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What Is the Sabbath? – Part 4

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I want to go ahead and jump into the final part of our lesson on what is the Sabbath. We started a couple of weeks ago with the study of the Sabbath. What is the Sabbath? If you have been listening, you have been taken through a journey on a picture, a Kodak, if you will.

When we study the Bible and when we take all of the Scripture together and we back off and we look at the pieces that we've put together of this puzzle, we start to see a picture. And that picture is of a Person, the Person of Jesus Christ. That is what the whole Bible is about.

Jesus Christ said in John 5:39, *Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me.* And so that is where we have been.

Now, last week, when I had finished the show we were in Hebrews Chapter 4 and I had read some Scripture from there and that's where we left off last week and that's where we're going to pick up today. Hebrews Chapter 4, if you have your Bibles, please open your Bibles to Hebrews Chapter 4 again.

While you're doing that, the number in the studio here is 0999-862-7223 if you have any questions about this study. This has been a little bit of a deep study, but it has been of necessity. Many religions here and abroad, not only in the Philippines but also in the States and Africa and South America and Australia, wherever you go there are a lot of religions that

teach things, all kinds of things. But how do you know which ones of the religions are true? How do you know which ones are teaching the correct doctrine? Well, you can't listen to somebody if they say, "Listen to me. Listen to me. I have the correct teaching." No, we have been given by God Himself a source of truth and a source where we can go and find what the truth is, and that is the Bible. And so that's what I want to bring your attention to. If you are in Hebrews Chapter 4, we're going to go straight to verse 10.

Hebrews 4:10, we left of here last week, but I'll read it again. *For he that is entered into his rest [of course, the rest of Jesus Christ], he also hath ceased from [or stopped] his own works, as God did from his.*

Over the last two weeks, we had visited several Old Testament chapters. In fact we went all the way back to the beginning of Genesis, the first book in the Bible. We went back to Genesis Chapter 1, the very beginning of the Bible, and we saw how God did His first work by creating everything, creating the Heaven and the Earth, creating light, creating the seas, the skies, creating all of the trees, the plants, the animals, the creeping things, the fish, the birds, and the sea, and finally His crowning achievement was creating man. On the sixth day He created Adam and Eve. On the seventh day, God rested from His work. And so in verse 10, it says here



at the very end, *ceased from his own works, as God did from his.*

So we were shown an example by God Himself that God did all the work of creation and then He rested. And interestingly, we learned that Adam and Eve were created on the sixth day. When they were created and married on the sixth day, God saw that it was very good. And then the chapter ends. Genesis 1:1 all the way to the end finishes at the end of the sixth day.

In Genesis Chapter 2, it refers to the seventh day and it says that God rested from His work. Who else was there resting with God? Adam and Eve. Why were Adam and Eve resting when they did no work? Remember, God did all of the work all the six days. Then Adam and Eve were created and they joined God in rest on the seventh day. Why? Because they were created perfectly and without sin. It's a picture of a new creation. When you, dear listener, turn from your sins, in other words, repent, you are sorry that you are a sinner. I did not say that you stopped sinning. The Bible doesn't say that you have to stop sinning. The Bible says you have to turn, change your mind, away from the fact that you are a sinner.

When you realize that you have a destiny in Hell because of your sin and when you realize that there is no hope for you and that there is no way out and there's no good works and there's no religion, but when you hear the good news of Jesus Christ, that Jesus Christ Himself paid for your sins on the cross when He shed His blood on that cross, when He died and was buried and rose again from the dead and He completely paid for your sins, when you hear that and you place your faith in Jesus Christ and you trust in Him alone to take you to Heaven, at that moment you also have ceased

or stopped from your works, your heavy load, and you have entered into His rest.

Why did God work for six days and rest on the seventh? To give us an example. To enter into the rest of Jesus Christ is to cease or to stop from our own works of trying to get to Heaven. That is plainly in front of you in the Bible here, but if you read Hebrews Chapter 4 without going back to Genesis Chapter 1, without going back to Number Chapter 14, without going back to several other places, these words are very hard to understand. That's why Bible study is so important. You have to know what the Bible says.

