

## Adventist Questions and Answers

Dear Bible Student;

I want to thank you for taking the time to write this letter to us. I know you have spent a lot of your time in sharing your understanding of The Scriptures with us. There are some Guidelines that Must Be Followed, before we can ever know what is Truth concerning God's Word.

Guidelines:

1. We read in Romans 3:4, "*Let God be True, but Every man a Liar.*"

Question - Why is this so important ?

Answer - The rest of the Verse tells us. Lets read it together.

Verse 4, "*That we might be justified in our sayings, and may overcome when we are judged.*"

Question - What does this really mean to me and to you?

Answer - It means that my think so's and your think so's will never save anyone. God's Word is the Only Words that will save us. So I will not use any of my think so's in our discussion.

Now lets go to God's Word to Answer our Question. We read in John 12:48.

John 12: 48, "*He that rejected Me, and receiveth not My Words, hath One that judgeth him: The Word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.*"

So Jesus makes it as plain as words can make it, that mine and your think so's will not have One thing to do with where we will spend Eternity. Where our Souls go at the end of this life will depend solely on what God's Word says.

2. Another guideline is "All Scriptures must Harmonize", or we Do Not have The Truth.

3. We must remember, there are "No Contradictions" in The Bible.

4. We must Study with an Open Mind, because if we don't, we will Never Know what is Truth.

Your First Question - If the "10 Commandments" has nothing to do with the Christians, then we are free to steal, commit adultery, worship idols, and dishonor our parents.

Answer - We must understand why the "10 Commandment Law" was given, and what it could do and what it could not do before we can come to the Knowledge of The Truth about how long the "10 Commandment Law" was to last.

Question - Why was the "10 Commandment Law" given?

Answer - Galatians 3:19, "*Wherefore then serveth "The Law"? It was added because of transgressions.*"

Question - When the Israelites broke just One of the "10 Commandments", did God make any provisions through Law keeping to get forgiveness of that One sin?

Answer - Deuteronomy 27:26, "*Cursed be he that confirmeth not to*

*All the Words of "This Law" to do them."*

Deuteronomy 28:15, *"But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do All His Commandments and His Statutes which I command thee this day; that All these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee."*

Ezekiel 18:4, *"Behold, All souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die."*

Jeremiah 11:3, *"And say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel; Cursed be the man that obeyeth not The Words of This Covenant."*

Galatians 3:10, *"For as many as are of The Works of "The Law" are under the curse: for it is written, CURSED IS EVERY ONE THAT CONTINUETH NOT IN ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF "THE LAW" TO DO THEM."*

James 2:10, *"For whosoever shall keep the whole "Law", and yet offend in One point, he is guilty of all."*

Now lets read what Paul has to say about the "10 Commandment Law" in Romans the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter. In this Chapter, Paul is writing about his life before he became a Christian, while he was struggling to keep "The Law". He tells us exactly what happened when he reached the "Age of Accountability".

Romans 7:9, *"For I was alive without "The Law" Once; but when "The Commandment" came, sin revived, and I died."*

Verse 10, *"and "The Commandment", which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death."*

Question - How could Paul make it any clearer that if people sinned One time under the "10 Commandment Law", he became Spiritually dead, with No hope of Ever being Eternally forgiven by "Law" keeping?

Read Romans 7:24, *"O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death"?*

We must hear the conclusion of Paul's remarks he makes in Verse 25.

Verse 25, He says, *"I thank God through Jesus Christ, our Lord."*

Lets keep reading, in Romans 8:1-2. Now lets notice, Paul has now become a Christian.

Romans 8:1, *"There is therefore now No condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after The Spirit."*

Now lets pay close attention to what Apostle Paul says in the next Verse.

Romans 8:2, *"For "The Law of The Spirit of Life" in Christ Jesus hath made me free from "The Law of Sin and Death."*

Paul makes it very clear in these Two Verses, that when we become an obedient baptized Believer, we then are under "The Law of The Spirit of Life" in Christ Jesus and at that moment, we are set free from the "10 Commandment Law". Paul calls "This Law", a "Law of Sin and Death", which means,

sin One time and you are Forever separated from God, which means Spiritual death, because God made No provision for Eternal forgiveness of sin through “Law” keeping, after you had sinned One time.

Read Isaiah 59:2, *“But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear.”*

Question - When did this “Law Sin and Death” have its beginning?

Answer - God said to Adam when He placed him in the Garden of Eden.

Genesis 2:17, *“But of the Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in The Day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”*

So this is “The Law of Sin and Death”, that God sets in motion at the very Beginning of the World, and this “Law of Sin and Death” will last until the End of this World. Jesus’ Blood is the Only forgiveness for our sins that God has provided.

We cannot do enough good works, to get the forgiveness of just One sin.

Galatians 2:16, *“Knowing that a man is not justified by The Works of “The Law”, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by The Works of “The Law”: for by The Works of “The Law” shall No flesh be justified.”*

Question - Where does that leave the “10 Commandment Law”?

Answer - Because, it was a “Law of Works”, which means, sin One time and you are forever separated from God, without any Hope of Salvation through “Law” keeping. Any “Law of Works, is a soul killer.

