

## The Mark of the Beast



Sadly, in today's world, in all walks of life many are being taught that all one needs to do is believe and they will make it to heaven. Is this true? Absolutely not. The truth of this matter is "Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the friend of God." **James 2:23**. And the apostle Paul says, "They which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham." **Galatians 3:7**. But Abraham's faith was made manifest by his works. "Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?" **James 2:21, 22**.

There are many who fail and will fall short of understanding the relation of faith and works that go hand and hand. They say, "Only believe in Christ, and you will make it to heaven, that we don't need to keep the law." But genuine faith will manifest obedience to God and His perfect law that is found in the Ten Commandments. Jesus had said to the unbelieving Jews, "If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham." **John 8:39**. And concerning the father of the faithful the Lord declares, "Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My

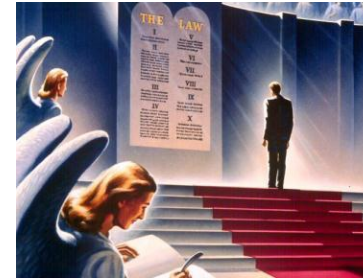
charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws." **Genesis 26:5**.

The disciple John, who dwells so fully upon love, tells us, "This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments." **1 John 5:3**. This so-called faith in Jesus Christ which professes to release men from their obligation of obedience to God is not faith, but presumption. "By grace are ye saved through faith" (**Ephesians 2:8**). But "faith, if it hath not works, is dead" says the apostle James. (**James 2:17**). Jesus said of Himself before He came to earth, "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart" (**Psalms 40:8**). And just before He ascended again to heaven, He declare, "I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love" (**John 15:10**). The Scriptures so plainly says, "Hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments" (**1 John 2:3**).

The condition of eternal life is just what it has always been, just what it was in the garden of Eden before the fall of our first parents which was *perfect obedience to the law of God, perfect righteousness*. If eternal life were granted on any other condition short of this, then the happiness of the whole universe would be imperiled. Sin will not be found in heaven. Satan was cast out of heaven for breaking the law of God and not repenting from it. Sin is a disease, it is an illness that will kill us unless we cry out to God in repentance, turn away from sin and give our life to God.

God and His children are at war with sin. What is sin? "for sin is the transgression of the law." **1 John 3:4**. Many profess that God has grace and He will forgive us no matter what if we continue to sin. The Word of God says in **Romans 6:15-16**, "What then?

shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; **whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?**"



The law of God acts as a mirror in our life which if we look directly into the Ten Commandments we will discover the deformity of our character. It shows us that we are in sin, and "the wages of sin is death." **Romans 6:23**. Those who hate sin will reflect our Lord's perfect character that is unchangeable. **Malachi 3:6**. The Ten Commandments is the image of God, it is His character of love that we are to reflect and strive as it says in **2 Timothy 3:17**, "That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." God is love and His law reveals that to us. **Matthew 22:37-40**, "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Jesus said in **John 14:15**, "If you love me keep my commandments" and "if you want to enter into life keep the commandments." **Matthew 19:17**. When looking into the law we see how the first four commandments teach us

how to love God and the last six teach how to love our neighbor. **Exodus 20**.

To love our neighbor, we need to keep the last six commandments which it says in **Exodus 20:12-17**, "Honour thy father and thy mother." "Thou shalt not kill." "Thou shalt not commit adultery." "Thou shalt not steal." "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's."

To love our Lord Jesus Christ is the first and great commandment which we see is the first four commandments of **Exodus 20:3-11**, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth." "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.**" "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain." "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: **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 maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, an all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." Can we

change the Sabbath of the Lord once He blesses it? Absolutely not. "Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it." **Numbers 23:20**.

We were warned that in the last days there would be a falling away from the truth because of the world through deception is choosing to worship the Antichrist on a counterfeit day of worship. **2 Thessalonians 2:3-4**, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, **except there come a falling away first**, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." **Daniel 7:25** says, the (Antichrist), "he shall...think to change times and laws."