Verse 11: *Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.* In other words, you're listening to the message. You're hearing it from the Word of God. What is keeping you, dear listener, from entering into the rest of Jesus Christ? At that moment, you also have ceased or stopped from your works, your heavy load, and you have entered into His rest, because you have entered into Jesus Christ. This is a picture that God has set up for us from the very beginning. There is no religion here, dear listener. *For He that is entered into His rest, he also has ceased from his own works.*

I don't have to try to be good to go to Heaven. I don't have to give money. I don't have to be kind to the poor. I don't have to do any kind of ceremonies. I don't have to be faithful to my church to go to Heaven. Those things are good, but none of those things will get me to Heaven. The only thing that's getting me to Heaven is Jesus Christ. I have ceased from my own works.



Before my salvation, I was worried about where I would go when I died. Every now and then I would try to do something good to see if possibly some good works could outweigh some bad works. It never happened. It will never happen. But now I rest in Christ. He has paid for my sins.

Let me continue. *For He that is entered into His rest, he also has ceased from his own works, as God did from his.* Verse 11: *Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest.* In other words, listen to the message and enter into the rest of Jesus Christ. Place your trust in Jesus Christ. That's what's required. That's what's required lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. You have heard the message now, dear listener. If you continue in unbelief, you will fall all the way into the lake of fire if you die without Christ.

Verse 12: *For the word of God... which is what you're hearing right now... is quick... The word "quick" means alive. That's Old English for alive... and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder [or dividing apart] of soul and spirit... That's how powerful the Word of God is. You cannot hide from the Word of God. You cannot deny the Word of God. It will discern you... and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

Folks, we cannot get away from the Word of God. There are people who deny the Word of God. There are people who don't want to hear the Word of God. There are people who want to forget the Word of God. There are people who want to destroy the Word of God, but there is coming a day when they themselves will be judged by the Word of God that they have tried to escape and hate and destroy for so many

years. They will not be able to because on that day every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of the Father.

Verse 13: *Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.* There is no such thing as hidden sin. You can hide sin from your neighbor, from your spouse, from your parents, from your children, from your community, but you cannot hide your sin from God. That's why there's no such thing as good outweighing the bad. Dear listener, enter into the rest of Jesus Christ and know for sure that you will go to Heaven before it's everlasting too late.

Verse 14: *Seeing then that we have a great high priest... We don't have to go to a man priest. Our Great High Priest is Jesus Christ Himself... that is passed into the heavens... You see? That doesn't describe any man. There's no man who has passed into the Heavens because of his sinlessness, only Jesus Christ... Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.* The Old English "hold fast" means hold onto strongly. ¹⁵*For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.* Jesus Christ understands us and He understands our sin and He understands our infirmity, and He understands our temptation, but yet, He is without sin. That the One that you need to trust, dear listener, Him only.

That's where we left off last week and that's where we pick up this week, and I want to finish this particular passage by using the last verse to encourage you, verse 16: *Let us therefore come boldly...* That means



unashamedly; that means with confidence, trusting in the Person... *unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.* Dear listener, you need grace. You need mercy. You need salvation. Come. Come today to the throne of grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and obtain that mercy. The Bible says in Romans 10:13, *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

First John 5:13 says, *These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know [K-N-O-W] that ye have eternal life.*

I want to finish up this study here, dear listener. I want to direct your attention... once again, we're talking about what is the Sabbath. Many religions want to say that the Sabbath is a Saturday and that you must worship on a Saturday and if you don't worship on a Saturday you're not correct with God, and especially if you're worshipping on a Sunday. Some even teach that worshipping on a Sunday is a sin and it's the mark of the beast. Nothing could be further from the truth. There's no Scripture that talks about that. People who believe that and teach that, they don't even use the Scripture as their sole resource. They use their own tradition and their own account or interpretation of history, but the Bible never says that. In fact, we studied Sunday worship about four weeks ago, and we saw that, not only is it okay to worship on Sunday, but there's actually a Scriptural pattern to worship on a Sunday.

But what is the Sabbath? We also established in the previous week that the Sabbath is not Saturday. In fact, the word "Sabbath" has nothing to do with Saturday. The word

"Sabbath" means rest. Every now and then when someone is taking a vacation or getting away from a certain job, they all use this phrase. They'll say, "I'm taking a sabbatical." Well, the word "sabbatical" comes from the word "sabbath." When someone is taking a sabbatical, they're taking a vacation. Well, what are you doing when you take a vacation? You are resting. It's a related word. So the word "sabbath" means rest, because the Jewish people, which the Bible is a Jewish book, whenever there was a special holiday, the Passover, the Feast of Tabernacles, the Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, and so forth, Day of Pentecost, those were called Sabbaths. Some of them fell on a Saturday; some of them did not. But they were all called Sabbath, because the word "sabbath" means rest. For us who are born again, saved, believers in Jesus Christ, our rest, our Sabbath is Jesus Christ.