2 Corinthians 3:6, *“Who also hath made us able ministers of “The New Testament”; not of the letter, ( Which means the “10 Commandments” ) but of The Spirit: for the letter killeth, but The Spirit giveth life.”*

This is the lesson that we must learn from All of these Scriptures that we have read, and that is, the “10 Commandments” was not given to save souls unless, we kept it perfectly. If anyone kept the “10 Commandments” perfectly which means, never breaking One single Commandment, then he would go to Heaven, because he had No sin to separate him from God.

No one is without sin.

Romans 3:23, *“For All have sinned, and come short of the Glory of God.”*

Read 2 Corinthians 3:7, *“the “10 Commandment Law” was called a “ministration of death.”*

Verse 9, *“ministration of condemnation”.*

Verse 11, *“This Law was to be done away”.*

Verse 13, *“This Law was to be abolished”.*

Question - How can we really know, without a shadow of doubt, that These

Verses are talking about the “10 Commandments”?

Answer- 2 Corinthians 3:13, “*And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the Children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished*”.

Exodus 34:28, “*And Moses was there with The Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water, And, he wrote upon “The Tablets” The Words of The Covenant, the “10 Commandments”*”.

Verse 29, “*And it came to pass, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two “Tablets of Testimony” in Moses hand, when he came down from The Mount, that Moses knew not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.*”

Verse 33, “*And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.*”

I am well aware of what man says was done away with, when Jesus came. That it was the “Ceremonial” part of “The Law”. Now lets use our First Guideline that we mentioned at the beginning of this lesson, so we can determine for ourselves what was Truth on any given subject.

Guideline 1. Romans 3:4, “*Let God be True, but Every man a Liar; as it is written, that we might be justified in our sayings and may overcome when we are judged.*”

Question - Did God call “This Law” in Exodus 34:28, the “Ceremonial Law”, or the “10 Commandment Law”?

Answer - He called it the “10 Commandment Law”.

Man calls it the “Ceremonial Law”. Which one are we going to believe? For me and my house we are going to believe what Moses says.

I am not trying to make anyone feel bad about their belief's. I only want to do what the Word of God says. I do not want to become your enemy, because of what I am sharing with you. Paul says these same words in Galatians 4:16.

Galatians 4: 16, “*Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you The Truth*”?

Hebrews 8:7, “*For if that First Covenant had been faultless, then should No place have been sought for the Second.*”

Hebrew 10:9, “*Then said He, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the First that he may establish the Second.*”

Please listen to what the Word of God says about the First Covenant, the “10 Commandments.”

1. 2 Corinthians 3:6 - “*The letter killeth*”. This word Killeth in the Greek only has One meaning. To kill - physically, or Spiritually.
2. 2 Corinthians 3:11 - “*The Law*” that killeth, “*is done away*”.
3. 2 Corinthians 3:13 - “*This Law*” was “*abolished*”.
4. Colossians 2:14 - “*This Law*” was “*blotted out*”. Jesus nailed “*This Law*”, to His cross.

5, Hebrews 10:9 - The "First Law" was "taken away".

The most important Verse in "The New Testament" by Jesus concerning why we cannot learn The Truth is found in John 8: 43.

John 8:43, "*Why do you not understand My speech? Even, because you cannot hear My Word.*"

If we can hear the Words of God in All these Verses that we have just read concerning the "Law of Commandments", how could you possibly believe that the "10 Commandments" are also bound on the Christians today? If All men could just understand, the results of breaking just One of the "10 Commandments", we who are obedient baptized Believers would feel just like the Apostle Paul when he says in Romans 7: 24-25.

Romans 7: 24-25, "*Thank God, through Jesus Christ our Lord we have been delivered from this body of death*".

You said in your letter, Quote: "Let us now listen to what The Bible has to say about the "10 Commandment Law".

Yet, you did not give me One single Verse in "The New Testament", where it says, just One time these Two words, - "10 Commandments".

Question - Do you know why?

Answer - There is not ONE Single Verse, in the entire New Testament that even mentions the "10 Commandments".

Do you believe, that if God placed the "10 Commandments" on the obedient baptized Believers today, that He would have at least told us about it?

Then you go on to say in your letter, that if we are not under the "10 Commandments", then we would be free to steal, commit adultery, worship idols, and dishonor our parents.

Please notice, under "The Law of Christ", these sins that you have listed in your letter are not ever listed as the "10 Commandments". They are listed in Galatians 5:19-21, as works of the flesh, and the Ones who do these things, shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Galatians 5: 19, "*Now "The Works" of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness.*"

Verse 20, "*Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies.*"

Verse 21, "*Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in times past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.*"

Hebrews 4:15 says, "*Jesus was the Only person who Ever lived, who kept the "10 Commandment Law perfectly*".

Question - Why would you want to place yourself under a "Law" that No One, was able to keep, but the Son of God. That makes absolutely No sense at all. Lets listen to another Verse from The Bible.

Answer - Galatians 4:4, "*But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under "The Law*".

