

The Holy Ghost
Lesson 5
The Sabbath Rest

Over the last four lessons of our Bible study series on the Holy Ghost, we have covered the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Holy Ghost that was to come and their fulfillment in the New Testament, how the receiving of the Holy Ghost comes into a person with the evidence of speaking with another tongue as the Spirit gives the utterance, the difference between the receiving of the Holy Ghost and the gifts of the Holy Ghost, how one receives the free gift of the Holy Ghost, and that the Holy Ghost is not a one time experience. We also learned that the true seed of Abraham are they which are of faith, and have been born of water and of the Spirit according to Acts 2:38.

In this final lesson of our Bible study series on the Holy Ghost, we will be discussing how the Sabbath day rest was only a type and a shadow of the spiritual rest that was to be found in Christ. For the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

The establishing of the Sabbath day rest.....

Exodus 20:8-11

8 Remember the sabbath day, **to keep it holy.**

9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 But the **seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God:** in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and **rested the seventh day:** wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Who the Sabbath day rest was for and why.....

Exodus 31:13-17

13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: **for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.**

14 Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it **shall surely be put to death**: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

15 Six days may work be done; but in **the seventh is the sabbath of rest**, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, **he shall surely be put to death**.

16 Wherefore **the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath**, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.

17 **It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever**: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day **he rested, and was refreshed**.

Therefore.....

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

12 **Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it**, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee.

13 Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work:

14 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: **in it thou shalt not do any work, thou**, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou.

15 And **remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt**, and that the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: **therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day**.

As you can see the Sabbath Day was made for man. It was a covenant between the children of Israel and God. The purposes in the keeping of the Sabbath day of rest was to remind the children of Israel: 1) That in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day **he rested, and was refreshed**, 2) For the children of Israel **to keep it holy or sanctified by observing** the Sabbath day of rest **by not doing any work**, 3) That the children of Israel would remember that it was the Lord God who did **sanctify them** and brought them out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm; **therefore the LORD thy God commanded them to keep the Sabbath day of rest**.

The Lord speaks through the Prophet Ezekiel.....

Ezekiel 20:12; 19-20

12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.

19 **I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them;**

20 And **hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God.**

The penalty of not keeping the Sabbath Day of rest was DEATH!!!!!!

Numbers 15:32-36

32 And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, **they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day.**

33 And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation.

34 And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him.

35 And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.

36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp, **and stoned him with stones, and he died;** as the LORD commanded Moses.

It is of the utmost importance to recognize why the Sabbath day rest was established and what the penalty of breaking the Sabbath day was.... which was death!!!!

So then came along Jesus, who was God with us!!!!!!

Matthew 12:1-13

1 At that time **Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat.**

God is the same today, yesterday, and forever!!!! So why was His disciples plucking the ears of corn on the Sabbath day as they walked along with Jesus, who was God with us???

2 But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do **that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.**

Hear the Word of the Lord!!! Hear the Word of Jesus Christ!!!

3 But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him;

4 How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the showbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?

The Lord is teaching us knowledge here. The Lord is bringing forth understanding.....

5 Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?

Now Hear the Answer!! Now Hear Jesus who is the Answer!!

6 But I say unto you, **That in this place is one greater than the temple.**

7 But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

Hear the Word of the Lord, who has just said that his disciples are guiltless!!!! Why? For a New Covenant is about to become instituted after the Lord Jesus Christ is put to death. For a New Covenant was about to come into effect after the Lord's death. (Hebrews 9:16-17) For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

We are witnessing the transferring from the Old Testament Covenant of the Mosaic Law to the New Testament Covenant of Grace and Truth.

The New Testament Covenant will come into effect after the death of Jesus Christ. It can not come into effect until the death of the testator, which in this case is Jesus Christ! This is what the Lord is referring to when He answered the Pharisees, when He said, **I will have mercy, and not sacrifice.**

Remember: (Hebrews 10:4) For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

Hebrews 8:10, 12

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

The Lord continues His answer to the Pharisees with a strong statement!!!

Remember: Jesus Christ was God with us and the penalty of breaking the Sabbath day was DEATH!!!!