I want to direct your attention, dear listener, to John 5:1. What the interesting thing is about Jesus Christ, not only because He paid for our sins, but also He fulfilled the entire law that you and I could not fulfill. I tell you what. I'll give you a challenge, dear listener. I'll challenge you to text me with the Ten Commandments. The first person to text me within five minutes with the Ten Commandments, I will congratulate you on the air. I know that's not a big prize but it's something. You know why? Because most people don't know the Ten Commandments. And yet, they say they're going to try to keep the Ten Commandments to be saved. Can I tell you this, dear listener? Don't even try to keep the Ten Commandments because in all reality there are 613 Old Testament commandments. What we know as the Ten Commandments are just the first ten given to Moses on Mount Sinai. So if you're going to keep the Ten Commandments to go to



Heaven, you also have to keep the other 603. Are you prepared to do that? That's a lot of work. Wouldn't it be better to enter into the rest and to trust in the One who kept all of the commandments, including the Sabbath?

In John Chapter 5, I'm going to read a passage to you about something that happened here with Jesus Christ. Verse 1: *After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. ³In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. ⁴For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.* So apparently there's an angel that used to touch the waters and whoever was the first person to step into the water, they were healed of whatever disease they had.

Verse 5: *And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.* So there was a man who had a sickness for 38 years. *⁶When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? [Will you be healed?] ⁷The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.* Dear listener, this is a man who could not even crawl into the water himself. What work could he do to be healed?

Verse 8: *Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.* And five minutes later, two days later, a week later? No. *⁹And immediately the*

man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath. Interesting. Jesus completely and immediately healed the man who had been in a bad situation of illness, apparently, some kind of paralysis or deformity or something where the poor man could not even crawl into the pool thirty-eight years. And Jesus healed him immediately and it was on the Sabbath. So apparently it was on a Saturday. So let's see what happens. Let's see about these people that start talking about how wicked and how evil it is to not keep the Sabbath. Let's find out about these religious people.

Verse 10: *The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.* They're so religious they don't care that a man who had been sick for 38 years had just been healed miraculously. All they cared about is that he wasn't keeping their rules. You see, religion is rules and it's bondage. Jesus Christ is liberty and freedom.

Verse 11: *He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.* He said, "I don't know what you're trying to tell me, religious man, but the One whom I have a personal relationship with, He gave me a commandment and I will obey Him. Amen. Hallelujah. I'm not listening to you guys. I don't know what your deal is but I know I just met the Rule Maker of the universe and I'm going to follow what He told me to do."

Verse 12: *Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? ¹³And he that was healed wist [or knew] not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place. ¹⁴Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple,*



and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. ¹⁵The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole. ¹⁶And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus. Oh, boy, how do you like that? Religious Jews persecuted God. Jesus is without sin. Why are they persecuting Him? Because the religious people will persecute those who don't follow their rules and their ways.

Many religions, when you're with them for a while, when you realize that what they're teaching is not true, and when you try to get away from them, what do they do? They turn their backs on you. They gossip about you. They don't allow you to come back. They disfellowship you. They try to go away from you. They try to make your life miserable. They persecute you. Is that love? Is that the love of Jesus Christ? Of course not. That's religion. They threaten you. They scare you. They threaten your family. Is that the love of Christ? No, no, that's religion of Satan. The man departed and said, It was Jesus which made me whole. Praise the Lord."

Verse 16: *And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him.* The word "slay" means kill. Oh, yes. Before the day He was crucified, they were already planning it for a long time... *because he had done these things.* Wickedly, evilly? Because he had killed one man to heal another? Because He took money that didn't belong to Him? No. Because He did it on the Sabbath day.

Let's find out what God will say here. Verse 17: *But Jesus answered them, My Father...* That's a capital F. That's God the Father... *worketh hitherto, and I work.* "Hitherto" means here and until now. He says, *and I work.*

¹⁸*Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the Sabbath [according to them, by the way] but said also that God was his Father... capital F... making himself equal with God.*

If you have any doubt that Jesus Christ claimed to be God, there you go right there, because there are other false religions that teach that Jesus Christ is not God. Jesus Christ is God, the Father; He is God the Holy Spirit; He is equal with God. He is God.

Verse 19: *Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.* So Jesus Christ and everything that He said was the will of God the Father. You want to have a relationship with God the Father? You must have a relationship with God the Son.

