

Sixty Bible Facts Concerning The Seventh Day

1. After working the first six days of the week in creating this earth, the great God rested on the seventh day. [Genesis 2:1-3](#)
2. This stamped that day as God's rest, or Sabbath day, as Sabbath day means rest day. To illustrate: When a person is born on a certain day, that day thus becomes his *birthday*. So when God rested upon the seventh day, that day became His rest, or Sabbath day.
3. Therefore the seventh day must always be God's Sabbath day. Can you change your birthday from the day on which you were born, to one on which you were not born? No. Neither can you change God's rest day to a day on which He did not rest or ended his work. Hence the seventh day is still God's Sabbath day.
4. The Creator blessed the seventh day. [Genesis 2:3](#)
5. He sanctified the seventh day. [Exodus 20:11](#).
6. He made it the Sabbath day in the garden of Eden. [Genesis 2:1-3](#)
7. It was made before the fall; hence it is not a type; for types were not introduced till after the fall.
8. Jesus says it was made for *man* ([Mark 2:27](#)); that is, for the race, as the word man is here unlimited; hence, for the Gentile as well as for the Jews.
9. It is a memorial of creation. [Exodus 20:11; 31:17](#). Every time we rest upon the seventh day, as God did at creation, we commemorate that grand event.
10. It was given to Adam, that head of the human race. [Mark 2:27; Genesis 2:1-3](#).
11. Hence through him, as our representative, to all nations. [Acts 17:26](#).
12. It is not a Jewish institution; for it was made 2300 years before ever there was a Jew.
13. The Bible never calls it the Jewish Sabbath; but always, 'the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.' Men should be cautious how they stigmatize God's holy rest day.
14. Evident reference is made to the Sabbath all through the patriarchal age. [Genesis 2:1-3; 8:10, 12; 29:27, 28](#) etc.
15. It was a part of God's law before Sinai. [Exodus 16:4, 27-29](#).
16. Then God placed it in the heart of His moral law. [Exodus 20:1-17](#). Why did He place it there if it was not like the other nine precepts, which all admit to be immutable?
17. The seventh-day Sabbath was commanded by the voice of the living God. [Deuteronomy 4:12, 13](#).
18. Then He wrote the commandment with His own finger. [Exodus 31:18](#).
19. He engraved it in the enduring stone, indicating its imperishable nature. [Deuteronomy 5:22](#).
20. It was sacredly preserved in the ark in the holy of holies. [Deuteronomy 10:1-5](#).
21. God forbade work upon the Sabbath, even in the most hurrying times. [Exodus 34:21](#).
22. God destroyed the Israelites in the wilderness because they profaned the Sabbath. [Ezekiel 20:12, 13](#).

23. It is the sign of the true God, by which we are to know Him from false gods. [Ezekiel 20:20](#).
24. God promised that Jerusalem should stand forever if the Jews would keep the Sabbath. [Jeremiah 17:24, 25](#).
25. He sent them into Babylonish captivity for breaking it. [Nehemiah 13:18](#).
26. He destroyed Jerusalem for its violation. [Jeremiah 17:27](#).
27. God has pronounced a special blessing on all the Gentiles who will keep it. [Isaiah 56:6, 7](#).
28. This is in the prophecy which refers wholly to the Christian dispensation. See [Isaiah 56](#).
29. God has promised to bless any man who will keep the Sabbath. [Isaiah 56:2](#).
30. The Lord requires us to call it '*honorable*.' [Isaiah 58:13](#). Beware, ye who take delight in calling it the 'old Jewish Sabbath,' 'a yoke of bondage,' etc.
31. After the holy Sabbath has been trodden down 'many generations,' it is to be restored in the last days. [Isaiah 58:12, 13](#).
32. All the holy prophets kept the seventh day.
33. When the Son of God came, He kept the seventh day all His life. [Luke 4:16; John 15:10](#). Thus He followed His Father's example at creation. Shall we not be safe in following the example of both the Father and the Son?
34. The seventh day is the Lord's day. See [Revelation 1:10; Mark 2:28; Isaiah 58:13; Exodus 20:10](#).
35. Jesus was Lord of the Sabbath ([Mark 2:28](#)); that is, to love and protect it, as the husband is the lord of the wife, to love and cherish here. [1 Peter 3:6](#).
36. He vindicated the Sabbath as a merciful institution designed for man's good. [Mark 2:23-28](#).
37. Instead of abolishing the Sabbath, He carefully taught how it should be observed. [Matthew 12:1-13](#).
38. He taught His disciples that they should do nothing upon the Sabbath day but what was '*lawful*.' [Matthew 12:12](#).
39. He instructed His apostles that the Sabbath should be prayerfully regarded 40 years after His resurrection. [Matthew 24:20](#).
40. The pious women who had been with Jesus carefully kept the seventh day after His death. [Luke 23:56](#).
41. Thirty years after Christ's resurrection, the Holy Spirit expressly calls it '*the Sabbath day*.' [Acts 13:14](#).
42. Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, called it 'the Sabbath day' in A. D. 45. [Acts 13:27](#). Did not Paul know? Or shall we believe modern teachers, who affirm that it ceased to be the Sabbath at the resurrection of Christ?
43. Luke, the inspired Christian historian, writing as late as A. D. 62, calls it 'the Sabbath day.' [Acts 13:44](#).
44. The Gentile converts called it the Sabbath. [Acts 13:42](#).
45. In the great Christian council. A. D. 52, in the presence of the apostles and thousands of disciples, James calls it the "Sabbath day." [Acts 15:21](#).
46. It was customary to hold prayer meetings upon the day. [Acts 16:13](#).
47. Paul read the scriptures in public meetings on that day. [Acts 17:2, 3](#).
48. It was his custom to preach upon that day. [Acts 17:2](#).
49. The book of Acts alone gives a record of his holding eighty-four meetings upon that day. See [Acts 13:14, 44; 16:13; 17:2; 18:4, 11](#).

