

Why does the Christian world keep Sunday?

In light of the following, one must ask themselves why would the Christian world keep Sunday?

Sunday ... so called because this day was anciently dedicated to the sun, or its worship. Webster's International Dictionary, 19th. Edition.

Sunday (Dies Solis of the Roman calendar, 'day of the Sun,' being dedicated to the sun), the first day of the week. Schaff-Herza Encyclopedia, Sunday.

"Sabbath ... A Hebrew word signifying rest ... Sunday was a name given by the heathens to the first day of the week, because it was the day on which they worshipped the sun." (John Eadie, DD., LL.D. A Bible Cyclopaedia, p. 561.)

Daniel 7:25, "And he* shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High**, and **think to change times and laws**: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."

**The 'little horn' power which scripture identifies as the papacy / Roman Catholic religious system, and ALL reformers identified as such.*

***The 'saints of the most High' are God's people. This same religious system persecuted God's people for 1,260-years known as the Dark Ages. It is estimated that at least 50 million, if not 100 million, Christians were put to death for their faith because it was in opposition to the Roman Catholic Church.*

This power came forth upon the head of the fourth terrible beast which was pagan Rome, and rose among the fourth terrible beast's ten horns. It plucked up three of the horns: Heruli, Vandals, and Ostrogoths who were Arian's and there is good evidence historically that they were sabbath-keepers.

The Roman ".Decretalia":

He can pronounce sentences and judgements in contradiction to the rights of nations, to the law of God and man...He can free himself from the commands of the apostles, he being their superior, and from the rules of the old testament ... The Pope has power to change times, to abrogate laws, and to dispense with all things, even the precepts of Christ (*Decretal, de Translat. Episcop, Cap*).

This statement is arrogant and places itself above Christ, God Himself.

1 John 3:4, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."

This is the definition of sin from the Bible. If one changes the law, they are transgressing it.

The Catechism, The Standard of Catholicism vs. The Holy Bible

1st Commandment

When comparing the first commandment of the Bible to that of the Catechism, they look similar; but here is what is missing – "which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage". Why has this been removed? This identifies a specific god, the One who brought you out of Egypt. If you want a generic god or an ecumenical god, then this part of the first commandment needs to be removed.

The Bible (KJV)

(Exodus, chapter 20)

First Commandment

I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Second Commandment

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;

Exo 20:6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

The Church of Rome

(Catechism, §2052-2557)

First Commandment

I am the lord your God:

You shall not have strange gods before me.

Second Commandment

2nd Commandment

The heathen nations always had idols that they venerated, worshipped, and bowed down before them. These idol even include dead people who have been imaged in the form of statutes and placed within the church or place of worship.

This commandment tells us these practices in the home will be handed down to generations before there would be a change of heart, if ever there will be a change of heart.

The Catechism simply removed the commandment of God. If you have been inside a Roman Catholic Church or Basilica it is easy to understand why they removed it.

By removing the second commandment, it leaves a very big problem because now there is only nine. So, what was done to correct this? The fourth became the third, the fifth became the fourth, the sixth became the fifth, the seventh became the sixth, the eighth became the seventh, the ninth became the eighth, and the tenth was split into two having two commandments regarding coveting.

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3rd Commandment

If we consider that the second commandment has been removed and the first commandment has been modified; then when it comes to the third commandment the words “vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that”. What does this tell you? The admonition is gone. This commandment, if of God, is the One that admonishes you and gives you warning. But, if this commandment is from another source, then the previous Source (God) cannot admonish you. So, has another deity taken the place of the First? Is the punishment gone? Yes and yes. These laws are no longer God’s laws, they are another lawgiver’s laws.

<p>Third Commandment Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that take th his name in vain.</p>	<p>Second Commandment You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.</p>
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4th Commandment

This commandment tells us the Sabbath was instituted in Eden. This commandment also has the seal of God upon it. How do we know? It gives us jurisdiction. It spells it out clearly that it was revealed in Eden and that it’s the sign, and gives the name Yahweh.