Verse 20: *For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. ²¹For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them... which means makes them alive... even so the Son [makes alive] quickeneth whom he will. ²²For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son.* Boy, we'd better be careful what we do with Jesus Christ. They're rejecting Jesus Christ for religion, for money, for embarrassment, and all judgment has been committed unto the Son.

Verse 23: *That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.*



So, very, very interesting. Jesus Christ Himself was doing something on the Sabbath that was good, and yet, the religious crowd wanted to persecute and kill Him, not because He did evil but because He did good, but not according to their rules and expectations. And by the way, this is the famous chapter where if you skip down to verse 39, Jesus says, *Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*

I want to take you somewhere else, dear listener, to another thing about Jesus Christ regarding the Sabbath. Please turn with me to Matthew Chapter 12, verse 1. Once again I want to read to you another thing that was concerning Jesus Christ regarding the Sabbath and did He break it or did He fulfill it?

Verse 1: *At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat.* ²*But when the Pharisees [the religious leaders] saw it, they said unto him, Behold [or look], thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.* ³*But [Jesus] said unto [these religious leaders], Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him; ⁴How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?* So Jesus is giving them an example from their own Bible that they say they hold to such high regard. What Jesus is teaching here is not following the technicality of the law but the spirit of the law.

Verse 5: *Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are*

blameless? In other words they work very hard on the Sabbath day, and yet, they don't get persecuted.

Now look at verse 6: *But I say unto you, That in this place...* That means standing right here... *is one greater than the temple.* Of course, because the temple is only the building that is constructed to worship God, but He is saying, "Look, God Himself is standing here. I am greater than the temple."

Verse 7: *But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.* Now, verse 7 is a very interesting verse, because He's doing a few things here. Number one, He's showing the Pharisees, the religious leaders, He says, "If you had known what this meaneth." He's saying, "You don't know what the Bible means. You can memorize it. You can give me memory verses all day long, but you don't know what it means." He says, "Here's what you don't know. I will have mercy and not sacrifice." He's quoting from several places in the Old Testament, particularly the Psalms, especially Psalm 51 where God is not interested in our works, in our sacrifices. God is interested in having mercy. But the mercy of God comes through the Person of Jesus Christ.

And thirdly here, He says, "If you'd known these things, you would not have condemned the... what?... the guiltless." Here, Jesus Christ, God Himself, is pointing out that these disciples that picked the corn on the Sabbath, they're guiltless. They did not break the Sabbath.

Verse 8: *For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.* And that's interesting. Now, it gets even more interesting. I want to take two



more minutes to go through this, dear listener. If you have any questions, 0999-862-7223.

Verse 9: *And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue.* Jesus Christ was a brave man. He was not a wimpy, little soft white glutathione, blue-eyed blond-looking guy like the paintings that you see in many religious places. No, he was a carpenter. He had muscles. His hands were rough, and He was brave.

He says in verse 10: *And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered.* So, who knows, maybe some kind of a stroke or some kind of deformity, but his hand was withered. That means it was dried up. It didn't work. *And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days?* Now, the religious leaders asked Him this. Why did they do that? Because they really wanted to know the truth? No. Look at the last part of the verse... *that they might accuse him.* Trying to accuse the Lord. Dear listener, if you're a Christian, you'd better understand that they're going to try to accuse you falsely.

And dear listener, if you're not a Christian and you're interested in becoming a Christian, I want you to know the Bible says, *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.* That's in II Timothy 3:12. We who are Christians, we follow the footsteps of our Saviour and we are constantly accused by Satan and even by his servants who are here on the Earth. We are constantly accused. It's bad enough that we make a lot of mistakes and we deserve to be accused, but it's another thing when we're trying to do right. Always accusing. So they want to accuse Him.

Verse 11: *And he [Jesus Christ] said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?* That's interesting that Jesus Christ is using sheep as an example, because He refers to us, His people, as His sheep and that's exactly what He does for us. He reaches deep down into the pit of sin and He rescues us.

Verse 12: *How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.* ¹³*Then saith he to the man... Now, you need to pay attention to the wisdom of Jesus Christ. Watch this. Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.* Now, Jesus Christ is very wise. He's God. You notice, Jesus Christ didn't do anything. He didn't make any kind of waves with His hand. He didn't try to do anything except He spoke. That way, the Pharisees could not accuse Him of working on the Sabbath day. He simply told the man, "Stretch your hand forward," and as soon as the man stretched his hand forward and everybody's eyes looked at the man's hand, his hand was already whole. How about that?

