

Believers who assemble on the 7th
Day (Saturday), continue to grow
and are now the twelfth-largest
religious group in the world, and
the sixth-largest highly international
religious body.

On the radio program, we often deal with the question, “Where in the Bible do you see that God changed the Sabbath to Sunday?”

Sometimes it’s phrased, “Where did God ever make Sunday holy as He did the Sabbath?”

Sometimes they will say, “The Catholic church changed the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday.

Where do you ever see God commanding Sunday worship?”

They will quote or read from the OT

Gen 2:2 And by the seventh day God completed His work which He had done; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. (3) Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

Without understanding to whom God was
speaking they will read

Exo 20:8 "Remember the sabbath day, to
keep it holy. (9) "Six days you shall labor
and do all your work, (10) but the seventh
day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; in it
you shall not do any work, you or your son
or your daughter, your male or your female
servant or your cattle or your sojourner
who stays with you.

They forget to whom God speaks as we read about the institution of God's law through Moses

Deu 5:1 Then Moses summoned all Israel, and said to them, "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I am speaking today in your hearing, that you may learn them and observe them carefully. (2) "The LORD our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. (3) "The LORD did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, with all those of us alive here today.

Remember to whom this was said -- Deu 5:12
'Observe the sabbath day to keep it holy, as the
LORD your God commanded you. (13) 'Six days
you shall labor and do all your work, (14) but
the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your
God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your
son or your daughter or your male servant or
your female servant or your ox or your donkey or
any of your cattle or your sojourner who stays
with you, so that your male servant and your
female servant may rest as well as you.

We can clearly see God was speaking to the children of Israel as the law was handed down by Moses.

Deu 5.15 'And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to observe the sabbath day.

When Jesus spoke to the multitude on the Mount, He did not say that He was changing the law handed down through Moses at that time.

Mat 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. (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. (19) Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

The 7th Day ministers focused on Mt
5.17-19 “because it says the Law
will not pass till heaven and earth
pass away.”

But notice – that is not what it says
for they quit reading too soon!

*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.*

Has all the law been
fulfilled?

Luk 24:44 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." (45) Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

They were being fulfilled, but not all were fulfilled yet – Christ had to ascend and offer His blood to the Father.

Luk 21:31 "Even so you, too, when you see these things happening, recognize that the kingdom of God is near. (32) "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all things take place. (33) "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

The kingdom was close, but all had not yet been fulfilled and the Law had not yet passed.

Rom 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

A 7th Day Minister once called our radio program and asked, “Are we supposed to do everything Jesus did?”

He noted that Jesus went to worship on the Sabbath.

Luk 4:16 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read.

My answer was, “No, Jesus lived and died under the Law of Moses which commanded the Jews to observe the Sabbath.”

The next week a 7th Day Minister called and asked,
“Are we supposed to do everything Jesus said?”

Mat 23:1 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, (2) saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses; (3) therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things, and do not do them.

My answer was, “No, Jesus taught the Jews to observe the Sabbath, but we are to abide by the New Testament.”

Heb 1:1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, (2) in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

Mat 17:5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"

The biggest problem in denominationalism is the reliance on the Old Testament rather than on Jesus' word.

Heb 9:15 And for this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. (16) For where a covenant is, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it. (17) For a covenant is valid only when men are dead, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives.

Col 2:14 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. (15) When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him. (16) Therefore let no one act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day-- (17) things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.

Where do the denominations go to get
authority for instrumental music,
tithing, altars, or premillennialism?

The Old Testament or the gospels!

The gospels teach of Christ's work on
earth to fulfill the law and the
prophets.

These ministers ask, “Where is the command for meeting on the 1st day of the week?”

We put two Scriptures together as James did in Acts 15 to show Gentiles were to be in the kingdom.

Note first: 1Co 11:20 Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper,

(it should have been for the Lord's Supper but it wasn't!)

Second we ask – How often did they gather to proclaim the Lord's death? It must have been every 1st day of the week.

1Co 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. (2) On the first day of every week let each one of you put aside and save, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come.

They had to come together in a common place to collect the funds.

They collected those funds when they were assembled on the 1st day of the week for the whole church to proclaim the Lord's death.

We have an example of them meeting on Sunday

Act 20:6 And we sailed from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and came to them at Troas within five days; and there we stayed seven days. (7) And on the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to depart the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight. (8) And there were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered together.

The Catholic church didn't change
the day of worship from the
Sabbath to Sunday, God did.

As we gather to proclaim the Lord's
death (1Co 11.26), we cannot help
but be reminded He arose because
of the day on which we celebrate
his death.

Mat 28:1 Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. (2) And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. (3) And his appearance was like lightning, and his garment as white as snow; (4) and the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. (5) And the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. (6) "He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

(37) Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" (38) And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Have you done what Peter said believers must do?