

God Is
LOVE



Worksheet #9 “God’s Signature”

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Sabbath

Everything God does for humanity He accomplishes through Jesus Christ. And every time Jesus accomplishes the task entrusted to Him, He signs His work with the signature of God... rest.

Sabbath in the Old Testament

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Colossians 1:15-17 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Genesis 2:1-3 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. 2 And on the seventh day God ended 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.

In the creation of our world, Christ worked _____ days and _____ on the _____.
Though He had called previous days “_____,” only the _____ day did He make _____.
The Sabbath was instituted before there was a single _____ *and even before man* _____!

Sabbath Reform Before Sinai

Exodus 5:4-5, 8 Then the king of Egypt said to them, “Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people from their work? Get back to your labor.” 5 And Pharaoh said, “Look, the people of the land are many now, and *you make them rest from their labor!*”... And you [Egyptian taskmasters] shall lay on them the quota of bricks which they made before. You shall not reduce it. *For they are idle*; therefore they cry out, saying, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to our God.’

Exodus 16:26 “Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will be none.”

Exodus 20:8-11 “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 the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.



Jesus and The Sabbath

Luke 4:16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

Mark 2:27, 28 And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."

- The word translated " _____ " is the Greek word *anthropos*, meaning all _____.
- Since Jesus _____ both man and the Sabbath, He is rightfully _____ of both!

Luke 23:42-24:2 "... And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment."

Saturday is the Sabbath

- The day Jesus died is known today as " _____ ."
- The day Jesus arose from the tomb is known as " _____ ."
- So the day Jesus rested from His work on earth was _____, the _____.

Sabbath After The Cross

Matthew 24:20

- Jesus mentions the Sabbath at the time of Jerusalem's destruction, nearly _____ years later.

Acts 13, Acts 15, Acts 17, Acts 18:1-4

- Paul regularly preached in the synagogues on _____ and worked the other _____ days.

Isaiah 66: 23 And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the Lord.

Why Do People Think Sunday is the Sabbath?

Daniel 7:25 He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall *intend to change times and law*. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.

- Satan's ultimate aim is to be worshipped as God
 - **Isaiah 14:14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.
 - **Matthew 4:9** "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."
- Yet the faithful will demonstrate their loyalty to their Creator and Redeemer, Jesus Christ.
 - **Revelation 14:7** "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."
 - **Revelation 12:17** And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Loyalty, Not Legalism

Keeping the Sabbath, far from being a legalistic burden, is an active demonstration of living faith.

- **Exodus 31:13** "Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: 'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you.'
- **John 14:15** "If you love Me, keep My commandments."