## Millions have already fallen for this very common deception! Have YOU?

# SCAM ALERT

## If you are a victim of this SCAM It's not too late!



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### You Have to Read This!

If you're anything like me, the first thing you will do is quickly scan this information to see what the scam may be, or if this letter itself is just a clever marketing gimmick designed to sell you some worthless product. Rest assured; I have nothing to sell you and this is definitely not junk-mail. I do, however, have some incredibly important information to share with you about one of the most widespread and successful scams ever pulled off, and one that is still being bought today by millions of intelligent, well-meaning and sincere people. I should know, I believed it myself. The target group of this scam is Christians, and the mastermind behind the scam is the devil himself. If you are a Christian, as I am, please read all of this information carefully, as everything I'm about to share with you is completely and easily verifiable through a careful, objective study of the Word of God. **2 Timothy 3:16,17** says, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

## What's the Scam About?

As I mentioned earlier, this scam is ultimately the work of the devil himself. Satan, whose name means, "adversary" has been using this particular scam to strike a devastating blow to the relationships between God and His people for generations. The enemy of our souls knows that if he successfully sabotages this relationship, not only will we be lost, but our destruction will grieve his greatest enemy, God Himself.

The scam has to do with God's Ten Commandment Law, which is central to our relationship with Him. In fact, He gave this Law to humanity in order to instruct us as to how we should live and function within the scope of two classes of relationships; our relationship with God and our relationships with each other. The Ten Commandments can be found in **Exodus 20:1-17.** The first four commandments deal specifically with our relationship with God, and the last six deal with our relationships with each other.

Jesus sums up the entire Ten Commandment Law in two great commandments. He says in Matthew 22:37-40, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Before we get into the specifics of this scam that concerns God's Ten Commandment Law, let's briefly explore what the Bible tells us about this Law.

## A Few Facts about God's Law

#### It was carved into stone by the very finger of God. This symbolizes its eternal nature.

Deuteronomy 9:10 "The LORD gave me two stone tablets inscribed by the finger of God. On them were all the commandments the LORD proclaimed to you on the mountain out of the fire, on the day of the assembly."

#### Jesus tells us it has not been changed or abolished, nor will it ever be.

Matthew 5:17,18 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished."

# Under God's New Covenant, His Law should reside, not on tablets of stone, but on our hearts.

Jeremiah 31:31,33 "The time is coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah..... "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people."

#### Jesus tells us, that if we love Him, we will keep His Commandments

- John 14:15 "If you love me, keep my commandments."
- John 14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me."

#### It helps us to recognize sin, and to break any of its commandments is, by definition, sin.

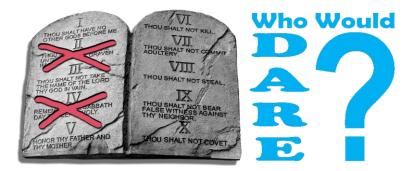
- Romans 3:20 "Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin."
- > 1 John 3:4 "Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness."

#### If we intentionally continue to sin by breaking God's Law, we cannot be saved.

Hebrews 10:26,27 "If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God."

#### God warns that a deceptive religio-political power will try to change His Law.

Daniel 7:25 " He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws."



Believe it or not, this deceptive power mentioned in Daniel 7 and Revelation 13, as well as many other places in Scripture, has been quite successful in his attempt to scam most sincere Christians into believing that the changes he has insidiously imposed on God's Law are legitimate and God-approved. Two **unauthorized** changes have been made to God's Law since it was inscribed by the finger of God and given to Moses. One of those changes is accepted only by the Catholic Church: the total removal of the Second Commandment, which forbids the making and worshiping of idols. Though this is a serious issue, I won't deal with it in this limited space, simply because it has been accepted by very few Protestant Christians. However, the other commandment that was tampered with will be the topic of our study as we uncover what's at the heart of this diabolical scam. You can be certain, though, that God has not been sitting idly by as the enemy has been plying his trade, but has been busy warning and equipping His people to **recognize** and **avoid** these dangerous snares!

## **The Sabbath**

Remember the quote from Daniel 7:25? God said this deceptive power would "think to change times and laws." The only commandment in God's Law that deals with time is the Fourth Commandment. Notice this commandment in its entirety below.

#### Exodus 20:8-11 (NKJV)

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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."

You may be wondering why the devil would attack this particular commandment. Take a few moments and look over all ten commandments, and you will notice that the Sabbath commandment is God's authoritative seal for the entire Law, in that it is the only one that contains three major elements: God's name, The Lord (Yahweh); His title, Creator; His dominion, the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them. This commandment provides the reason why the Lord has the authority to issue all the other commandments; it unmistakably identifies God as our Creator, Who alone is worthy of our worship and our love-motivated obedience.