Verse 5, "*To redeem them that were under "The Law", that we might receive the adoption of sons.*"

Question - Are we listening to the Words of God in this Verse. This Verse is saying Everyone who is under the "10 Commandment Law" is lost, and needs a Redeemer and that Redeemer is Jesus.

"There is much left to be said, But need we say more"?

Second remark, you give Romans 3:31, trying to prove that the Christians faith establishes the "10 Commandment Law.

Romans 3:31, "Do we then make void "The Law" through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish "The Law".

Galatians 2:16, "*Knowing that a man is not justified by The Works of "The Law", but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by The Works of "The Law": for by The Works of "The Law" shall No flesh be justified*".

Galatians 2:21, "*I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by "The Law", then Christ is dead in vain*".

Question - What does Paul mean in Romans 3:31, when he asks this Question? "Do we make "The Law" void through our faith"?

Answer - Romans 7: 11, "*For sin, taking occasion by The Commandment, ( "The Law" ) deceived me, and by it slew me*".

Verse 12, "*Wherefore "The Law" is holy, and "The Commandment" holy, and just, and good.*"

Verse 13, "*Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by "The Commandment" might become exceeding sinful.*"

Paul in Romans 3:31 is saying, our faith, in Jesus Christ shows that "The Law" was right when it said to Abraham in Genesis 12: 1-3.

Genesis 12: 1-3, "*That God would make a Great Nation out of him and through his seed, All Nations of the Earth would be blessed.*"

Genesis 15: 5, "*God told Abraham to look up at the stars and if you can number them, so shall thy seed be.*

Verse 6, "*And Abraham believed, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*"

Abraham's faith in what the "Old Law" had promised him through the Word of God established his faith in "The Law", That it was a "good Law", a "holy Law."

Paul says in Romans 8:3, "*For what "The Law" could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son, in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh*".

Verse 8: 4, "*That the righteousness of "The Law" might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after The Spirit*".

Under the "10 Commandment Law", the Only help that we had to keep that "Law" was by our Own man power, but under the "New Law", God gives Every obedient baptized Believer the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, so we can have the Spiritual help to overcome the flesh.

Paul is saying, "The Law" was a "good, and holy Law", and if man could have kept it perfectly, it

would have made him a righteous man. But, man could not keep it, because it was weak through the flesh, so by our faith in Jesus Christ, we establish the fact, that "The Law" was not made void, but Jesus Christ came to fulfill it, and not destroy it.

The Apostle Peter says in Acts 15:10 to the Jews who were teaching the obedient baptized Believers in Acts 15:5.

Acts 15: 5, "*That they need to be circumcised, and to keep "The Law of Moses."*

Acts 15:10, "*Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the Disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear"?*

Question - Isn't that exactly what we are trying to do, when we try to bind the "10 Commandments" on Christians today?

Why would you want to bring this "Law" upon yourself, and others when Jesus says in John 1: 17.

John 1:17, "*For "The Law" was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."*

This Verse tells us when we place ourselves under the "10 Commandment Law", we have fallen from the grace of God. Lets read it again in Galatians 5: 4.

Galatians 5:4, "*Christ is become of No effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by "The Law"; you are fallen from grace."*

We must remember, that All Scriptures in The Bible on any given subject, if it does not Harmonize, we do not have The Truth. What you are trying to teach me, does not even come close to Harmonizing, with other Scriptures.

Now lets discuss your next thought which you bring up by reading 2 Corinthians 5: 17.

2 Corinthians 5:17, "*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: Old things are passed away; behold All things are become New."*

You say the Old things that are passed away when we become obedient Believers is our old habits of transgression.

We must read these Verses in the context in which they were written.

2 Corinthians 5: 19, Paul says,"*One of the Old things that has passed, is the imputing of the People's sins, unto Them."*

Question - What "Law" was it, that imputed sins upon the transgressors?

Answer - The "10 Commandment Law."

Isaiah 59:2, "*But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear."*

This is Spiritual death. This is what happens when the Jews broke just One of the "10 Commandment Laws". That Single sin was imputed or counted unto them. The Only way, that they could be reconciled back to God, was by the shed blood of Jesus.

Another thing that you said was, when we are in Christ,we are transformed where we will not sin again. If you believe that you cannot sin, what about teaching False Doctrine?

The Church at Galatia had some members who were turning back to the "Laws of Moses", and Paul told them in Galatians 1: 6-7.

Galatians 1: 6, "*I marvel that you are soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel".*

Verse 7, "*Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the Gospel of Christ".*

Galatians 1:8, *“But though we, or an angel from Heaven preach Any other gospel to you than that we have preached unto you, let him be accursed”*.

That sounds like sin to me. You said that God gives us “The Law”, so that we can be perfect. There was No one, who ever kept “The Law” perfectly, but Jesus Christ, and that made Him a perfect sacrifice for our sins.

Question - If No one, who had ever lived, could keep “The Law” perfectly, then why would God take a person, who had obeyed the Gospel of Christ, and had his sin washed away by the Blood of Christ and then, God would give that person back “The Law” to make him perfect, when No one who had ever lived, but Jesus, that kept “The Law” perfectly.

Question - Does that sound like the wisdom of God to you?

