THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK

WAS THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK MADE THE SABBATH, AFTER THE NEW COVENANT WENT INTO EFFECT.?

Great events on the first day of the week.

Gen.1,1-5. The creation in six days, began on the first day of the week. God rested the seventh day.

Moses

Ex.12.2. God giving instructions to just before He delivered them from Egytian bondage, said, "This month shall be unto you, the beginning o of months; It shall be the first month of the year to you." The passover was to be eaten on the fourteenth day of the month, which would be the seventh day of the second week. And they were to begin the journey the next day, which would be the first day of the third week. The Children of Israel came to Mt. Sinish. Moses was there on the Mount forty days and nights when God gave him the tables of the covenant, the ten commandment also Known as the Law of Moses. Which is thought to be the day of Pentecost, by Historians. Fifty days after thefeast of the passover.--Lev.23,15 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath shall be complete: V 16 even after the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the Lord.-They were to ~~offer~~ wave a sheaf offering beforethe Lord o on the first day of the feast of the passover, then on the fiftieth day following, they were to offer the ripe grain, and this day was later known as the day of Pentecost, (meaning fifty) and was the first day of the week. The passover on the fourteenth day of the first month, then fifty days later would be the first day of another week, The day of Pentecost.

Then we come to the new testament, Ac.2 beginning at the first verse, when the day of Pentecost was fully comethey (the disciples-Apostles) were with one accord in one place. As Jesus had instructed them, Ac1,4 And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father (The Holy-Ghost) which saith He, ye have heard of me. V8 But ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses of me both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem, and Samaria, and unto all the uttermost parts of the earth, This was the first day of the week, the First, or the beginning of the Gospel of Christ, the first day that salvation was offered through the blood of Christ, the beginning of the new Covenant. They began to lay down the terms of salvation, bind on earth, loose on earth, and it would be bound or loosed in heaven, as was promised the apostles Mt.16,15-18 And I will give unto the thee keys of the kingdom, and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in Heavem. Also Jn.20,22,23 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said, Receive ye the Holy Ghost; Whosoever sins ye remit they are remitted unto them, and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. This power came upon them in Ac.2 And they began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance, they ~~th~~ declared unto the Jews that they had taken, Jesus Christ the Son of God, by wicked hands and had crucified Him, that God had raised Him from the dead, they were convinced, and said, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Peter using the keys of the kingdom said, Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the Name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, For the promise is unto you and your children and ~~as many~~ all that are afar off. Ac.2,38. Then in verse 41 They that gladly received his word were baptised, and there were added unto them about three thousand souls. Verse 47 And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved

There, the greatest event in the history of the human race, was declared the resurrection of Christ (which took place on the first day of the week) Salvation from the guilt of sin was offered and accepted, by three thousand, the first fruits of the Spiritual harvest was offered and accepted of God.

Verse 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine, and in fellowship, and in breakihg of bread, and in prayers.

In breaking of Bread, comemerating the death of Christ, as He commanded them on the night He was betrayed, while keepingthe feast of the passover. Recorded in Mt.26,26-29--Mk.14,22,25--Lu.22,17-20-- 1 Cor.11, 23-34. And let us not forget 1 Cor. ~~10~~ 5,7 For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us, Let us therefore keep the feast, not with old leaven, ~~but~~ neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavenened bread of sincerity and truth, And then we read in Ac.20,7 That the disciples came together on the first day of the week to break bread. And Paul was present and preached to them. Another confirmation of the early Christians meetings is 1 Cor.16,1&2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by in store, as the Lord hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come, This contribution was for the purpose of helping the Poor saints at Jerusalem, Ac.11,27-29. Rev.1,10 Was designated as the Lord's day, by Bible students. Not as a Sabbath, but as a memorial of the death of our saviour.

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Another important item to remember is recorded in Heb.10,25-29 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together,as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another:and so much the more as ye see the day approaching.For if we sin wilfully after we have once received the knowledge of the truth,there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin.But a fearful lookforward to of fiery indignation that shall devour the adversary.-- And continues that if we forsake the assembly we have trodden underfoot the Son of God,counted the blood of the covenant an unholy thing,and done d despite to the Spirit of Grace.--Did the ones who refused to believe on Jesus Christ,then crucified Him after they had seen the wonderful works and miracles He had performed?-Did they do any worse than the things mentioned above? Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, Ac.20,7 they met to break bread,the first converts continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine,fellowship and breaking of bread. 1Cor.11,26 For as oft as ye eat of this bread and drink of this cup.ye do shew the Lord's death till He come,Lu 22,19 This do in remembrance of me.

He died that our sins might be forgiven,blotted out,remembered against us no more,Tit.2,14 Who gave Himself for us,that he might ~~purify to~~ redeem us from all iniquity,and purify to Himself a peculiar people zealous of good works.-Col.1,13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness,and hath translated us into the kingdom of God's dear Son,In whom we have redemption through His blood,even the forgiveness of sins.

1Cor.10,16 The cup of blessing which we bless,is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread we break,is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being one bread and one body, ~~are~~ For we a are all partakers of that one bread.When we come to the breaking of bread we in spirit go back to calvary,and think of His death Remember that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins Heb.9,22.

When we were converted we were made to realize that Christ died in order that we might receive the remission of our sins,and then each first day of the week,we come together and renew the memory of His death

The Jews were to keep the Sabbath day in remembrance of their deliverance from egyptian bondage,they Kept the feast of the Passover in remembrance of the night the death angel passed over them and smote the first born in every Egyptian family.So we ,as Christ is our Passove, come together on the first day of the week and keep His death in remembrance.

The Jewish Sabbath was a day of rest.We are looking forward to an eternal rest,Heb.4,1 Let us therefore fear,lest a promise of entering into that rest,some of you should come short of it.-verse 9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.Versell Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest.

Christ was under the first covenant(the old testament)and is the only one who kept it perfectly.He nailed it to the cross and took it out of the way Col.2,14 Blotted out the hand writing of the ordinances that was against us,which was contrary to us,and took it out of the way, Nailing it to His cross.Heb.7,18 For there is verily a disanulling of commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof, For the law (of Moses)made nothing perfect,but the bringing in of a better hope did(the New Covenant)by the which we draw nigh unto God.

The Apostles were under the old covenant until Christ took it out of the way and the New went into effect on the day of Pentecost Ac2. They and Christ healed the sick,cleansed the lepers and did many wonderful w works on the sabbath day,But no where do we find themcommanding those converted under the new covenant commanded to keep the sabbath,nor do we find that the first day of the week referred to as a sabbath. The apostles held the keys of the kingdom,had power to bind,or loose on earth, and it be bound or loosed in heaven,also power to lay down the conditions of pardon from sin.They were made administers of God's will 2 Cor,3,6 And Paul informs us in 1 Cor,14,3,7 If any man think himself to be a prophet or Spiritual,Let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you,are the commandments of GodAnd Peter in His second epistle verse 1 of the second chapter,This second epistle,beloved,both (the first and second)in which I stir up your ~~min~~ pure minds by way of remembrance,That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the Holy prophets,and the commandments of us the apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The apostles taught and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Let us take heed unto the things which they have revealed unto us, Eph.3,4 Whereby when ye read,ye may understand my knowledge in the mysteries of Christ.Which in other ages was not made known to the sons of man,as is now revealed unto us by His holy apostles and prophets,by the Spirit.

Let us give diligence to make our calling sure.Let us have grace whereby we may serve Him acceptably with reverance and Godly fear.

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