorify God" as long as we reside in our bodies. (Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Philippians 1:20b-21, and Romans 14:7-8).

Are Christians To Observe The Sabbath Day?

That the Bible Sabbath was the seventh day of the week is denied only by those unfamiliar with the Bible. But that the Sabbath is to be observed today is denied for the following reasons.

A most important point to observe is that the Sabbath was given exclusively to the nation of Israel and to no one else. Read Deuteronomy 5:2-3 where Moses, speaking of the covenant containing the Sabbath law, said: "*The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day.*" Sabbatarians contend that this covenant containing the Sabbath law (the ten commandments) was operative from the Garden of Eden to Mt. Sinai. But Moses refutes this theory by pointing out that the covenant was not made with the fathers of Israel.

God commanded Moses to "*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*" (Exodus 21:13). See also Ezekiel 20:12. Notice that the Sabbath was a *sign* between God and the Israelites. Where was the Sabbath ever made a sign between God and Christians? Echo answers WHERE? The Sabbath was a law to the Jews only. Consequently, we never find an example or command in the New Testament of Christians keeping the Sabbath.

In Galatians 3:23-25 we find: "*Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come we are no longer under a schoolmaster.*" The Law (which included the Sabbath command) was the schoolmaster and Paul declares we are not under it.

"Under the law," means under the authority of the law as is seen from Galatians 4:4. We are not under the law which enjoined Sabbath observance. Can language be any plainer? We fail to see how.

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