I believe that you and I are smarter than that. So when you say, you are made perfect by your own “Law” keeping, this would mean, that you would no longer need the Blood of Jesus in your life, to forgive sin.

Read Galatians 5:4 again. Listen carefully, to what is said in this Verse, and see if it Harmonizes with what you have just said.

Galatians 5:4, *“Christ is become of No effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by “The Law”, You are fallen from grace”*.

You said that God gave you back “The Law” so you could live a perfect life. The Apostle Paul said if that is what you believe, you have fallen from the grace of God. Paul is teaching here in this Verse, that under “The Law”, there is no mercy. Your sins are imputed unto you.

Question -Do you remember what Jesus said in John 8:43?

Answer - John 8:43 *“He says the reason we cannot understand His speech is because, we refuse to let His words into our hearts.”*

Now lets discuss your next point which is found in Matthew 5:17.

Matthew 5:17, Jesus says, *“Think not that I am come to destroy “The Law”, or the prophets. I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.”*

Verse 18, *“For verily I say unto you, till Heaven and Earth pass, One jot or One tittle shall in no wise pass from “The Law”, till All be fulfilled.”*

I could not keep from noticing, that when you quoted Matthew 5:18, you did not quote All of that Verse. You left out the words, *“till All be fulfilled”*. I can easily see why you left off the last part of the Verse, because, *“it shall not pass away”*, backs up your doctrine real well, but when God adds, *“till All be fulfilled”*, then that gives it a completely different meaning.

Nice try, but it just did not work. Now lets read when “The Law” was fulfilled.

Romans 10:4, Paul writes, *“For Christ is the End of “The Law” for righteousness to Everyone that believeth.”*

Paul is an inspired man of God. He says, Christ was the End of “The Law”.

We now have a choice to make. We can believe the Word of God, or we can choose to disbelieve the Word of God.

Two different times in your letter you say, now “Lets see what the Bible has to say”. Did you really mean that? By All of the things that you have said to me in your letter, there is One thing that really

stands out, and that is you do not believe in Harmonizing Scriptures.

So you just take Verses out of the context, in which they are written, and then apply them to your doctrine. Do you really understand, what you are doing, when you do this? YOU ARE MAKING GOD OUT TO BE A LIAR.

For example; Read Romans 10:4, where the Word of God says.  
Romans 10: 4, "For Christ is the End of "The Law."

You have already told me in your letter that when Christ comes into our life, God then, gives us back "The Law". If that is not making God out a Liar, I don't know how you would do it. Please study your Bible and not just read it, with your mind already made up.

I am down in your letter, where you again say, "Let the Bible speak". This time it is about The Sabbath. The First Verse you give is Exodus 20:8-11.

Exodus 20:8, "Remember The Sabbath Day, to keep it holy."

Verse 9, "*Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work.*"

Verse 10, "*But the seventh day is The Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates.*"

Verse 11, "*For in six days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the sea, and All that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed The Sabbath day, and hallowed it.*"

Question - Who is God talking to in these Verses, to the Israelites, or to the Gentiles, or to both?

Answer - Israelites only.

I have no idea why you think these Verses are so important to us, who are Gentiles. We read in Matthew 10: 1-7, where Jesus has just chosen His 12 Apostles to go, and preach to the Israelites, that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

Matthew 10: 1, "*And when He had called unto Him His twelve Disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.*"

Verses 2-4, "*Jesus lists the Names of the 12 Apostles.*"

Verse 5, "*These 12 Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter you not.*"

Verse 6, "*But, go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*"

Verse 7, "*And as you go, preach, saying, The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.*"

Please notice in Verse 5, and Verse 6, what Jesus tells these Apostles.

Verse 5 - "*Do not go to the Gentiles, nor the Samaritans.*"

Verse 6 - "*But go to the lost sheep, of the house of Israel.*"

Jesus is saying in Verse 6, that Israel is lost. This is the Nation of people that you had me to read about in Exodus 20: 8-11. They have the "10 Commandment Law", that God gave to them Only. These Israelites are Sabbath Day keepers, and yet, Jesus says, that they are lost.

Question - Why are you keeping The Sabbath Day, and teaching others to keep The Sabbath Day, when Jesus says just as plain as the English Language can say it, they are All lost?

Just give me One good reason why a Gentile would even consider keeping The Sabbath Day holy, if the Ones that were keeping it, were lost?

There must be something, that I am missing in these Verses, that you have given to me, to help me to understand that I need to keep The Sabbath Day holy. What I really believe is, that

you need to go to the Verse that I have already told you about, where this same Jesus said in John 8: 43.

John 8: 43, *“The reason that we cannot understand His speech is because, we cannot hear His Words.”*

Question - Do you know why some people cannot hear Jesus' words?  
Answer - They already have their minds made up, **“IN OTHER WORDS”**,  
They do not have an Open Mind.

Wouldn't you agree that right now, when you wrote me this letter, that you do have a Closed Mind, to Every Verse in The Bible, that has anything to say, against your belief about The Sabbath Day?

The next Verse that you gave me to read was Ephesians 3:6.

