



Connecting to Colonial's Covenant – 5
July 5, 2015

Pastor Phelps
Rev. 1:10

COMMITMENT #5 – THE LORD'S DAY

The Old Testament called it a Holy Day and we call it a _____. To those living in the land of "Christianity lite," the Lord's Day has become trite. The Covenant of Colonial Hills Baptist Church calls for our commitment to the Lord's Day.

In order to fulfill our obligation to, "Strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines," we must be committed to the Lord's Day.

BE CLEAR IN YOUR UNDERSTANDING

The Fourth Commandment is one of the most widely misapplied and misunderstood of the Ten Commandments. Eight of the Ten Commandments require but one verse to be stated. The Second Commandment requires three verses. The Fourth Commandment takes up _____ verses. Let's look carefully at these verses in order to be clear in our understanding (Ex. 20:8-11).

A _____. This is the only commandment to begin with a reminder. God is well-aware of our tendency to forget the importance of this day.

A _____. God is not silent regarding our responsibilities to the Fourth Commandment.

1. God requires _____ (8b). The seventh day is set aside for Holy Pursuits.
2. God requires _____ for six days (v. 9) followed by rest on the seventh day. We dare not overlook our Lord's intent for the first six days simply because we are faithful to the seventh!
3. God requires _____ on the seventh day (v. 10). Unlike the first six days which are given to work, the seventh is to be given to rest and to worship. (The Hebrew word "Sabbath" means, "rest." The seventh day is properly called a day of rest.)

A _____ (v. 11).

1. The pattern set by God (v. 11a). Our omnipotent God never tires (Ps. 121:4). In kindness, He established a pattern to meet our needs (Mk. 2:27). God knows our need for rest (Ps. 3-4).
2. The proclamation spoken by God (11b).

BE CAREFUL IN YOUR UPHOLDING

The Fourth Commandment provokes many oft-repeated questions. Let's consider them as we consider how to best uphold the "Day of Rest."

IS THIS "REST DAY" FOR _____?

There are those who will say, "This is the Old Testament's teaching!" Some will say, "This is the Jewish Law and I'm not bound by it!" Let's take a moment to offer an answer:

1. Consider the other _____ commandments. Are we bound by them?
2. The Fourth Commandment pre-dates the _____. God instituted the Day of Rest before man sinned (Gen. 2:2).
3. God knows of our need for _____. That need did not change with the coming of the Church Age. Rest was needed even before sin came. How much more is rest needed in our world filled with sin?

WHY DO WE GATHER TOGETHER ON _____?
Shouldn't we consider moving our weekend schedule?

1. The major events that established the New Testament Church both happened on _____. It was on Sunday that the Lord rose from the grave (Luke 24:1), first met with the disciples (Luke 24:33-43), and sent the Holy Spirit to fill the believers (Acts 2).
2. The early church clearly met on Sunday (Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:1).
3. Very early in the history of the church, "Sunday" came to be called, "The Lord's Day" (Rev. 1:10). Ignatius, a first century Christian trained by the Apostle John, wrote, "Let us no more sabbatize; but let us keep the _____ Day, on which our Lord arose."
4. God celebrated His first great work, creation, on the seventh day. We celebrate God's second great work, _____, on the first day!

HOW DO I KEEP THE "DAY OF REST" IN A GOD-HONORING WAY?

Though one should be careful not to make a "list" of dos and don'ts, there is without question a real need for us to consider carefully the principles of the Word of God with regard to our observation of the Lord's Day (Is. 58:13-14).

1. Make it a day of _____.
2. Set aside time for the Lord and His service!



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