



## Our Prayer List

- ◆ James Ray Adams
- ◆ Sarah Adams
- ◆ Dawn Copes
- ◆ Bill Cyrus
- ◆ Dottie Daniels
- ◆ Jackie Eubank
- ◆ Tom & LaVonne Haines
- ◆ Keith Hodges
- ◆ Beulah Keppler
- ◆ Bob Meiers
- ◆ Gaylin Miller
- ◆ Mike Miller
- ◆ Janice Ortman
- ◆ Hallie & Don Phillips
- ◆ Jewel Price
- ◆ Carol Waterman
- ◆ Katie Wood
- ◆ Shirley Young
- ◆ Geco "Hannah's Aunt"

## Encouragement

- ◆ Bill Copes
- ◆ Don Craig
- ◆ Matt Wood

### Morning

Song Leader	Bob Whitaker
Prayer	Doug Cyrus
Table	Don Craig
Assist	Eric Whitaker
Assist	Charlie Bryson
Assist	Bob Calvert
Lesson	Shawn Daniels
Prayer	David Craig

### Evening

Song Leader	Doug Cyrus
Prayer	Don Craig
Lesson	Bob Calvert
Prayer	Charlie Bryson

From Ogden Biblical Recourses  
Thought for the Day, www.aogden.com

**You can't get rid of  
a bad temper by  
losing it.**



## This Morning Sermon

**“The Letter to the Seven  
Churches of Asia—  
Smyrna”**

**(Rev 2:9)** “I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.”

## Memory Verse

Let us work on expanding our knowledge and memory of the scriptures.

**(1 Tim 6:18)** “That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate.”

Righteousness, Temperance, and Judgment... continue from page 1

keeping of the law, but by God's grace, which, as we know from Romans 1:16-17, is found in the gospel of Christ.

An opposition that Paul anticipated was if one does not become righteous by keeping the Law of Moses, then does that mean that Christianity gives one a license to sin? Paul answers, “God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

We as Christians can not use grace for a license to sin. We are dead to sin. Once we receive the righteousness of God through the gospel of Christ then we are risen to walk in a newness of life. This is what Paul meant when he taught Felix temperance.

Paul tells us, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (2 Cor 5:17) Our old lifestyle to sin and our place as a servant to sin is done away with. We are designed and created for a new purpose. The Scriptures proclaim that “we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works.” (Eph 2:10) Our very purpose and core of the Christian life is to practice temperance or self-control.

Living a life of temperance is not something that just happens. Temptation, as we all know, can be very difficult to deal with. James tells us, “Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of

God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.” (James 1:13-14) Temptation comes from our own lust and human desires. That means that temptation comes from within. The only way for us to overcome these temptations is for there to be an even stronger desire within us to do what is right. This reminds me of the war that Peter speaks of when he says, “Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and

pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.” (1 Peter 2:11)

Temperance or self-control is not easy, but it is possible. We have this promise from God, “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” (1 Cor 10:13) We just need to create within us a desire to find that way to escape it. We must, if we want to fulfill our job, find a way to escape temptation

and walk the walk of temperance! “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.” (Phil 4:13)

Next week we will finish our discussion by looking at the final main point of Christianity, judgment to come.

GSD

**Our old lifestyle to sin and our place as a servant to sin is done away with. We are designed and created for a new purpose.**

8:9, 21) would be abrogated (Jer. 31:31) and superseded by the new covenant (Heb. 8:6-13; 10:9.)

7. That the law which was "written and engraved on tables of stone" was done away in Christ. (2 Cor. 3:6-14.)

8. That the law of "the handwriting of ordinances" was "nailed to the cross," and the Sabbath, therefore, no longer binding upon even the Jews themselves. (Col. 2:14-16.)

9. That Hosea, the prophet, declared the Sabbath, with all other Jewish observances, would cease when the Gentiles should become the people of God. (Hos. 2:11, 23.)