Even a casual reading of Scripture reveals that the Sabbath is very important to God, and it should also be very important to those who desire a close, personal relationship with Him. You see, God created the Sabbath day, blessed it, and made it holy for a very important reason: **because He loves us!** He Who created us knows that properly observing the Sabbath will nurture, strengthen, and protect, both our relationship with Him, and our relationships with each other! It only makes sense that He placed it in the middle of the Decalogue and made sure to begin this commandment with the word, **"Remember."** In fact, after Moses had received the commandments on Mount Sinai and was about to go back down the mountain to the waiting people, God told him yet again, **"You must observe my Sabbaths**.

This will be a <u>sign between me and you</u> for the generations to come, <u>so you may know that I</u> <u>am the Lord</u>, who makes you holy."(Exodus 31:12)

## The Scam Exposed!

Even though the wording of the commandment has never been changed, the devil, through the beast power of Daniel 7 and Revelation 13, has been quite successful in convincing most Christians today to **forget** the very commandment that God specifically urges us to **remember!** It's true, isn't it? Most Christians today will strongly agree that we should keep **nine** of the ten commandments, but very few think keeping the Sabbath day holy is important. In fact, it is usually treated as any other day. Chances are good that you, dear reader, have fallen for this scam.

Do you obey God's commandment to keep the Sabbath holy? When I first learned about it, and carefully studied the Word of God, I discovered that there is absolutely no biblical support for neglecting this important commandment. I had been scammed! There is not a single passage taken in context that even suggests that God has rescinded or changed the Fourth Commandment, but I have listed below only a few of the **many** that reinforce its importance.

## What the Bible says about the Sabbath

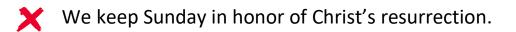
- God blessed the Sabbath day and set it aside for holy purposes at creation. (Genesis 2:1,2)
- Scripture tell us we will continue to keep the Sabbath in the earth made new. (Isaiah 66:23)
- Jesus, His disciples, and the apostles kept the Sabbath. (Luke 4:16; Acts 16:13; Acts 17:2)
- The disciples of Jesus wouldn't even break the Sabbath to embalm His body after His crucifixion, but "rested in obedience to the commandment." (Luke 23:56)
- The Sabbath Commandment is the seal of God's perfect, immutable, and holy Law. (Exodus 20:8-11)
- Keeping the Sabbath has always been, and is even now, a matter of trust in God, and a test of the faithfulness and loyalty of His people. (Exodus 16; Hebrews 4:1-11)
- Not only is the Sabbath a joy and delight to God's people who keep it holy, it is also representative of the spiritual rest we now find in Christ, as well as the eternal rest in the form of eternal life we will receive at His Second Coming. (Isaiah 58:13,14; Hebrews 4)
- As with any other commandment of God, breaking the Sabbath commandment constitutes sin. (1 John 3:4; James 2:10)

## What day is the Biblical Sabbath?

Contrary to popular belief, the biblical Sabbath is the seventh day of the week, Saturday. This is the day that God blessed and sanctified at Creation, making it holy (Genesis 2:2,3). This is the very same day Jesus Himself kept holy and is the same day the entire Jewish nation continues to observe as the Sabbath. No knowledgeable, honest pastor would ever dispute this fact.

## Why, then, do most Christians worship on Sunday?

When asked this question, most pastors will offer one of the following reasons, none of which is supported by Scripture as a valid reason for changing a commandment of God.



- Sunday is "the Lord's Day" mentioned in Revelation chapter one.
- Y Pentecost was on a Sunday



- Paul asked his church to collect an offering on the first day of the week.
- X The disciples gathered on the first day to break bread.

Please, don't think I'm suggesting that pastors are *intentionally* trying to mislead their congregations. I don't believe that. The fact is that a number of pastors, when confronted with this truth, went back and carefully studied what the Bible has to say about the Sabbath, and, soon after, began to teach and preach what you are reading right now. Most Christians have been keeping Sunday for so long that few people, even pastors, question the reason why. They just assume it must be biblical or that it doesn't really matter. But, clearly, if any words in the Bible matter, God's Ten Commandment Law certainly does!



## The Real Reason for Sunday Worship

Remember that beast power of Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 I keep mentioning? Remember God said through His prophet that in the last days, this power would "seek to change times and laws"? This blasphemous power has claimed to have transferred the solemnity, or holiness, of God's true Sabbath, the seventh day, to Sunday, the first day. Notice below only a couple of many similar statements from prominent leaders of the Catholic Church.

Leo J. Trese, The Faith of Millions, pp. 400: "Nothing is said in the bible about the change of the Lord's Day from Saturday to Sunday. We know of the change only from the tradition of the church. That is why we find so illogical the attitude of many nonCatholics, who say they will believe nothing unless they find it in the bible and yet will continue to keep Sunday as the Lord's Day on the say of the Catholic Church."