The Catechism makes the fourth commandment the third by moving it up because they removed the second. The 'sabbath' is referred to the Lord's day, which the Roman Catholic Church identified as Sunday – the first day of the week. God identifies the first day of the week as part of the work week. God identifies the seventh-day as the Sabbath, which he hallowed, blessed, and sanctified. God also stated that he made the Sabbath for man (mankind). The Catholic Church even states that they have transferred the solemnity from the sabbath to Sunday by their own authority. The heart of the commandment has been removed, and the jurisdiction has been removed; AND it has been replaced/changed to something else. Isaiah 58 tells us quite clearly that the Lord's holy day is the seventh-day Sabbath. But the Lord's day, by Catholicism's own definition, is a day other than the seventh-day Sabbath. The term 'Lord's day' is found in Revelation where John says he was in vision on the Lord's day. The verse does not specifically say it was the Sabbath, however, it is implied because that is the only day that is the Lord's day ...the holy day. In the New Testament the Sabbath was kept a holy day by Jesus, the apostles/disciples, and even after Christ's resurrection it was kept.

<p><i>Fourth Commandment</i></p> <p>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, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed</p>	<p><i>Third Commandment</i></p> <p>Remember to keep holy the Lord's day.</p>
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In the statement below, you can read that the church commanded Sunday as the Lord's day. Again, they call this the third commandment which is also error. In addition, the 'remembrance' has been removed which points us back to creation and God as our Creator. Michael A McGuire has this to say:

Father McGuire's New Baltimore Catechism and Mass of 1949: It bears, amongst others, the imprimatur of Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York McGuire's version is "Remember thou keep holy the Lord's day."^[1] To children and others for whom this Catechism is intended, this is explained by means of the following questions and answers:

- **What is the third commandment of God? The third commandment of God is: Remember thou keep holy the Lord's day.**
- **Why does the Church command us to keep Sunday as the Lord's day? The Church commands us to keep Sunday as the Lord's day, because on Sunday Christ rose from the dead, and on Sunday the Holy Ghost descended upon the apostles.**
- **What are we commanded by the third commandment? By the third commandment, we are commanded to worship God in a special manner on Sunday, the Lord's day.**
- **How does the Church command us to worship God on Sunday? The Church commands us to worship God on Sunday by assisting at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.^[1]**

^[1] Michael A. McGuire, (*Father McGuire's*) *The New Baltimore Catechism and Mass* (Official Revised Edition. New York: Benziger Brothers, 1949),

This is a totally new commandment by a different lawgiver. A perpetual sacrifice has been added to their Sunday worship service called the Mass/Eucharist. The Bible clearly says Jesus was sacrificed once for all ([Hebrews 10:1-18](#)).

5th 6th 7th Commandments

What the Bible is compared to the Catechism you see that the phrase "that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee". What is significant about that, you may ask. Paul refers to this commandment as a commandment with a promise ([Eph. 6:2](#)). It was taken away because who would fulfill the promise according the biblical version is God, in the Catechism's version there is a new lawgiver who cannot fulfill that promise.

The 6th and 7th commandment remains the same, however, the Catechism's number is off because the church removed the second commandment so everything moves up by one.

Moses recorded the definition of what adultery means. Pope Francis has violated that definition by blessing same sex unions.

Fifth Commandment

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Sixth Commandment

Thou shalt not kill.

Seventh Commandment

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Fourth Commandment

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8th 9th 10th Commandments

The 8th and 9th commandment remains the same. The 10th command of the Bible completes the law of God, however, since the Roman Catholic Church removed the second commandment that left them with nine. In order to have ten commandments, the 10th commandment regarding covetousness was split into two.

What was taken away from the 10th commandment? The 'house, manservant, maidservant, his ox, and his ass'. So, they removed what you own as a home, your laborers, and your transport. Why was this taken out? Rome claims they have the right of ownership to everything which includes your house, laborer/workers, and your implements and vehicles.

You really do not own anything. What? Just refuse to pay your property tax and see who owns your house, car, etc. Fascism is in a sense doing exactly the same thing, you have the appearance of ownership but you don't exactly have ownership.

You know, this is in opposition to God. He says he owns everything.

Eighth Commandment

Thou shalt not steal.

Ninth Commandment

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Tenth Commandment

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.