10. That the apostle Paul declared the Sabbath, with all other Jewish observances, did cease at the cross, and that we should let no man judge us respecting them. (Col. 2:14-16.)

11. That Christians are expressly said to be delivered from the law containing the Ten Commandments. (Rom. 7:4,6,7.)

12. 'That those who would be justified by the law given at Sinai are severed from Christ and fallen from grace. (Gal. 4:24-31; chapter 5:1,4.)

## II. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK.

1. That Jesus Christ arose from the dead on the first day of the week. (Mark 16:1-9.)

2. That on the first day of the week he was thus declared to be the Son of God. (Rom. 1:4.)

3. That he met with his disciples each first day of the week between his resurrection and his ascension. (John 20:1,19,26.)

4. Pentecost came on the first day of the week. (Lev. 23:15) Hence, all the

events of the second chapter of Acts--the birthday of the church--took place on the first day of the week. (Acts 2:1.)

5. That the Holy Spirit imbued the apostles on the first day of the week and began his mission of conversion. (Acts 2:1-4.)

6. That the first gospel sermon proclaiming Jesus as the Son of God was preached on the first day of the week. (Acts 2:22-36.)

7. That three thousand souls--the firstfruits of the gospel harvest Lev. 23:17)--were added to the church which began on that Pentecost--the first day of the week. (Acts 2:41, 47.)

8. That the church assembled on the first day of the week to break bread--to observe the Lord's Supper and other items of New Testament worship. (Acts 20:7; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 16:2; 1 Cor. 11:23, 33; Heb. 10:25.)

9. That in the New Testament we have the following new things: (1) a new covenant; (2) a new institution the church; (3) a new set of ordinances--commandments (1 Cor. 11:2; 1 Cor. 14:37); (4) a new feast--the Lord's Supper; (5) a new day--the first day of the week; (6) a new word to express the new day--Kuriakos, "Lord's day," a word which was never used before (Rev. 1:10.)

10. Yet, in the face of all these New Testament facts, Adventist preachers will cling to the Seventh-day Sabbath and seek to bind its observance upon the Christian world.

Note: The terms "Saturday" and "Sunday" are both of human origin--mere calendar words--and do not affect the Bible issue. We are interested only in what the New Testament says about the "first day of the week" and the worship required of Christians on that day.

FEW

***We are interested only in what the New Testament says about the "first day of the week" and the worship required of Christians on that day.***



## The Sabbath Question

By: Foy E. Wallace Jr.

The following summary of the Sabbath and Lord's-day questions was prepared by the writer to present in a discussion with the Seventh-Day Adventists recently in the West. The Adventists backed off from their own challenges, as they usually do when they cannot choose their own opponents, and the discussion was not held. Numerous requests have come to us recently for some concise arguments on the Sabbath question. Thinking this summary may be of assistance to some who are trying to lead others into the truth on the issues involved, it is submitted.



### I. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH.

1. That the covenant which included the Sabbath commandment was made with Israel only. (Ex. 20:2; Deut. 5:15.)

2. That Israel was commanded to keep

the Sabbath because they had been delivered from the serfdom of Egypt. (Deut. 5:15.)

3. That in giving them the Sabbath, God used the same day upon which he had rested, or ceased the work of creation. (Gen. 2:3; Ex. 20:8-11; Ex. 31:17.)

4. That the Sabbath was not given, or made known, until the giving of the law at Mount Sinai. (Neh. 9:13, 14; Ezek. 20:10-12.)

5. That the Sabbath was a sign between God and the children of Israel. (Ex. 31:17; Ezek. 20:12, 20.) (Note: If all nations were commanded to keep the Sabbath, how could it have been a sign between God and one nation?)

6. That the old covenant made with Israel when they came out of Egypt, which included the Ten Commandments (1 Kings

Continue on page 7

## The Church of God

By: RL Whiteside

A study of the word used by the Holy Spirit to designate this institution will help us to understand more fully what it is and to see more clearly its boundary lines. It has helped me.