<u>Cardinal Gibbons, Catholic Mirror, December 23, 1893:</u> "Reason and sense demand the acceptance of one or the other of these two alternatives; either Protestantism and the keeping holy of Saturday, or Catholicity and the keeping holy of Sunday. Compromise is impossible."

As you can clearly see, the Catholic Church makes no apologies for her veneration of Sunday over God's Sabbath. However, the actual change was first made by pagan Rome when Emperor Constantine, in 321 AD, issued the first "Sunday law," and officially proclaimed the "Venerable Day of the Sun" holy in place of the biblical Sabbath. He did this in an effort to distance Christianity from Judaism, and to make it easier for pagan sun- worshippers to convert to the new state religion. Papal Rome has continued this unbiblical tradition ever since. What's more interesting is the fact that, even after the Protestant Reformation, those who broke away from the Catholic Church because of her unbiblical doctrines still kept Sunday holy instead of Sabbath without a single shred of biblical support! This fact prompted the following true statement.

**Plain Talks for Protestants, p. 213:** "The observance of Sunday by Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the Catholic Church."

## **Does It Really Matter?**

Absolutely! Speaking of avoiding the Mark of the Beast in the end days, Revelation 14:12 says, "This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints <u>who obey the</u> <u>commandments of God</u> and <u>remain faithful to Jesus."</u> Not only is the Sabbath a fundamental commandment of God which serves to strengthen our relationship with Him and points to Him as Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer; it is also an important part of worshiping Him "in Spirit and in Truth."

Facing life and death consequences, Peter and the other apostles boldly insist in Acts 5:29, "We must obey God rather than men!" And Jesus is clear in Mark 7:9-13 that we should never allow tradition to supersede the clear Word of God!

## Will People Who Keep Sunday be Lost?

I've had several people ask me about their loved ones who have died, faithful Christians but didn't keep the true Sabbath. Would God hold this against them? **NO!** God only holds us accountable for the truth we know--not for what we don't know. Paul tells us in **Acts 17:30**, "In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent." That said, He does expect us to always **seek after truth**; and by faith, **walk in that truth.** 

Sadly though, I've encountered some people who sincerely believe that "ignorance is bliss"; they think that if they don't know, even though they've had ample opportunity to know a certain truth of God's Word, they won't be held accountable. This is a spiritually dangerous practice the Bible strongly warns against. Speaking of Gentile sinners, Paul writes in **Ephesians 4:18**, "They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them <u>due to the hardening of their hearts.</u>"

Paul here, is talking about **deliberate** ignorance. Besides all this, keeping the Sabbath holy will bring us closer to Christ; after all, the Sabbath is not about worshiping a day; it's about worshiping our Creator!

## I Think I Fell for This Scam! What Now?

Chances are, whether you're a curious non-believer, a new believer, a life-long Christian, or a pastor, you have read in this brief paper something you haven't considered before. The purpose of this flyer is simply to make you aware of this scam. What you choose to do with this information is obviously up to you. But I would encourage you to do what I did twentyseven years ago, when I was first tipped off about this scam; prayerfully, carefully and objectively study the Word of God for yourself! Isaiah 8:20 says, "To the law and to the Testimony, if they speak not according to this word, there is no light in them."

## You're Not Alone!

Every day, more and more Christians are being made aware of this scam and are taking the necessary steps to break free from its deception. After earnest prayer and careful study, many have realized they can no longer allow tradition to supplant clear, biblical truth. Today, there are more than 22 million Sabbath-keeping Christians worldwide. I'm a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, located at **2045** South Halifax Road, right here in Rocky Mount. The 'Seventh-day' part of our denominational name simply means we keep the biblical seventh day Sabbath, while 'advent' means 'coming' or 'long-awaited arrival.' Together, our name indicates that we are Sabbath-keeping Christians, eagerly awaiting the imminent, glorious Second Coming of Jesus Christ! We would like to send you much more information on this subject at no cost to you, so that you will have all the resources you need to make an informed decision. And, of course, you're more than welcome to visit us any Saturday morning between 10AM and 12PM, and join us for worship!

We would love to send you a free, in depth Bible study on the Sabbath, provide biblical support for all the points made in this paper, and address any questions you may have via this email address: **Scamalertanswers@gmail.com**. You can also send a written request to **Scam Alert, PO Box 7636, Rocky Mount, NC 27804.** To learn even more, sign up for free Bible studies, and receive a free gift, be sure and visit **sabbathtruth.com**! We pray, that if nothing else, this little paper becomes a springboard that launches you into a deeper and more comprehensive study of the Word of God!