(Cont.) From Matthew 12

8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

There is another portion of the answer!!! The Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day rest. And what the Pharisees were witnessing was the transition of the Old Testament Covenant of the Mosaic Law of works to the New Testament Covenant of Grace and Truth without the works of the Mosaic Law.

Remember why the Sabbath day was instituted???

Ezekiel 20:12; 19-20

12 Moreover also I gave them **my sabbaths**, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.

19 **I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them;**

20 And **hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God.**

(Cont.) From Matthew 12

9 And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue:

10 And, behold, there was a man **which had his hand withered**. And they asked him, saying, **Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days?** that they might accuse him.

11 And he said unto them, **What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?**

12 **How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.**

13 Then saith he to the man, **Stretch forth thine hand.** And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

Now Hear again the Lord Jesus give the answer!!!!

Mark 2:27-28

27 And he said unto them, **The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:**

28 Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

Do we really believe that Jesus who was without sin and was also God with us, would break the Sabbath day of which He commanded the children of Israel to keep, of which He was a part of?????

Of course not. So what is the understanding that is lacking? 1) The Sabbath day rest was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. 2) We are witnessing the transition of the Old Testament Covenant of the Mosaic Law of works to the New Testament Covenant of Grace and Truth without the works of the Mosaic Law. 3) The Sabbath day rest was only a type and a shadow of the spiritual rest that was to be found in Christ. For the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Remember: (John 21:25) And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

Yet with all these things that Jesus done, we continuously see written in the Bible what Jesus was doing **on the Sabbath day!!!!** This is because Jesus Christ is the Lord of the Sabbath, and the Sabbath day was made for man, and because Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Sabbath rest.

For the receiving of the Spirit of Christ, the Holy Ghost, is the fulfillment of the shadow of which the Sabbath day rest represented!!

Again, on the Sabbath day.....

Luke 13:10-17

10 And **he was teaching** in one of the synagogues **on the sabbath.**

11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years,

and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, **Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.**

13 And **he laid his hands on her:** and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

15 The Lord then answered him, and said, **Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?**

16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

17 And when he had said these things, all his adversaries **were ashamed:** and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

Again, on the Sabbath day.....

John 5:2-12

2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: **whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.**

5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity **thirty and eight years.**

6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, **Wilt thou be made whole?**

7 The impotent man answered him, **Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool:** but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

Notice the command that Jesus gives to this man. Remember the man gathering sticks in the Old Testament on the Sabbath day was stoned to death for his action. Yet Jesus Christ, God with us, tells this man to.....

8 Jesus saith unto him, **Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.**

9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

The Lord Jesus is trying to get us to see something!!!!!! That something is this.....

Jesus Christ is the Lord of the Sabbath, and the Sabbath day was made for man, and because Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Sabbath rest.

10 The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, **It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.**

Did the Lord Jesus Christ, He who was without sin, the Lord of Glory, instruct this man to sin by taking up his bed on the Sabbath?????

11 He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, **Take up thy bed, and walk.**

12 Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

Again, of all the miracles that Jesus Christ did, so much so, that the Apostle John said, (John 21:25) And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, **I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written;** then it is of the utmost importance that we recognize that the Lord made sure that we saw that He was healing people on the Sabbath, His disciples were plucking corn on the Sabbath, He told this man to take up his bed and walk on the Sabbath; and yet this is God with us, who declared the man be stoned to death who gathered sticks on the Sabbath day under the Mosaic Law.

The Lord Jesus was giving us the instructions that: Jesus Christ is the Lord of the Sabbath, and the Sabbath day was made for man, and because Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Sabbath rest, of which would be fully recognized after the death of the testator, which in this case was Jesus Christ; that we who have the Spirit of Christ are partaking of the Sabbath rest everyday!

It is of the utmost importance that you recognize:

Hebrews 9:16-17

16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

17 For a testament is of force **after men are dead:** otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

So the thief on the cross that Jesus said this day you will be with me in paradise, was not under the New Testament Covenant. For Jesus Christ had not yet died, therefore the New Testament Covenant was not in effect.

