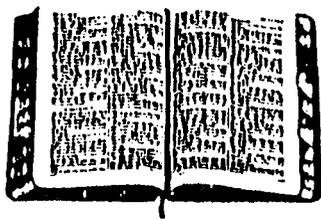


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*"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16)*

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## ***"LET ALL YOUR THINGS BE DONE WITH CHARITY"***

Writing specifically to the saints at Corinth and generally to all saints, the apostle Paul said, **"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity."** (1 Cor. 16:13-14). In our past studies we have considered the admonitions given to the saints in verse 13. In this study let us consider the admonition to *"Let all your things be done with charity."*

The American Standard, The New American Standard and the Revised Standard Versions say: **"Let all that you do be done in love."** NOTE: Obviously the word *"charity"* as used in the verse simply means, *"love."*

We are admonished by the apostle to *"let" all things that we do be done with charity or love!* The word *"let"* as used here does not merely mean to permit or to allow, but it means "to cause to: MAKE..." according to Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary. We have the obligation to do all things with or in love! Our words and our actions (or deeds) must be properly motivated. We must not allow hatred, bitterness, envy, malice or ill will to prompt our

speech or our actions. (See Eph. 4:31-32; Col. 3:8-10).

In Mt. 6:1-18 Jesus showed the importance of proper motivation. He showed that it is right and proper to "do alms", but one should not be motivated to *do alms* to have the glory of men. He also showed that it is right and proper to pray, but he warned against praying to be heard and seen of men. Jesus also taught that it is right to *fast*, but he warned against fasting so as to appear unto men to fast. In each case Jesus was emphasizing that the proper acts must be done with sincerity, genuineness and love. He warned against hypocrisy.

Charity (love) edifies according to 1 Cor. 8:1. We learn from 1 Cor. 13:4-8 that charity (love) is long-suffering, kind and rejoices in the truth! We also learn that it is not envious, arrogant, selfish and does not rejoice in iniquity, etc. It is greater than faith and hope and it never fails.

Let us keep in mind that Paul indicates that it is obligatory that we

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## Editorial... MUST WE KEEP THE SABBATH TODAY? (No. 19)

In our past articles we have shown from the Scriptures that the law that required the *Israelites* to keep the sabbath day holy was *provisional* and *temporary*. There is no Scriptural *proof* that the LORD ever intended for *Christians* to keep the law that He gave to the *Israelites* after they came out of Egypt. The sabbath day was given to a *specific* people for *specified* reasons. When that law had fulfilled its purpose *it ceased to be binding*. When the law that required sabbath keeping was fulfilled, *it was no longer in force!* (Cf. Jer. 31:31-34; Hebrews 8:6-13; 7:11-19; 9:16-17; 10:9-10; Romans 7:1-7; 2 Cor. 3:6-17; Col. 2:4-17; Gal. 3:23-27; Col. 2:14-17; etc.)

In our last eleven studies we have been examining some arguments made by "sabbath keepers" in an effort to show that sabbath keeping is **binding** on Christians today. We have shown that Scriptural *proof* is lacking. The arguments set forth by Sabbatarians will not stand the test of

Scriptural examination. *Assumptions* and *assertions* are not *proof!* Let us continue our study.

## ARGUMENTS FOR SABBATH KEEPING CONSIDERED

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to illness I was unable to finish the November, 1998 issue of THE INSTRUCTOR (others had to do it). I had not completed my reply to the following argument. I had made three points in reply. Please go back and re-read what I said. I will pick up where I left off.]

### 35. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS CONSTITUTE THE COMPLETE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MAN AND MAN, AND MAN AND GOD."

#### REPLY:

(4) When Sabbatarians claim that *the ten commandments constitute the complete relationship between man and man, and man and God* they are including the idea that *the ten commandments are a perfect moral code*.

I have never fully understood how hundreds of thousands of people can be "taken in" and deceived by mere assumptions and allegations. Proof is never given because there is no proof to substantiate the claim the the ten commandments are a perfect moral code. Neither is there any proof to substantiate the claim that the ten commandments constitute the complete relationship between man and man, and man and God.

Are the ten commandments a perfect moral code and a complete relationship between man and man, and man and God?

(5) The New Testament forbids or condemns a brother *going to law against a brother before unbelievers*. (See 1 Cor. 6:1-8). In other words, a Christian has no right to sue another Christian in the courts of the land. *It is wrong for Christians to sue other Christians in the courts of the world*.