Seventh Commandment

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Eighth Commandment

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Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbour's wife

Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

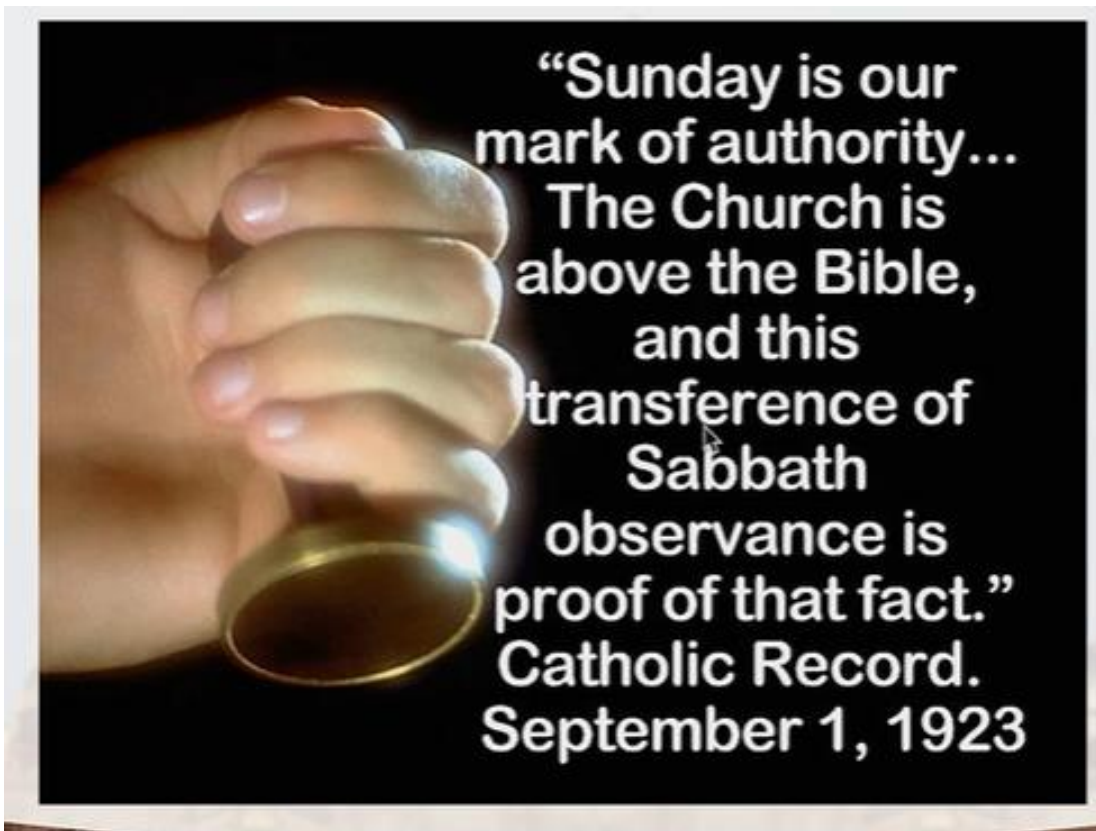
Roman Catholicism has changed times and laws, they admit it. The excuse is used that they changed it because Jesus rose on the first day of the week which is Sunday. Here it clearly states that they changed it because they have the authority to do so. This is their mark of authority. This is the mark of the beast.

Q. Which is the Sabbath day ?

A. Saturday is the Sabbath day

Q. Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday ?

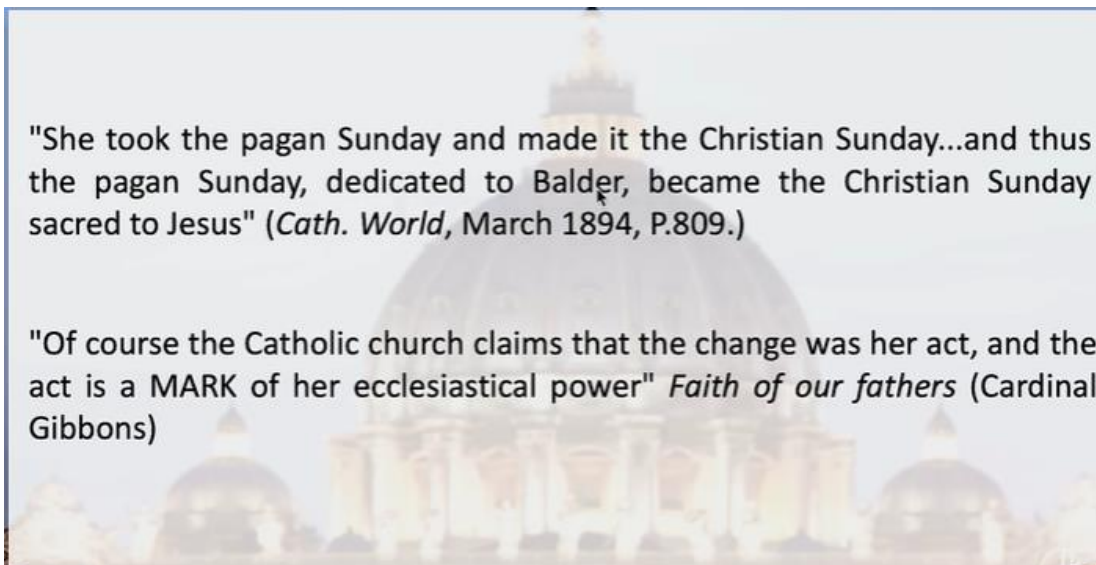
A. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday. (*The Convert's Chatechism of Catholic doctrine (1957, P 50)*)