Ephesians 3:6, *“That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ by The Gospel.”*

I don't know why, you gave me this Verse to read. Because, it has Absolutely Nothing to do with The Sabbath Day, but it sure has a lot to do in teaching against, The Sabbath Day.

You need to read this Verse again, but this time, read it with an Open Mind. This Verse says , that the Gentiles were to be fellow heirs with the Jews.

It does not say, we are to be fellow heirs, concerning The Sabbath Day.

It says: 1. The Gentiles are fellow heirs with the Jews.  
2. Of the same body.  
3. Partakers of His Promise in Christ.  
4. Partakers in the Gospel.

In this Verse, that you asked me to read, where do you get the idea that this Verse is talking about The Sabbath Day? I am going to share with you, what I think about All the Questions, and All these Verses, that you have shared with me.  
I believe, you had someone else, to write All of these Verses down, and you never did study them out for yourself.

Another Verse that you said for me to “Let the Bible speak unto us, on this subject of The Sabbath Day”, was Acts 13: 14, 42, 44.

Acts 13: 14, *“But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on The Sabbath Day, and they sat down.”*

Verse 42, *“And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath.”*

Verse 44, *“And the next Sabbath Day, came almost the whole city together, to hear the Word of God.”*

Please notice, in All these Verses, that you gave me to read to show that Paul met with the Jews on The Sabbath Day. It does not say, in Any of these Verses, that Paul met with these Jews because, this was a holy day that needs to be kept as part of the “10 Commandments”.

Question - Why didn't you have me to read Acts 13: 39?  
Acts 13:39, *“And by Him, All that believe are justified from All things, from which you could not be justified by the “Law of Moses.”*

You asked me to read Verse 42 and 44, but you skipped Verse 39. I know exactly why you skipped Verse 39, because it destroys your doctrine.

Now lets read Verse 39 together, *“And by Him ( Jesus ), All that believe are justified from All things, ( Now please listen ) from which you could not be*

justified by "The Law."

By the way, the reason that Paul was with these Jews on The Sabbath Day was, here he had All of the lost Israelites in One large audience to preach deliverance unto them, by believing in Jesus, which was the Only means of being justified. And then Paul tells them, that you can never be justified through "Law" keeping.

Question - What does this mean to you?

Question - Are you really, a Truth Seeker?

Question - Why didn't you ask me to read Colossians 2:16?

Colossians 2:16, "*Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of The Sabbath Days.*"

You have said to me several times, "Let the Bible speak unto me". Did you really mean that, because this Verse speaks loud and clear unto me. Let no man judge you, in meat, in drink, in respect unto a holy day.

Remember now, you were the One who told me to read Exodus 20:8, where it said that The Sabbath day was a holy day.

Exodus 20: 8, "*Remember The Sabbath Day, to keep it holy.*"

Here in this Verse, Paul said by the Inspiration of God, "Let no man judge you in respect of an holy day". Did you notice that this word holy day does not have an ( s ) at the end, which would make it to mean The Sabbath Day.

Paul now continues on by saying, the new moon, and then he makes it, where any Open Minded person can understand what day, he is talking about. "Let no man, judge you concerning Sabbath Days."

Question - Now what is it about this Verse, that you do not understand?

You told me to take note, and give much consideration, to Hebrews 4: 1-6, and Verses 8-11.

Hebrews 4:1, "*Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.*"

Verse 2, "*For unto us was the Gospel preached, as well as unto them: but The Word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.*"

Verse 3, "*For we which have believed do enter into rest, as He said, AS I HAVE SWORN IN MY WRATH, IF THEY SHALL ENTER INTO MY REST: although the works were finished from the foundation of the World.*"

Verse 4, "*For He spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, AND GOD DID REST THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS.*"

Verse 5, "*And in this place again, IF THEY SHALL ENTER INTO MY REST*".

Verse 6, "*Seeing therefore it remained that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of Unbelief.*"

Verse 8, "*For if Jesus had given them rest, then would He not afterward have spoken of another day.*"

Verse 9, "*Therefore remained therefore a rest to the people of God.*"

Verse 10, "*For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His.*"

Verse 11, "*Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.*"

If you will read Hebrews Chapter 3, you will find out, that the ( rest ) that the writer is talking about is The Promised Land, for the Children of Israel who had wandered some 400 years in the desert.

The Promised Land was the “Rest of God”, that He had promised. God had described this Promised Land unto them earlier, as being a land that flowed with milk and honey. This has absolutely nothing to do with keeping The Sabbath Day holy.

If it did, they would have had to work 6 days, and then rest on the 7<sup>th</sup> day, WOULD THEY NOT?

The Promised Land flowed with milk and honey, so there was no need to rest, because there was no one who needed to rest from their labors. So The Promised Land was a rest that lasted 7 days per week, Every week, and not just only The Sabbath Day.

Question - Did these Israelites get to enter this land of rest?

Answer - NO, they did not, although The Sabbath Day still came every 7<sup>th</sup> day.