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QUESTION: Which one of the ten commandments forbids or condemns a brother for going to law against another? ANSWER: Not a single one! However, it is God's will that such be forbidden and condemned! The ten commandments fall short here, don't they?

(6) The New Testament forbids or condemns *divorce*, i.e., the putting away of one's spouse and marrying another (except it be for fornication) in Mark 10:11-12; Luke 16:18; Matthew 5:31-32 and 19:9. In other words, it is sinful for a person to divorce his/her spouse (except it be for fornication) and marry another. Other passages forbid or condemn divorce even if a person does not marry another. (Cf. Matthew 19:4-8; Rom. 7:2-3; 1 Cor. 7:2-5; 7:10-11; 7:39; Eph. 5:22-33).

QUESTION: Which one of the ten commandments forbids or condemns divorce as stated above? ANSWER: Not a single one! However, it is God's will that such be forbidden and condemned! The ten commandments fall short here, don't they? A perfect moral code? Of course not!

(7) The New Testament forbids or condemns *drunkenness* in such passages as Eph. 5:18; Romans 13:13; 1 Cor. 5:11; 6:9-11 and Gal. 5:19-21. QUESTION: Which one of the ten commandments forbids or condemns drunkenness? ANSWER: Not a single one! A person can obey every one of the ten commandments and still be a drunkard! Such a person shall not inherit the kingdom of God! NOTE: The ten commandments are not a perfect moral code and do not constitute a complete relationship between man and man, and man and God!

(8) The New Testament forbids or condemns (murmuring, complaining, grumbling) in such

passages as James 5:9; 1 Cor. 10:10 and Phil. 2:14. Obviously, it is sinful for a person to murmur. QUESTION: Which one of the ten commandments prohibits or condemns murmuring? The answer is simple. Not a one!

(9) The New Testament prohibits or condemns *dishonoring the king*. Peter said: "...**Honour the king.**" (1 Peter 2:17). The apostle Paul teaches us in Rom. 12:1-7 to be subject to civil powers and to pay tribute. He says: "**Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.**" NOTE: Since we are taught to *honour the rulers* we can certainly see that *dishonoring the king* is prohibited or condemned.

QUESTION: Where do any of the ten commandments prohibit or condemn *dishonoring civil rulers*? The answer is clear. No where!

(10) The New Testament prohibits or condemns *hypocrisy* in such passages as Romans 12:9 and 1 Peter 2:1-2. During His personal ministry here on earth Jesus Christ repeatedly condemned the scribes and Pharisees because of their hypocrisy. He called them "hypocrites" in such passages as Matthew 23 and Luke 11:44. QUESTION: Which one of the ten commandments prohibits or condemns hypocrisy as such? Not a single one! Does this sound like the ten commandments are a complete relationship between man and man, and man and God?

When we examine by the Scriptures the claims of Sabbatarians relative to the ten commandments being a complete relationship between man and man, and man and God, they fail the Scriptural test! No, the ten commandments are not a perfect moral code! (To be continued)

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do all things in or with love. Previously in the Corinthian letter (chapter 5) Paul had discussed the problem of fornication that was among the saints at Corinth. He told them "to deliver such a one unto Satan" (5:5) and "not to keep company" with such people and "put away" from themselves "that wicked person." *This was to be done in or with love!*

In chapter 6 Paul discussed the problem of brother going to law with brother and that before the unjust. He told them that it would be better for them to take wrong and be defrauded than for them to do wrong and defraud their brethren. *What they did was to be done in or with love!*

In chapter 7: 2-5 Paul tells wives and husbands to render to each other "due benevolence" (RSV says "conjugal rights"). *This was to be done in or with love!*

In chapter 8 Paul discusses the eating of meats and the possibility that it might cause a brother to stumble. He teaches us that in such cases we should not eat meat. *This should be done in or with love!*

We are taught to bear one another's burden in Gal. 6:2. In Eph. 4:32 we are taught to be kind, tenderhearted and forgiving and in Phil. 3:2 and 4:4 to rejoice in the Lord always. *All these things (as well as all other things we do) must be done in love!* (CRS)

NOTE: Many thanks and sincere appreciation to all the saints every where who prayed for me during my illness. I am much better. The Lord heard your prayers and blessed me graciously. (CRS)

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## SENTENCE SERMONS

It is very difficult to get down off your high horse gracefully.

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First we make our habits (good or bad), and then our habits make us.

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The darkest hour is only 60 minutes long.

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"The fear of the Lord prolongeth days; but the years of the wicked shall be shortened." (Proverbs 10:27)

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"God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day. (Psa. 7:11).

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