Their law is their mark, God's law is His mark.

Where does God's law have to be? In the hand and forehead, meaning action and thought/conscience...you must act and think according to the law of God.

Here you go:



"The Bible says remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. The Catholic church says No! By my divine power I abolish the Sabbath day and command you to keep holy 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, American Sentinel* June 1893

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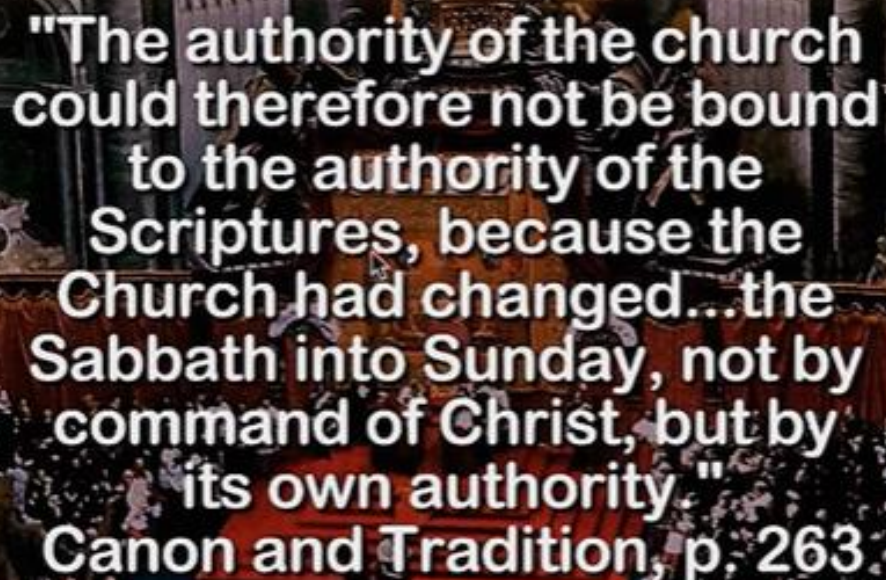
Sunday is a Catholic institution, and its claims to observance can be defended only on Catholic principles... From the beginning to the end of Scripture there is not a single passage which warrants the transfer of weekly public worship from the last day of the week to the first. *Catholic Press (Sydney)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

'If Protestants would follow the Bible, they should worship God on the Sabbath Day. In keeping the Sunday they are following a law of the Catholic Church.' Albert Smith, *Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, replying for the Cardinal in a letter dated February 10, 1920.*

"Protestantism, in discarding the authority of the Roman [Catholic] Church, has no good reasons for its Sunday theory, and ought logically to keep Saturday as the Sabbath. *John Gilmary Shea, in the "American Catholic Quarterly Review", January 1883.*

Not the Creator of the Universe, in Genesis 2:1-3, but the Catholic Church "can claim the honor of having granted man a pause to his work every seven days.'-- S. C Mosna, *'Storia della Domenica', 1969, pp. 366-367.*

"Reason and common sense demand the acceptance of One or the other of these alternatives: either Protestantism and the keeping holy of Saturday, or Catholicity and the keeping holy of Sunday. Compromise is impossible. *"The Catholic Mirror, December 23, 1893."*



**"The authority of the church
could therefore not be bound
to the authority of the
Scriptures, because the
Church had changed... the
Sabbath into Sunday, not by
command of Christ, but by
its own authority "
Canon and Tradition, p. 263**

Sunday is founded not on Scripture, but on tradition, and is a distinctly Catholic institution. *Catholic Record* Sept. 17, 1893.

The New Testament makes no explicit mention that the apostles changed the day of worship, but we know it from tradition. *The New Revised Baltimore Catechism* (1949) p 139

"The Sunday ... is purely a creation of the Catholic Church." *American Catholic Quarterly Review*, January 1883.