The pope (Antichrist), the Beast (Rome = **Daniel 7:23; Revelation 13 & 14**), the Harlot (Roman Catholic church = **Revelation 17**) says,

"By my divine power **I abolish the Sabbath day**, and command you to keep the first day of the week. And lo, the entire civilized world bows down in reverent obedience to the command of the holy

Catholic church!" *Father Enright, C.S.S.R. Of the Redemptorist College, Kansas City, History of the Sabbath, p. 802.*

"**Sunday is a Catholic institution** and its claim to observance can be defended only on Catholic principles .... From beginning to end of Scripture there is **not a single passage** that warrants the transfer of weekly public worship from the last day of the week to the first." (*Catholic Press, Sydney, Australia, Aug 25, 1900*)

The Ten Commandments of the Bible total **295 words** in length, but the Roman Catholic church's ten commandments are a total of only **77 words**. This is an open attempt to change the Law of God, regardless of the fact that Jesus Christ Himself declared in **Matthew 5:18**, "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, **one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law...**" The Catholic church has removed **218 jots and tittles** from the Law of God just as Daniel stated they would in **Daniel 7:25**.

Satan is deceiving & preparing the world to receive the "Mark of the Beast" in these last days. **Revelation 12:9**. What is the "Mark of the Beast"? **Revelation 14:9-10, 11**, "And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man **worship the beast and his image**, and **receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand**, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God...who **worship the beast and his image**, and whosoever receiveth **the mark of his name**." The Mark of the Beast is about **WORSHIP!** The Vatican says,

"**Sunday** is our **MARK** of authority...the church is **above the Bible**, and this transference of Sabbath observance is

proof of that fact" *Catholic Record of London, Ontario Sept 1, 1923*

Who are they that will not receive the Mark of the Beast? The very next verse says, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that **keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.**" **Revelation 14:12**.

How does someone receive the mark of the beast in their forehead? What is in our forehead? Our brain! This is where we will make the free-will choice to worship God on His 7th Day Sabbath or on the day of the SUN, hence SUNday worship! How do we receive the Mark of the Beast in our hand? The hand in Bible prophecy is a sign of forcing us against our will to be able to work (**Ecclesiastes 9:10**) which if we are not allowed to work, we can't buy or sell. **Revelation 14:9-10**. Does the Vatican plan to enforce SUNday laws?

"This organization proposes in every possible way to aid in **preserving Sunday as a civil institution**. Our national security requires the active support of all good citizens in the maintenance of our American Sabbath. **Sunday laws must be enforced.**" Quoted-"principles contained in the Constitution" (then called the American Sabbath Union), *The Lord's Day Alliance, Twenty fifth Report (1913), p6*.

The Word of God says that they would kill those who would not obey the Catholic church's command in worshipping the pope on his counterfeit sabbath. **Revelation 20:4**, the apostle John says, "...I saw the souls of them that were **beheaded for the witness of Jesus**, and for the word of God, and **which had not worshipped the beast**,

neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands."

**Note:** *A computer chip will only help implement SUNday laws.*

There are two classes in the world that have always existed, the lawless, sinful, commandment breaking people (**Jude 1:4**) who will also confess Lord Jesus as Saviour and the obedient class. Which class do you think will go to heaven? The Word of GOD says in **Revelation 22:14**, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." What will God say to those that don't strive to obey the law of God and fight the good fight of true faith (**1 Timothy 6:12**) that works obedience in us? **Matthew 7:23**, "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

We need to repent from sinning against God. If God is with you He will help you keep the law which then you will reflect His character to the world, you will be the salt and light of the world. **Matthew 5:13, 14**. As true Christians we will keep the law of God and have the faith of Jesus which we will be known by our fruits unto the world as a holy peculiar people. **Revelation 14:12; Deuteronomy 14:2; Matthew 7:16**.

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