We read in Numbers 14: 28, “*As truly as I live, saith the Lord, as you have spoken in my ears, so will I do to you.*”

Verse 29, “*Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and All that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from 20 years old and upward, which have murmured against me.*”

Verse 30, “*Doubtless you shall not come into the land, concerning which I swore to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Je-phun-neh, and Joshua the son of Nun.*”

Please tell me, where do you get the idea, that this Promised Land of rest, was talking about The Sabbath Day of rest? God had told All the adults, except Joshua and Caleb, that your carcasses shall fall in the wilderness, and you will not enter the land of rest that, I had prepared for you.

Please notice, if this rest, that God is talking about here, means keeping The Sabbath Day holy and resting, wouldn't God be guilty of keeping His people from honoring The Sabbath Day of rest, by saying, you shall not enter my rest.

In Numbers 14:33, God says, “*And your children shall wander in the wilderness 40 years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.*”

Verse 34, “*After the number of the days in which you searched the land, even 40 days, each day for a year, shall you bear your iniquities, even 40 years, and you shall know My Breach of Promise.*”

After 40 years, Joshua and Caleb and the little Ones got to enter, The Promised Land of rest, from All of their wanderings.

Question - Does this mean, that God stopped The Sabbath Days for 40 years, and then after 40 years, He started having Sabbath Days again?

Answer - That is exactly what He would have done, if the land of rest was only talking about The Sabbath Day of rest.

Isn't it something, when we take Verses out of the context in which they are written, how we get ourselves in All kinds of situations?

Lets read Hebrews 4:9, which is One of the Verses you told me to give much consideration to.

Hebrews 4:9, “*There remained therefore a rest to the people of God.*”

Lets notice that this rest of God, had No Evening and No Close to its day. It was Forever and Ever, so that means as this Verse 9 says, that rest still remains, because it was an Eternal Rest.

Lets read it in Hebrews 4:10. *“For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His.”*

Question - Do you still want me to give these Verses some serious consideration?

When I give these Verses some consideration, here is what it tells me. God says that this rest, that He is talking about, is like the rest that He is enjoying, that it is an Eternal Rest, that goes on and on, and it does not come to a close, like every Sabbath Day, comes to a close.

Here is a Question that I would like for you to give some serious consideration to.

Question - If this rest, is talking about The Sabbath Day rest, then what is the rest that remained, for the people of God?

Please notice, that this rest to the people of God is not in the plural.

Question - What does that mean?

Answer - That means, if this rest that God is talking about here, is talking about The Sabbath Day of rest, then there would be No Promised Land of rest, and there would be No rest with God Eternally.

How miserable you must be, if you believe that.

Your next Question - What did Jesus do away with on The Cross?

This is a very good Question. You told me to read Daniel 9:24-27.

Daniel 9:24, *“Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.”*

Verse 25, *“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of The Commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto The Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troubled times.”*

Verse 26, *“And the threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of The Prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.”*

Verse 27, *“And He shall confirm The Covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week He shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations He shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”*

I read All of these Verses, and I found out the word Cross, cannot be found in these Verses. So, how am I going to find out, what was done away with at The Cross, when it does not even mention The Cross? You said to read Matthew 27:51.

Matthew 27:51, *“And, behold, The Veil of The Temple was rent in twain*

*from the top to the bottom: and the Earth did quake, and the rocks rent."*

I read this Verse also, and it did not have the word Cross in it. So again, I would like to say, how can I find out in this Verse what was done away with at The Cross. I did read where there was something that happened that was very interesting to me, and that was, The Veil of The Temple was rent in two pieces, from top to bottom. That tells me, that when Jesus died, He wanted to show the World, that "The Law" had been fulfilled.

If we want to know what was done away with at The Cross, we must read Colossians 2:14.

*Colossians 2:14, "Blotting out the Handwriting of Ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His Cross."*

Ordinances in the Greek Word Study means, A Decree. It also means Regulations. We need to read Ephesians 2:15.

*Ephesians 2: 15, "Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even "The Law of Commandments" contained in Ordinances; for to make in Himself of twain One new man, so making Peace."*

I am well aware of what the Seventh Day Adventists teach on this Verse. They say, that this means that, the Ceremonial Part of "The Law" was done away with, but not the "10 Commandments". They surely must not have read Ephesians 2:15. It just plainly says that "The Law of Commandments" were abolished when Jesus Christ died.

If we will read the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter of 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians with an Open Mind, it will also teach us that the "Tablets of Stone", which Moses brought down from Mount Sinai, where his face shone so brightly that, he had to put on a veil so the people could not see his face, was the "10 Commandment Law".

Read it in Exodus 34: 28, that is exactly what Moses says.

*Exodus 34: 28, " And he was there with The Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And He wrote upon the "tablets" The Words of The Covenant, "The 10 Commandments."*

Question - Are we going to believe Moses who was a man of God, or believe man?

It is your choice, God will not make you believe His Words.

God says in 1 Samuel 15: 23, "*For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.*"

Question - Are you hearing what God is saying, or do you have a Closed Mind to the Truth of God's Word?

You said that I was really going to benefit by this summary that you have written to me.

Question - What do you think now?

I have not given you any of my think so's. Everything that I have shared with you has been backed by Book, Chapter, and Verse from God's Word, The Bible.

Using your own Encouraging Words, that you gave to me, and that was, to let anything out, that I have in my own mind. I have done just that, straight from the Word of God.