"Sunday ... It is a law of the Catholic Church alone ..." *American Sentinel (Catholic)* June 1893.

"... the observance of Sunday by Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the Catholic Church." *Monsignor Louis Segar, Plain Talk about the Protestantism of Today*. P. 213.

Rome's Challenge

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Most Christians assume that Sunday is the biblically approved day of worship. The Roman Catholic Church protests that it transferred Christian worship from the biblical Sabbath (Saturday) to Sunday, and that to try to argue that the change was made in the Bible is both dishonest and a denial of Catholic authority. If Protestantism wants to base its teachings only on the Bible, it should worship on Saturday.

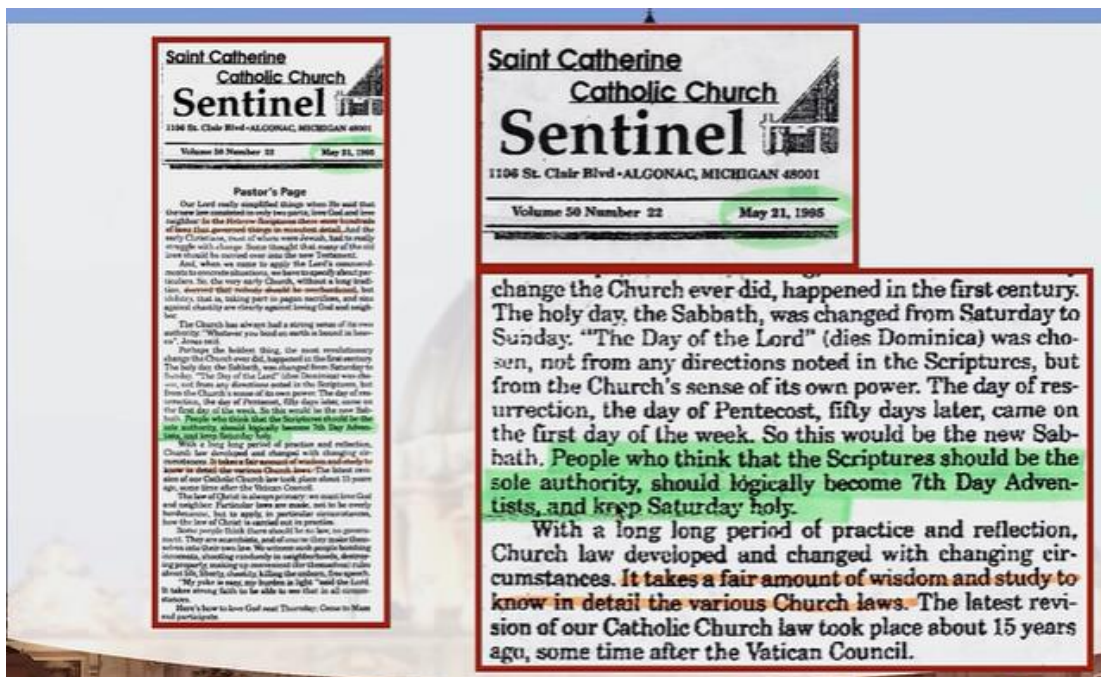
Note: Basically, what is being said here is that Protestant's claim they worship of Sunday because of Jesus' resurrection. Rome protests against that claim saying it is dishonest and a denial of Catholic authority. In fact, the commemoration of the resurrection is baptism...that's biblical.

"But the Protestant says: How can I receive the teachings of an apostate Church? How, we ask, have you managed to receive her teachings all your life, in direct opposition to your recognized teacher, the Bible, on the Sabbath question." *The Christian Sabbath* (2nd. Ed.; Baltimore; *The Catholic Mirror*, 1893) p.29,30.

"... those who follow the Bible as their guide, the Israelites and the Seventh-day Adventists have the exclusive weight of evidence on their side, whilst the Biblical Protestant has not a word in self defence for the substitution of Sunday for Saturday." *Catholic Mirror*, Sept. 9, 1893

"The Adventists are the only body of Christians with the Bible as their teacher, who can find no warrant in its pages for the change of day from the seventh to the first. Hence their appellation, "Seventh-day Adventists." *Catholic Mirror*, Sept. 9, 1893

"The (Catholic) Church changed the observance of the Sabbath to Sunday by right of the divine, infallible authority given to her by her Founder, Jesus Christ. The Protestant claiming the Bible to be the only guide of faith, has no warrant for observing Sunday. In this matter the Seventh-day Adventist is the only consistent Protestant." "*The Question Box*," *The Catholic Univers Bulletin*, (August 14, 1942) p. 4.



