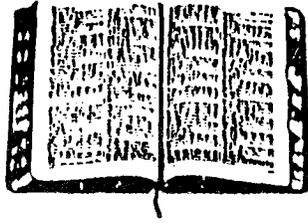


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*"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16)*

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## **"BE KINDLY AFFECTIONED..."**

Speaking to saints the apostle Paul admonished, "***Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.***" (Romans 12:10).

In describing a virtuous woman whose price is far above rubies the wise man said: "***She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.***" (Proverbs 31:26). NOTE: The *law of kindness* is often missing, not only among aliens, but also among the children of God. *Kindness* is a precious commodity among any people.

In Col. 3 Paul exhorts Christians to *put off* certain things and to *put on* certain things. In verse 12 he says: "***Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering...***" NOTE: We should be clothed with *kindness!*

In Eph. 4:31-32 the saints at Ephesus were told to "***Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.***" NOTE:

This exhortation to "***be kind***" should not be taken lightly. It should be seriously taken to heart and practiced.

In 2 Peter 1:7 we learn that we should add "***to godliness, brotherly kindness.***" NOTE: *Brotherly kindness* is one of the seven things mentioned in this text that will make us fruitful and keep us from falling!

Paul said: ***Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.*** Our *kind affection* must not be hypocritical! It must be genuine! It must be characterized *with brotherly love.* (Cf. 1 Pet. 1:22 In Rom. 12:9 Paul said: ***Let love be without dissimulation.*** We are taught of God to "***love one another.***" (1 Thess. 4:9). Heb. 13:1 says, "***Let brotherly love continue.***" Also see 1 Pet. 2:17; 3:8; John 13:35; 1 John 4:8; 5:2-3 & 2 John 2:6. By *love* we should serve one another according to Gal. 5:13. "***Love worketh no ill to his neighbour...***" according to Paul in Romans 13:10.

Paul said: "***Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.***" In Romans 13:7 we are taught to honour civil rulers. In Phil. 2:3 the apostle said:

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## Editorial... MUST WE KEEP THE SABBATH TODAY? (Concl.)

In prior articles, we have shown the truth about the Sabbath Law that God gave to Israel by Moses for *specific* reasons. It was *provisional* and *temporary*.

We also considered *the two covenants* i.e., (two testaments, two laws). We showed from the Scriptures that the *first covenant* (which contained the sabbath command) was given to the Israelites at Mt. Sinai. It was *not* given to *all nations*. *It is no longer in effect as law! It is not bound on Christians and never was!*

Jesus Christ gave the *new covenant* and it was intended for *all nations!* (See Jer. 32:31-34; Heb. 8:6-13; Mt. 28:18-20; Luke 24:46-47; Mark 16:15-16 etc.) A study of such passages as Matthew 5:17-18; Col. 2:14-17; Eph. 2:14-16; Rom. 7:4-7; Heb. 7:12; Gal. 3:24-25; 2 Cor. 3:6-16 also *proves* that the sabbath law is *not* binding on Christians.

In our previous articles we have also examined and exposed "arguments" that are sometimes made by Sabbatarians in an effort to bind sabbath keeping on Christians

In our articles the last four months we gave some additional information about the sabbath and related matters. We had seven major points and some observations. Let us continue our study.

X. MISCELLANEOUS FACTS TO CONSIDER IN LIGHT OF GOD'S WORD!

A. In Col. 2:14-17 in the context of judging us "**in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days**", Paul tells us that the handwriting of ordinances *that was against us* was blotted out, taken out of the way and nailed to the cross. NOTE: This *included the sabbath*.

Someone might ask: *How could the sabbath law be against us?* Here are some ways. (1). It forbids kindling a fire on the sabbath even in sub-zero weather. Exo. 35:3 says: "**Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day.**" (2). It forbids any boiling or baking on the sabbath. Exo. 16:23 says: "**Tomorrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the Lord: bake that which ye will bake today, and seethe that ye will seethe.**" (3). It forbids bearing any burden on the sabbath which would include carrying books, maps, chalk, erasers, yardsticks, etc. to (or in) schools (or to or in assemblies) on the sabbath. Jer. 17:21-22 says: "**...bear no burden on the sabbath day, not bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem; Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day.**" (4). It requires the offering of two lambs every sabbath. Numbers 26:9 says: "**And on the**

**sabbath day two lambs of the first year without spot...**" (5) It requires the death of those who violate it. Exo. 31:14-15 says: **"Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore: for it is holy unto you: everyone that defiled it shall surely be put to death:...who-soever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death."** NOTE: Yes, the sabbath law, if in effect, would be against us even more so than meat, drink, an holy day, or the new moon, etc.