Your next Question - What is so special about the Name, Church of God, or the Name, Church of Christ?

I cannot believe, that you do not know the Answer to that Question.

Answer - Lets read 1 Corinthians 1: 1-13, and we will know what the Name

of The Church means to the Apostle Paul.

1 Corinthians 1: 1, *"Paul, called to be an Apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother."*

Verse 2, *"Unto the Church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be Saints, with All that in every place call upon the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's."*

Verse 3, *"Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."*

Verse 4, *"I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ."*

Verse 5, *"that in everything you are enriched by Him, in All utterance, and in All knowledge."*

Verse 6, *"Even as "The Testimony of Christ" was confirmed in you."*

Verse 7, *"So that you come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Verse 8, *"Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Verse 9, *"God is faithful, by whom you were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord."*

Verse 10, *"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you All speak the same thing, and that there be No Divisions among you; but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."*

Verse 11, *"For it has been declared unto me of you, my brethren by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you."*

Verse 12, *"Now this I say, that everyone of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas; and I of Christ."*

Verse 13, *"Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?"*

In the first 10 Verses, Paul mentioned the Name of Christ 10 times. There was a reason for this. Paul wants the Church at Corinth to know how important this Christ is to them. And then he says, Let there be No Divisions among you.

Question - What was this Division that was among them?

Answer - He tells us beginning in Verse 12. He says, it is All about THE NAME that you are wearing.

Verse 12, *"Some of you are saying, "I am of Paul, some are saying, I am of Apollos, some are saying, I am of Peter, and, some are saying, I am of Christ."*

Paul has No difficulty in solving this problem. Lets read Verse 13, and we will see how he does it. Paul asks these Questions.

Verse 13, 1. *Is Christ divided?*  
2. *Was Paul crucified for you?*  
3. *Were you baptized in the name of Paul?*

Paul asked them these 3 simple Questions. Now, what Paul is saying to them is this. You Answer these 3 Questions truthfully, and then you will know what Name to wear in your Christian Walk through this life.

Acts 4: 12, *“Neither is there Salvation in Any other: for there is None other Name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be Saved.”*

We read in Romans 16: 16, *“Salute one another with an holy kiss. The Churches of Christ salute you.”*

If you will read the Entire first 3 Chapters of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, you will find that the Entire Subject of these 3 Chapters is about WHAT NAME WE SHOULD WEAR AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD. God teaches that the people of God should wear the Name that brings glory to God and Jesus. Now, notice what The Word of God has to say, on this subject in 1 Corinthians 3:16-17.

Verse 16, *“Know you not that you are the Temple of God, and that The Spirit of God dwelleth in you”?*

Verse 17, *“If any man defiles The Temple of God, him shall God destroy; for The Temple of God is holy, which Temple you are.”*

If you want to know, is there anything to a name, then ask yourself the same 3 Questions that Paul asked the Church at Corinth in 1 Corinthians 1:13.

Verse 13, 1. Is Christ divided up into different groups?  
2. Was the Seventh Day Adventists crucified for you?  
3. Were you baptized in the Name of the Seventh Day Adventists?

If you Answer those 3 Questions truthfully, then you will know without any shadow of doubt, that there is something in a name. And, if we wear any other name than Christ or God, Paul says, we are guilty of defiling The Temple of God.

Question - If you went through All the suffering that Christ went through, and you died on The Cross and shed your blood to save mankind from their sins, and then people chose to give the honor to someone else that belongs to you, how would you feel?

Knowing that Jesus Christ died on The Cross for our sins, it is not only proper, but also Scriptural, that since the Believers are The Temple of God, that the building in which we gather together in to worship God, should bear The Name of The One who died for us to set us free from our sins. Jesus Christ was The One who hung on The Cross, and therefore The Church should bear His Name, to give Him the honor that He deserves.

There are over 3,000 different churches in the World today. Most All of them are giving the glory to some man, or the church is named after the street on which the church building is located. These groups of people, are wearing different names, they are worshipping in different buildings, and they are teaching over 3,000 different gospels. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, that when we do that, we are defiling The Temple of God, and God will destroy those who defile His Temple. This is something we had better give serious consideration to.

Question - Do you believe any of these Verses, that we have read from The Word of God, or do you think that you can overlook them, and they will just go away?

You ask the Question - What is so important about the name that we wear?  
Now you know, how much importance God places on the Name that we wear.

Your Final Question - Will you please provide me with information about the

events that took place, after the Death of Christ? Describe them and their causes, if there be any, without leaving out the Period of the Dark Ages.

God has given us a Complete Pattern for His Church in "The New Testament". Jesus built His Church exactly as He wanted it including its Worship, Creed, Rule of Faith, Unity, Organization, Names, and Mission. No man has the right to change this pattern. Those who have tried to do so, have merely produced churches different from Christ's true Church. God's Pattern for The Church is not difficult to understand. The Early Christians understood it. For years they were All together in The One Church which Jesus built. As they established congregations through out the Roman Empire. These congregations were All organized in the same way, and All believed, and taught the same Doctrine.