50. There was never any dispute between the Christians and the Jews about the Sabbath day. This is proof that the Christians still observed the same day that the Jews did.
51. In all their accusations against Paul, they never charged him with disregarding the Sabbath day. Why did they not, if he did not keep it?
52. But Paul himself expressly declared that he had kept the law. 'Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all.' [Acts 25:8](#). How could this be true if he had not kept the Sabbath?
53. The Sabbath is mentioned in the New Testament 59 times, and always with respect, bearing the same title it had in the Old Testament, '*the Sabbath day*.'
54. Not a word is said anywhere in the New Testament about the Sabbath's being abolished, done away, changed, or anything of the kind.
55. God has never given permission to any man to work upon it. Reader, by what authority do you use the seventh day for common labor?
56. No Christian of the New Testament, either before or after the resurrection ever did ordinary work upon the seventh day. Find one case of that kind, and we will yield the question. Why should modern Christians do differently from Bible Christians?
57. There is no record that God has ever removed His blessing or sanctification from the Seventh day.
58. As the Sabbath was kept in Eden before the fall, so it will be observed eternally in the new earth after the restitution. [Isaiah 66:22, 23](#).
59. The seventh-day Sabbath was an important part of the law of God, as it came from His own mouth, and was written by His own finger upon stone at Sinai. See [Exodus 20](#). When Jesus began His work, He expressly declared that He had not come to destroy the law. "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets." [Matthew 5:17](#).
60. Jesus severely condemned the Pharisees as hypocrites for pretending to love God, while at the same time they made void one of the Ten Commandments by their tradition. The keeping of Sunday is only a tradition of men.

"Here you now have 60 plain Bible facts presented to you concerning the seventh day. What will you do with them?"

Forty Bible Facts Concerning The First Day of the Week

1. The very first thing recorded in the Bible is work done on Sunday, the first day of the week. [Genesis 1:1-5](#).
2. God commanded men to work upon the first day of the week. [Exodus 20:8-11](#). Is it wrong to obey God?
3. None of the patriarchs ever kept it.
4. None of the holy prophets ever kept it.

5. By the express command of God, His holy people used the first day of the week as a common working day for 4,000 years, at least.
6. God Himself calls it a 'working' day. [Ezekiel 46:1](#).
7. God did not rest upon it.
8. He never blessed it.
9. Christ did not rest upon it.
10. Jesus was a carpenter ([Mark 6:3](#)), and worked at His trade until He was 30 years old. He kept the Sabbath and worked six days in the week, as all admit. Hence He did many a hard day's work on Sunday.
11. The apostles worked upon it during the same time.
12. The apostles never rested upon it.
13. Christ never blessed it.
14. It has never been blessed by any divine authority.
15. It has never been sanctified.
16. No law was ever given to enforce the keeping of it, hence it is no transgression to work upon it. 'For where no law is, there is no transgression.' [Romans 4:15](#); ([1 John 3:4](#).)
17. The New Testament nowhere forbids work to be done on it.
18. No penalty is provided for its violation.
19. No blessing is promised for its observance.
20. No regulation is given as to how it ought to be observed. Would this be so if the Lord wished us to keep it?
21. It is never called the Christian Sabbath.
22. It is never called the Sabbath day at all.
23. It is never called the Lord's day.
24. It is never called even a rest day.
25. No sacred title whatever is applied to it. Then why should we call it holy?
26. It is simply called the 'first day of the week.'
27. Jesus never mentioned it in any way, never took its name upon His lips, so far as the record shows.
28. The word Sunday never occurs in the Bible at all.
29. Neither God, Christ, nor inspired men, ever said one word in favor as Sunday as a holy day.
30. The first day of the week is mentioned only eight times in all the New Testament. [Matthew 28:1](#); [Mark 16:2, 9](#) [Luke 24:1](#); [John 20:1, 19](#); [Acts 20:7](#); [1 Corinthians 16:2](#).
31. Six of these texts refer to the same first day of the week.
32. Paul directed the saints to look over their secular affairs on that day. [1 Corinthians 16:2](#).
33. In all the New Testament we have a record of only one religious meeting held upon that day, and even this was a night meeting. [Acts 20:5-12](#).
34. There is not an intimation that they ever held a meeting upon it before or after that.
35. It was not their custom to meet on that day.
36. There was no requirement to break bread on that day.
37. We have an account of only one instance in which it was done. [Acts 20:7](#).
38. That was done in the night - after midnight. [Verses 7-11](#). Jesus celebrated it on Thursday evening (Luke 22), and the disciples sometimes did it every day. [Acts 2:42-46](#).