The answer is this:

Matthew 9:6

4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, **Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?**

5 **For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?**

6 **But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.**

Jesus Christ had the power to forgive man of his sins. So this thief on the cross, who was not under the New Testament Covenant since Jesus Christ had not yet died, was forgiven by Jesus who had the power on Earth to forgive man of their sins.

After Jesus' death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and the giving of the Holy Ghost; the New Testament Covenant was fulfilled. This took place when the day of Pentecost was fully come.

Listen to what the Apostle Paul tells us concerning the Sabbath....

Colossians 2:16-17

16 **Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:**

17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

Galatians 4:9-11

9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, **how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements,** whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

10 **Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.**

11 I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

The Apostle Paul has made it clear that we do not have to observe days, months, times, and years for we are not under the Mosaic Law. He even asked, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

Listen to the Apostle Paul again.....

Romans 14:5-6

5 One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike.

Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

6 He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

Again the Apostle Paul has made it clear that One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

This is because we are not under the Mosaic Law but we are under the Perfect Law of Liberty which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. For the receiving of the Spirit of Christ and the baptism into Christ has fulfilled the Sabbath Rest which is in Christ.

Galatians 3:23-25

23 **But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.**

24 Wherefore **the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.**

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

We are no longer under the Mosaic Law including the observing of days, months, times, and years; for all of this was fulfilled in Jesus Christ!!

2 Corinthians 3:3

3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by

us, written not with ink, **but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart.**

Romans 7:5-6

5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, **which were by the law**, did work in our members to bring forth **fruit unto death.**

6 But now **we are delivered from the law**, that being dead wherein we were held; **that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.**

Again the Apostle Paul has made it very clear **that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.** For Christ fulfilled the Mosaic Law.

Remember: The Sabbath day of rest was established as a covenant between the children of Israel and God to remind the children of Israel: 1) That in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day **he rested, and was refreshed**, 2) For the children of Israel **to keep it holy or sanctified by observing** the Sabbath day of rest **by not doing any work**, 3) That the children of Israel would remember that it was the Lord God who did **sanctify them** and brought them out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm; **therefore the LORD thy God commanded them to keep the Sabbath day of rest.**

Now Continue to Hear the fulfillment of the Sabbath day rest in Christ and see how the children of Israel failed to enter into the rest of which they were promised...

Hebrews 3:14-19

14 For we are made partakers of Christ, **if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;**

15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, **harden not your hearts**, as in the provocation.

16 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: **howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.**

17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom sware he **that they should not enter into his rest**, but to them that believed not?

19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Hebrews 4:1-6, 9-11

1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: **but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.**

3 For we which have believed **do enter into rest**, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if **they shall enter into my rest**: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Here it was identified that we (the Church) that believe, do enter into rest.

4 For he spake in a certain place **of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.**

5 And in this place again, **If they shall enter into my rest.**

6 Seeing therefore **it remaineth that some must enter therein**, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

Notice this is fulfilling the elements spoken of the rest of the Sabbath and their promise of rest in the land that was flowing with milk and honey. It was first preached to Israel who entered not in because of unbelief!

But we are told that there remains a rest to the people of God and this rest is compared to the rest of God resting the seventh day from all of his works, just as God had told Israel.

9 **There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.**

10 For he that is entered into his rest, **he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.**

11 **Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest**, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Again we are told that this rest is a ceasing from our own works as God did from His, just as was first preached to the children of Israel who did not enter into that rest because of unbelief. But we are told to labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Matthew 11:28

28 Come unto me, all ye **that labour** and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest.**

This rest of which Jesus is speaking of is the New Testament Covenant, which is fulfilled in:

Acts 2:38

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Romans 8:3-4

3 For what the law could not do, in that **it was weak through the flesh**, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 **That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us**, who walk not after the flesh, **but after the Spirit.**

For we are sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

Romans 15:16

16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, **being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.**

So we see that through the New Testament Covenant that God has sanctified us, we have ceased from our own works as God did from His, and we too have been set free from the bondage of Sin. Which is a type of the bondage of Egypt.

The Sabbath rest of the Lord fulfilled!!!