They were All taught by The 12 Apostles. Today there are many modern denominational churches different from this Pattern, and divided among themselves.

Question - Since God's divine Pattern can be seen clearly in "The New Testament" Scriptures, why have men through the years chose to leave God's Pattern for The Church that Jesus built?

Answer - Because men did not like God's Pattern for The Church.

Question - Why?

Answer - Because it gave no glory to man.

So men who were hungry for fame and fortune, started building their own churches, so they could become famous, and at the same time get rich by writing their doctrine in books, and then selling the books for a large amounts of money. By doing this they became more famous among men, and as they became more famous, they naturally became richer.

This trend has just kept going on. Other men who had the same desires to become famous and rich, saw how All these other men became so popular, and how the money would just pour in to them, decided they could do the same thing.

The results can easily be seen today. We now have over 3,000 different doctrines, Each meeting in different buildings, with All wearing different names. We can read many, many times in "The Old Testament" when men often departed from God's Way. That is still True today.

Now lets notice in 1 Timothy 4: 1-3, and see what God has to say about this in "The New Testament."

1 Timothy 4: 1, *"Now The Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."*

Verse 2, *"Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron."*

Verse 3, *"Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know The Truth."*

So, we can see those Words of God, being Fulfilled right before our eyes.

Lets notice in Matthew 16: 18, what Jesus said about The Church.

Matthew 16: 18, *"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon This rock I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."*

Please notice this, that The Church is mentioned as being always in the Future, until Acts 2: 38, and then when the word Church is mentioned, it is Always as being in Existence. So, it is very plain to see that The Church that Jesus built had its Beginning in Jerusalem in A.D. 33. All anyone needs to

do to prove that this is true, is just read your Bible yourself, and then you will know that this is true.

Now, lets notice what happens in 325 A.D. We have the First Human Creed, written by the bishops of the Roman Empire. ( It was not written by God ).

We have already read where the First Church was started in Jerusalem in A.D. 33. The second church dates from 606 A.D., when Boniface III took the title of Universal Bishop of the Catholic church.

In 1054 A.D. there was a division in the Catholic church. This led to the third church, which is called the Greek Orthodox church.

During the Middle Ages and later, many incidents occurred in which copies of The Scriptures in the Common Languages were confiscated, and burned upon the orders of the Roman Catholic church. This went on for about 1,000 years, which became known as the Period of the Dark Ages.

Early in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, all kinds of churches begin to pop up everywhere.

the Lutheran church in 1530.

the Presbyterian church in 1536.

the Baptist church in 1611.

the Methodist church in 1739.

the Episcopal church in 1787, and on and on we could go.

Question - Would you like to know when the church started, that you said that you were a member of?

Answer - The name of Seventh Day Adventist , adopted by the church was in 1860.

If you have anyone close to you that has a computer with Internet capability, you may look this up for yourself.

Question - Who began this church that you are a member of? God or man?

Read it for yourself, it was not God. It was man. Please listen to these words. Man can burn All the Bibles that he can find. There can be a period of 1,000 years of the Dark Ages, but that will not do away with The Truth of God's Word.

Question - How do we know that?

Answer - The Bible says so. Lets read Isaiah 55: 11.

Isaiah 55: 11, *"So shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My Mouth: it shall Not Return unto Me void, but it Shall Accomplish that which I please, and it Shall Prosper in the thing Whereto I sent it."*

Mark 13: 31, *"Heaven and Earth shall pass away: but My Words shall not pass away."*

1 Peter 1: 25, *"BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURETH FOR EVER. And this is The Word which by The Gospel is preached unto you."*

Question - Did we notice which Part of the Word of God that will last forever?

Answer - It is The Words of The Gospel.

Question - What should this mean to us today?

Answer - God will never let No man or group of men destroy All of the Bibles, regardless of how hard they try. So, when The Word of God says, that when Jesus built His Church in Jerusalem in A.D.

33, that His Church will forever stand. This can mean Only one thing, and that is, there will never be Another church built by God as long as the World stands.

In closing read Hebrews 6: 18.

Hebrews 6: 18, "*It is impossible for God to lie.*"

Titus 1: 2, "God cannot lie."

Numbers 23: 19, "*God is not a man, that He should lie.*"

These Words from God brings great hope and assurance to All of those who belong to The Church that Jesus built, because He only built One Church, according to Matthew 16: 18.

Matthew 16: 18, "I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Question - Why would you want to stand before God on Judgment Day, belonging to some church, that God had nothing to do with the building of it?

How foolish that would be. Now since you know The Truth of God's Word, what are you going to do about it?

My prayer is, that while you have the time to change your doctrine, that you are presently teaching, that you would change it to The Doctrine of Christ and God.

I have spent over 20 hours on this response to your letter, and your Questions. I pray that my time and efforts will bear fruit in your life, and that it was not spent in vain.

I did this Solely, because I LOVE YOUR SOUL. I want you to be on the safe side of God, and not be taking a chance with your Soul, when there is no need of it.

I pray, that God will give you an Open Mind, and have a receptive heart to hear His Word.

Please write to us again, and let us know what your decision is.

In Christian love,

Herb and Mary Trout