39. The Bible nowhere says that the first day of the week commemorates the resurrection of Christ. This is a tradition of men, which makes void the law of God. [Matthew 15:1-9](#). Baptism commemorates the burial and resurrection of Jesus. [Romans 6:3-5](#).
40. Finally, the New Testament is totally silent with regard to any change of the Sabbath or any sacredness for the first day.

Here are 100 plain Bible facts upon this question, showing conclusively that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord is both the Old and New Testament.

We need to understand that the keeping of Sunday is not biblical. That it is rooted exclusively in Catholic Doctrine.

The Catholic Position on the Matter

The Protestants have no scripture for the measure of their day of rest; that they abolish the observance of Saturday without warrant of Scripture; that they substitute Sunday in its place without Scriptural authority; consequently, that for all this, they have only traditional authority . . . Hence we must conclude, that the Scripture, which does not teach these things clearly, does not contain all necessary truths, and, consequently, cannot be the only rule of faith." - Rev. Stephen Keenan, *Doctrinal Catechism*, p.354, 355.

The Catholic church claims power by stating "Had she not such power . . . she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week for Saturday, the seventh day, a change for which there is no scriptural authority." - *Doctrinal Catechism*, p. 174 (*Roman Catholic*).

There is no such law in the bible to keep Sunday holy. It is a law of the holy Catholic Church alone. The Bible says 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.' The Catholic Church says, No. by my divine power I abolish the Sabbath day and command you to keep holy the first day of the week. And lo! The entire civilized world bows down in reverent obedience to the command of the Holy Catholic Church." - *Thomas Enright, CSSR, President Redemptorist College (Roman Catholic), Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 18, 1864.*

"Sunday is a Catholic institution, and its claims to observance can be defended only on Catholic principles . . . [From beginning to end of Scripture there is not a single passage that warrants the transfer of weekly public worship](#) from the last day of the week to the first." - *The Catholic Press, Sydney, Australia, August, 1900.*

Protestants . . . accept Sunday rather than Saturday as the day for public worship after the Catholic Church made the change . . . But the Protestant mind does not seem to realize that . . . in observing the Sunday, they are accepting the authority of the spokesman for the church, the Pope." - *Our Sunday Visitor*, February 5, 1950.

Not the Creator of the Universe, In Genesis 2:1-3 – but the Catholic Church "can claim the honor of having a granted man a pause to his work every seven days." - S.D. Mosna, *Storia della Domenica*, 1969, Pages 366-367.

"We Catholics, then, have precisely the same authority for keeping Sunday holy instead of Saturday as we have for every other article of our creed, namely, the authority of the Church . . . whereas you who are Protestants have really no authority for it whatever; for there is no authority for it (Sunday sacredness) in the Bible, and you will not allow that there can be authority for it anywhere else. Both you and we do, in fact, follow tradition in this matter; but we follow it believing it to be a part of God's word, and the (Catholic) Church to be its divine appointed guardian and interpreter; you follow it (the Catholic Church), denouncing it all the time as a fallible and treacherous guide, which often 'makes the commandments of God of none effect' quoting Matthew 15:6." - The Brotherhood of St. Paul, *The Clifton Tracts*, Vol. 4, tract 4, page 15.

"The Church changed the observance of the Sabbath to Sunday by right of the divine, infallible authority given to her by her founder, Jesus Christ. The Protestant claiming the Bible to be the only guide of faith, has no warrant for observing Sunday. In this matter the Seventh-day Adventist is the only consistent Protest." -*The Catholic Universe Bulletin*, August 14, 1942, page 4.