Verse 14: *Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.* No, there's no soft heart there with these religious people. They didn't say, "Wow! That poor man had a stroke. His hand didn't work. That poor man was sick and this Lord in His mercy, He healed this man." No, they didn't say that. "Oh, maybe I'm the one with the problem. I should believe on Jesus Christ because look at the good things that He does." No, they didn't say that. They went out and conspired to see how they could destroy Him.



Dear listener, is that you this evening? Are you someone who has seen the goodness of God but you would rather hold onto your religion? You would rather trust yourself than Jesus Christ? Dear listener, there's no coincidence that you're hearing this message. This is for you. Won't you come to Jesus and live?

Dear listener, I want to come to the conclusion of our lesson on what is the Sabbath, and hopefully, by now, you have seen that the Sabbath, which means the rest, is not something that we need to keep in the form of a day of the week. It's good to have a day that we can dedicate to the worship of the Lord. That's why I love to go to church. You can go to church on a Saturday if you want to. Just don't trust that for your salvation. You can worship God on any day you like. If that's where your church has committed to come together not forsaking the assembling of yourselves. Just don't trust in that time for your salvation. I'm not trusting in Sunday that I go to church. I don't trust that to take me to Heaven. I trust Jesus Christ. I like Sunday because, if you look at a calendar, Sunday is the first day of the week and I can give my first day of the week, my first fruit, to the Lord. The Sabbath is a rest, and the Sabbath, the great rest of all eternity, is Jesus Christ.

Dear listener, I want to call your attention to the last Scripture verse here. The book of Hebrews again. Earlier we were in Hebrews Chapter 4, but this time we're going to go to Hebrews Chapter 9. And I don't have time to start at the beginning of the chapter, but we don't really need to. I want to go straight to verse 11, Hebrews 9:11. It's talking about our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, and what He has done. He has done all the work for salvation. There's no work for us to do for

salvation. Thank the holy God that my salvation was obtained not by me but by the Lord Jesus Christ. I simply trusted Him and from that moment forward, I became what the Bible calls born again.

Now, verse 11: *But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come... There are still good things to come... by a greater and more perfect tabernacle... It's talking about a body. There's coming a day when I'm going to put off this body of sin and I'm going to be transformed into a perfect body, like Jesus Christ. Continuing... not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building... in other words, not what we are now.*

¹²*Neither by the blood of goats and calves... no sacrifices from us... but by his own blood he entered in once... not crucified over and over and over. Once... into the holy place. That's talking about Heaven... having obtained... See? That word "obtained"? He did it... having obtained eternal redemption for us. You see what you have to do for salvation, dear listener? Nothing, except to trust on Jesus Christ. Grab hold on Him. Hold onto Him. He's already done all the work. You trust Him. You receive Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour right now, because He has already obtained your salvation for you if you trust in Him.*

Now, if you don't trust in Jesus Christ, if you continue to trust in yourself or your religion, the salvation that Jesus Christ obtained for you will be of none effect. It's like if I pay for a ticket for you, if I say I paid an airplane ticket to come to the States, I paid for it, it's there, you just need to come get the ticket and get on the plane. It's paid for. If you don't trust me and you don't get that ticket, there's going to be an airplane going to the States with an empty



seat because the ticket is already paid for. Your salvation is paid for by Jesus Christ. Won't you receive Him today as your Saviour?

Verse 13: *For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: ¹⁴How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit... capital S...offered himself... You see? I didn't have to offer anything. He, Jesus Christ, offered Himself, without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works ... All the works that we're trying to do to get to Heaven are dead works, keeping the Sabbath to try to be right with God and to go to Heaven is a dead work. He says it will purge you. It'll get rid of that from trying to keep those dead works... to serve the living God?*

Verse 15: *And for this cause he is the mediator... He's the administrator... of the new testament... Dear listener, the people that are trying to teach that we need to keep a Sabbath today and that we need to serve on Saturday and we're not allowed to serve on any other day, these people are trying to keep other people under the Old Testament law which is dead works. But Jesus Christ, according to verse 15, He is the administrator of the New Testament... that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.*

See? I have been called by the Gospel and as of this radio broadcast, dear listener, you are being called by the Gospel. See that's why it says, "might receive," because not everybody will receive it. Many will reject it.