#### B. SOME INTERESTING FACTS.

(1). The word translated "sabbath" is purely a Hebrew word that is never found in the Old Testament till the time of Moses. (Cf. Exo. 16:23).

(2) Neither the expression "the moral law" nor "the ceremonial law" is found in the Scriptures. Nor can we find the expression "temporal law" or "eternal law" in the Scriptures! NOTE: These expressions are often used by Sabbatarians to make distinctions in God's law, the Old Covenant where such distinctions do not exist.

(3). The "*sabbath*" is not even mentioned in twenty-four of the thirty nine books of the Old Testament Scriptures. Neither is it mentioned in twenty-one of the twenty-seven books of the New Testament Scriptures.

(4). There is no record in the Old Testament of the sabbath being kept till the Jews (Israelites) kept it as recorded in Exo. 16-20.

(5). The sabbath law was given to the Israelites, not to any other nation as such. Referring to the Israelites, God said: **"I gave them my sabbaths,..."** (Ezekiel 20:12).

(6). Speaking of the Israelites, God said: **"...I will also cause her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts."** (Hosea 2:11). God called the sabbaths "*her*

**sabbaths."** Also observe the fact that God said He would cause her sabbaths *to cease* along with her mirth, feast days, new moons and solemn feasts. NOTE: This statement was made more than seven hundred years before the New Covenant became in effect (or in force) in the first century. So God *did cause "her sabbaths" to cease as promised.*

(6). If the first Covenant was intended for *all* people (Israelites and people of all other nations as Sabbatarians claim) isn't it rather strange that Jesus said, **"I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel"** in Mt. 15:24? Also isn't it strange that while under the first Covenant that Jesus commanded the apostles, saying, **"Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel"** in Mt. 10:5-6? NOTE: Under the New Covenant the gospel was to be preached to *every creature in all the world.* (See Mk. 16:15-16; Mt. 28:19; Lk. 24:47).

(7). Sabbatarians claim that the sabbath is to be observed in this gospel age because God said the sabbath **"is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever..."** in Exo. 31:17. Speaking of a servant who wanted to remain with his master after serving him six years, Exo. 21:6 says: **"...and he shall serve him for ever."** NOTE: We have the *same* word both in the English and the original language. The Sabbatarians would like for the word (in Exo. 21:6) to mean that *servitude would come to an end*, but they would like for the *same* word (in Exo. 31:17) to mean that *the sabbath continues to be in force.* There is no justification for the different meanings being applied to this word in these passages. To assume and as-

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sert something is not *proof* of such!

(8) If the sabbath had been Abraham) (as some Sabbatarians claim), or even by the Israelites while they were in Egypt, isn't it rather strange that about 2500 years later the Israelites did not know what punishment to exact when one violated the sabbath law as shown in Numbers 15:34?

C. YOU CANNOT 'PICK AND CHOOSE'. Sabbatarians would like to *pick and choose* what they want that was given to people who lived under a prior dispensation and a different covenant. However, if you are under one command of the old Law, you are under *all!* (See Gal. 3:10; 5:2-3).

If you choose to bind the sabbath, to be consistent you must also bind circumcision, the Passover, the Feast of tabernacles, New Moons and the death penalty for those who violate the sabbath law. (See 31:14-15).

If you choose to bind any of the old Law (for example, circumcision), **"Christ shall profit you nothing."** (Gal. 5:2). If you choose to bind any of the old Law (circumcision, for ex-

ample), you are **"a debtor to do the whole law."** (Gal. 5:3). If you are justified by the law, *Christ has become of no effect to you and ye are fallen from grace!* (Cf. Gal. 5:4).

*No, the sabbath law is not binding on Christians today!* Don't be deceived by false teachers!

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**"BE KINDLY AFFECTIONED..."**

**"...in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."** In 1 Cor. 10:24 Paul said: **"Let no man seek his own, but each one the other's well-being."** (NKJV). NOTE: Kind affection toward others will prompt us to esteem others better than ourselves, prefer others, be concerned about their well-being and honor them.

If we (as saints) are kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love and in honor prefer one another, we will be a blessing to others and bring happiness to ourselves! (CRS)

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If one is traveling the straight road, he must leave it in order to miss heaven.

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A good temper oil makes the wheels of life turn easier.

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It is never safe or profitable to yield to an enticement to sin.

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A Christian should have an open face, busy hands, be full of good works and well regulated.

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A gossip is a person with a strong sense of rumor.

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