The Greek word is ekklesia. This word occurs in classic Greek. With the Greeks it had no religious significance. It means "the called-out," and was applied to any kind of a crowd or assembly of people. It is used a few times in this sense in the New Testament. In Acts, 19th chapter, we have an account of the confusion resulting from Paul's preaching in Ephesus. A raging mob cried, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." "Some, therefore, cried one thing and some another: for the assembly (ekklesia) was confused." (V.

32) Here it is applied to a howling mob. In the speech of the town clerk, he refers to "a lawful assembly (ekklesia) or court." After his speech "he dismissed the assembly (ekklesia)". Here again it applies to the mob. These references will

help us to understand Stephen's use of the word in Acts 7:38, referring to the congregation of Israel in the wilderness. They were literally "called out" of Egypt, and any writer of classic Greek might have legitimately used this word (ekklesia) in referring to them.

But why should the Savior use this word to designate his followers? It is believed, of course, that he used it because it

expressed exactly the meaning he wished to convey. Are his followers "called out" of anything? Jesus says:

*"If ye were of the world the world would love its own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."*

**John 15:19**

They were called out from the world, not physically, but spiritually and morally. In this sense are they the called out. Hence the use of the word ekklesia in referring to them. Christ's followers form a class to themselves, differing from everything else. They are in the world, but not of the world. (James 1:27) "Be ye separate." They have been translated out of darkness into the kingdom of Christ. (Col. 1:13) There are two classes in the world, viz., those in the kingdom of Christ and those in the kingdom of darkness, the saved and the unsaved. Every one who has obeyed the Savior's invitation to come to him has crossed the line that separates the kingdom of darkness from the kingdom of light. He has been called out of darkness into light, and is therefore one of the "called out." He is therefore a part, a member, of the church, the ekklesia. He is then a member of the only church God ever designed that people should be members of.

If, dear reader, you have been called out of darkness into light, I beseech you to live in harmony with that fact. "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." (2 Cor. 6:14) "Keep yourself unspotted from the world." (James 1:27)

*"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."*

**Eph 5:11**

Imitate Paul:

*"But God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the*

*world is crucified unto me and I unto the world."* Gal. 6:14

*"Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed."*

**Rom. 12:2**

*"Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good."*

**Rom. 12:9**

That unceasing warfare that these passages demand has not been kept up against the world. The church in many places has

ceased fighting and has undertaken the job of entertaining the world by music and dancing, kissing bees, fairs, suppers, etc. It would be a ridiculous sight for one army to stop in the thickest of the fight to entertain the enemy by music and dancing. This is just what the church has done in many places. In some places there has been a courtship goin on between the church and the world until the mar-

riage has been completed. Satan has skillfully managed the courting and now performs the ceremony. The church has prepared the marriage feast, and together they are making merry, while demons of darkness are dancing to the music of professed Christians. The whole company is drunk on the wine of Babylon.

RLW

***Every one who has obeyed the Savior's invitation to come to him has crossed the line that separates the kingdom of darkness from the kingdom of light.***

## CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### Announcements

#### Birthdays this month:

Jerry Witt	4
Skylar Daniels	11
Bob Calvert	13
Hannah Baker	14
Jesse Cyrus	15
Earl Baker	22
Ed Brown	22
Bev Cyrus	27

#### Anniversaries this month:

Doris and Arnold Miller	16
-------------------------	----

Tell an out-of-town friend to sign up for an e-Bulletin, and they can have an e-Bulletin delivered to their email inbox every week!



Check out our new online bulletin board for the congregation. On this bulletin board you can make announcements, ask for prayers, and discuss questions. You can find the bulletin board at:

[www.panachurch.com/bb](http://www.panachurch.com/bb)



**Hickory Estates Singing Night will be held on February 26, 2009 at 6:30 pm.**

**READ AND STUDY YOUR BIBLE DAILY!**

*"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels"*

(Prov 1:5)