Verse 16: *For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. In other words, when someone leaves a last will and testament, that does not go into effect until the person dies. If you have a relative that's very wealthy, you're not going to get that inheritance until the relative dies. That's called a last will and testament. Well, the New Testament is the same. It has to have the death of the Testator. That's Jesus Christ.*

Verse 17: *For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. That's why we have the New Testament in the Bible. We call it the New Testament.*

¹⁸*Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. ¹⁹For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law... Okay? So the Old Testament laws, the Ten Commandments and the other 603... he took the blood [but he took the blood] of calves and of goats, [He took that] with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, [which is a kind of tree, kind of branch,] and sprinkled both the book, and all the people. That's how He sealed the first testament, what's called the Old Testament. ²⁰Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.*

²¹*Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle [their place of worship, their temporary temple], and all the vessels of the ministry. ²²And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. So verse 22 is very interesting. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood, so it's talking about the Old Testament, but then it goes into the New Testament... and without shedding of blood is*



no remission... “Remission” meaning purchase, forgiving. Without the shedding of blood of Jesus Christ, there is no remission of sin. You must apply the blood of Jesus Christ in order to have remission or forgiveness of your sins.

²³*It was therefore necessary that the patterns...* the patterns, the patterns, the patterns, dear listener, I’m always talking about the patterns... *of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves...* Oh, the things that are on the Earth and the things that we have been given are patterns. They’re pictures. That’s what I’m always talking about. When I talked about the picture given to us in Genesis Chapter 1, going into Genesis Chapter 2, regarding the six-day creation, the seventh day rest, that’s only a pattern. *But the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.* And that, of course, is the sacrifice of Jesus Christ Himself.

Verse 24: *For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands...* in other words, the buildings that were built by men... *which are the figures of the true...* figures, patterns, images, examples. They are examples of the truth, but Jesus Christ has not entered those places. He doesn’t live in a box in a church, *but [He’s entered] into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for...* What? For whom?... *for us.*

Now, here’s where He destroys some major religions. Verse 25: *Nor yet that he should offer himself often...* That means over and over and over again... *as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;* ²⁶*For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared*

to put away sin by the sacrifice of... what? You? Your works? Your faithfulness? Your money? No... *by the sacrifice of himself.*

Now regarding all of us, ²⁷*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.* Judgment, you have an appointment with death. Do you know when your appointment with death is? Everybody knows their birthday. They celebrate their birthday every year. But isn’t it interesting that every year also passes your death day, but you don’t know when that is. Just a few years ago, how many people knew that November 8, 2013, was their death day? Every year November 8 passed by them and they never knew that November 8 was going to be their death day. How many of those people were prepared? How many of those people when they left this Earth went to be with Jesus Christ in Heaven? How many of those people went to Heaven, or how many of those people went to Hell?

Verse 28: *So Christ was once offered... once...to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.* Christ Jesus is the Sabbath because Christ Jesus is the rest. The word “Sabbath” means rest. Dear listener, you are a sinner. Do you realize that, that you have sinned against a holy God? The Bible says, *For the wages of sin is death.* The Bible says, *For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.* The Bible says *There is none righteous, no not one.*

What are you going to do with that? The wages of sin is death, Hell. The good news is the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life and that gift is through and only through Jesus Christ.



For God commendeth [or showed] his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Dear listener, won't you turn? Won't you change your mind about your sin? Change your mind about trying to do good, and change your mind about trusting yourself, and now turn to Jesus Christ and trust on Him as your personal Saviour? The Bible says, *For whosoever... that's anybody... For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.* That's a promise of God.

Dear listener, if you want to be saved, all you have to do is turn from your sins. In other words, repent. Change your mind about your sin condition. Turn to Jesus Christ and, according to the Scripture, right now, you can pray.

You can say, "Lord Jesus, I want you to take me to heaven when I die. Lord Jesus, I hate my sin. I don't want to be a sinner any more. I have sinned against You. Lord Jesus, please forgive me of my sins and from this moment forward, I trust You, Jesus Christ, and You only. I'm not trusting my church. I'm not trusting my saints. I'm not trusting my works. I'm not trusting my goodness. I'm trusting You, Jesus Christ, to take me to Heaven when I die."

Pray that. Talk to Jesus right now. Call on Jesus according to what the Bible says, and the promise from the Bible is you shall be saved if you receive Him right now right where you are. It doesn't matter if you're riding in a jitney on the way home from work, doesn't matter if you're sitting around the dinner table, or if you lying in your room. Right where you are, you trust in Jesus Christ right now and you'll be saved. And then text me that I may rejoice with you and send you some Bible lessons, 0999-862-7223.