Note: Seventh-day Adventist's name is derived from the keeping of the seventh-day Sabbath as God established and they are looking forward to the second coming (advent) of Jesus Christ, Lord-Savior-Redeemer.

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The challenge issued by Rome over 100 years ago remains: Either the Catholic Church is right, or the Seventh Day Adventists are right. There can be no other choice. And if one choose neither, then the whole doctrine of Sola Scriptura collapses, and with it, the pillar upon which all of Protestantism stands.

What one has left is an invented religion, an invented God, and an invented set of beliefs that suits man's purpose, and not the Creator's. Like Satan and Luther before them, Protestants have spoken the creed, in action and in thought, if not in word, "I Will Not Serve."

Note: This is in reference to A.T. Jones who protested against Sunday law's to the U.S. legislature in 1888. Research the history of this for yourself. In fact, Adventist would protest legislation of any Sabbath law as well, for the belief is that religious observance is a choice because God gives us that freedom.

Protestant Testimony

Episcopal: Is there any command in the New Testament to change the day of weekly rest from Saturday to Sunday? None. *Manual of Christian Doctrine P. 127*

We have made a change from the seventh day to the first day, from Saturday to Sunday, on the authority of the one holy Catholic and apostolic church of Christ. *Why we keep Sunday. P. 28.*

Lutheran: The observance of the Lord's day(Sunday) is founded not on any command of God, but on the authority of the church. "*The Augsburg Confession*" In: *Catholic Sabbath Manual, part 2, section 10*

Presbyterian: A change of the day to be observed from the last day of the week to the first. There is no record, no express command, authorizing this change. *N.L. Rice, The Christian Sabbath, p.60*

Methodist: Take the matter of Sunday... there is no passage telling Christians to keep that day, or to transfer the Jewish Sabbath to that day. *H.F. Rall, Christian Advocate, July 2, 1942.*

Note: The Sabbath is not Jewish in origin. It was proclaimed by God at creation. Jesus said that the Sabbath was made for man (mankind). See Mark 2:27.

Congregationalist: It is quite clear that however rigidly or devoutly we spend Sunday, we are not keeping the Sabbath... There is not a single sentence in the New Testament to suggest that we incur any penalty by violating the supposed sanctity of Sunday. *Dr. R.W. Dale, The Ten Commandments, pp 100,101.*

Anglican: Many people think that Sunday is the Sabbath, but neither in the New Testament nor in the early church, is there anything to suggest that we have any right to transfer the observance of the seventh day of the week to the the first. The Sabbath was and is Saturday and not Sunday... *Rev. Lionel Beere, Church and People, Sept. 1st 1947*

Baptist: There was and is a commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day, but that Sabbath day was not Sunday... There is no scriptural evidence of the change of the Sabbath institution from the seventh day to the first day of the week. *Dr. Edward T. Hiscox, (author of the Baptist Manual) New York Ministers Conference, Nov. 13, 1893.*

We can understand why Revelation calls the sea beast (Roman Catholicism) the Babylonian Mother of Harlots, and her daughters (apostate Protestantism) as fallen, fallen. God's word makes a call for His people who are in these systems to 'come out of her'. This is a hard truth, and it is a message of love. God always gives warning.

My dear Protestant brothers and sister, please wake up. To my dear Catholic brothers and sister, please wake up. The question is, Who will you obey?

Matthew 15:3,6,9 But He answered and said to them, Why do you also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?... And you voided the commandment of God by your tradition.... But in vain they worship Me, teaching *for doctrines the commandments of men.*"

The disciples, after Jesus' ascension to heaven, kept the seventh-day Sabbath and they preached the coming of Christ in the future. In essence, they were seventh-day adventist. And, they were told to go make disciples of the same.

The remnant church is described as a people that keep the commandments of God, have the faith of Jesus, and have the testimony of Jesus. Search for yourself what organization does these things.

Isaiah 66:22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

Isaiah 66:23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

This tells us there will be a monthly festival (one new moon to another) and a weekly celebration (from one sabbath to another) will be honored. Why is there a monthly festival? We know that the Tree of Life will be there (Rev. 2:7), which bears its fruit once a month so this could very well be the occasion. Also, the sabbath will remain in the new heaven and the new earth to come (Rev. 21).