

# **THE SEVENTH DAY SATURDAY** **SABBATH UNCHANGED: -**

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Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Lawgiver, said in the inspired Scriptures of the Old Testament, that he never speaks in secret.

Isaiah 48:16-18: - "Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there [am] I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me. Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I [am] the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way [that] thou shouldest go. O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea."

God has pledged that he always reveals everything that he does to his prophets.

Amos 3:7: - "Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."

Jesus as a Teacher sent from God, stated that he taught nothing in secret, but was open in proclaiming his doctrines to the world.

John 18:19, 20: - "The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his doctrine. Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing."

☞ **These Scriptures reveal God's method of how he deals with the human family as recorded in the Bible. God always reveals his will and requirements for humanity in a public and open way.**

## **THE LIVING GOD WHO IS OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, SPOKE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS PUBLICLY AND OPENLY: -**

1 Timothy 4:10: - "For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe."

Titus 1:4: - "To Titus, [mine] own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, [and] peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour."

Deuteronomy 4:12, 13: - "And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only [ye heard] a voice. And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, [even] ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone."

Deuteronomy 5:26: - "For who [is there of] all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we [have], and lived?"

**"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." - Hebrews 13:8.**

Psalms 111:7-10: - "The works of his hands [are] verity and judgment; all his commandments [are] sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, [and are] done in truth and uprightness. He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend [is] his name. The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do [his commandments]: his praise endureth for ever."

**BELOW IS THE ETERNAL LAW THAT JESUS SPOKE PUBLICLY TO HIS PEOPLE**  
**- EXODUS 20:3-17: -**

- (1.) Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- (2.) Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness [of any thing] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth beneath, or that [is] in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
- (3.) Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- (4.) Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 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: 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.**

- (5.) Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
- (6.) Thou shalt not kill.
- (7.) Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- (8.) Thou shalt not steal.
- (9.) Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
- (10.) Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that [is] thy neighbour's.

John 14:15: - "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

John 15:14: - "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

Jesus as recorded in his "SERMON ON THE MOUNT", taught openly for the entire world to hear, that the Law of God (which he himself had proclaimed publicly) will remain in force as long as heaven and earth shall remain. Not even the smallest letter of this Law is to be done away.

Matthew 5:17-19: - "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach [them], the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Jesus taught us that we must keep the commandments of God for eternal life.

Matthew 19:16-19: - "And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? [there is] none good but one, [that is], God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and [thy] mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."


## **WHERE IS THE PUBLIC PROCLAMATION TO KEEP THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK HOLY?**

Remember, Jesus taught nothing in secret. Paul was specially chosen by the Lord to be the apostle to the Gentiles - "I am the apostle of the Gentiles" – Romans 11:13. He wrote most of his epistles to the Gentile churches. If there were to be any changes in our Lord's Commandments after the death of Jesus concerning the day of worship being changed, the apostle Paul would have been the one selected by the Lord, to communicate this extremely important change for the Gentile churches. According to Jesus' eternal principle in keeping nothing secret in his dealings with humanity, this change should have been clearly revealed in an open, public manner, by a direct commandment, and Paul would definitely have recorded it in his inspired writings. And yet we find the very opposite to be the case: -

## **PAUL TESTIFIED THAT HE WAS OBEDIENT TO THE HEBREW LAW AND CUSTOMS: -**

Acts 25:7, 8: - "And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove. While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all."

Acts 28:17: - “And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men [and] brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.”

 Paul couldn't truthfully make the above two statements if he had been violating the seventh day Saturday Sabbath, during his many years of gospel ministry. Paul could not have been obedient to the law and customs that God entrusted to the Hebrew people, if he was not indeed a seventh day Sabbath keeper.

### THE GENTILES AND HEBREWS KEPT THE SAME SABBATH DAY - SATURDAY: -

Acts 13:42-44: - “And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath. Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.”


### PAUL AND HIS FELLOW CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES AT EPHEBUS WORSHIPPED ON THE SABBATH DAY WITH THE HEBREWS UNTIL RELIGIOUS OPPOSITION STARTED: -

The apostle Paul with the Christian disciples at Ephesus (see Acts 19:1) worshipped in the Hebrew synagogue for three months. These meetings would have occurred every Sabbath day (see Acts 15:21). Paul only removed the Christian disciples from the synagogue because of the opposition of the Hebrews who didn't accept Jesus as the Messiah of Bible prophecy. Obviously, the Sabbath here referred to is the seventh-day Sabbath, for the Hebrews accepted no other.

Acts 19:8, 9: - “And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.”

### 1 CORINTHIANS 16:2 DOES NOT COMMAND PUBLIC WORSHIP UPON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK: -

1 Corinthians 16:2: - “Upon the first [day] of the week **let every one of you lay by him** in store, as [God] hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.”

 A careful reading of the highlighted portion reveals that this is not referring to a public gathering and public collection on the first day of the week. It is referring to each individual believer laying by him or herself at home – **in a private manner**. Our common English translation above accurately reflects the Greek text underlying this verse.

- A Greek-Lexicon To The New Testament, by T. S. Green, page 51: - “παρ’ ἑαυτῶ with one’s self, at home, 1 Co. 16.2.”
- Greek-English Lexicon Of The New Testament, by J. H. Thayer, page 163: - “παρ’ ἑαυτῶ, by him i. e. at his home, 1 Co. xvi.2.”

**MATTHEW 4:4: - “MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDETH OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.”**

**JESUS HAS NOT COMMANDED SUNDAY TO BE KEPT HOLY!**

- Jesus, in his Word, **gave no authority** for his apostles to change the Sabbath day from the seventh to the first day of the week.
- Jesus, in his Word, **never calls** the first day of the week, the “Sabbath day”, or the “Christian Sabbath”. The term “Christian Sabbath” is not found in the Bible.
- Jesus, in his Word, **has never commanded** that Christians are to keep the first day of the week as a holy day in honour of his resurrection from the dead.
- Jesus, in his Word, **has never claimed** that the first day of the week is his special day, nor does he identify it as the “Lord’s day” of Revelation 1:10 .

**THEREFORE THE SEVENTH DAY SATURDAY SABBATH REMAINS UNCHANGED!**

1 John 5:2, 3: - “By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.”

Revelation 14:12: - “Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”

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**THE LAST WORLD KINGDOM: -**

In the last great revelation from God to man found within the pages of the Holy Scriptures, we read about the last great kingdom that will arise upon the earth. Abundant warnings are given to all people through the Word of God, about the deceptive nature of this power. The appearance and establishment of this powerful earthly kingdom, precedes the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The purpose of this tract is to show the identifying characteristics of this final earthly power, so that all can recognize it, and choose to stand for the Truth of God, as the storm of deception sweeps the world. The final kingdom’s rise is recorded in Revelation Chapter 13.

Revelation 13:11 – 17: - “And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by [the means of] those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”

Firstly, a **Beast** in Scripture is defined as an earthly kingdom or world-dominating nation.

Daniel 7:23: - “Thus he said, The **fourth beast** shall be the **fourth kingdom upon earth...**”

Secondly, **Horns** are kings, or symbols of authority.

Daniel 7:24: - “And the ten **horns** out of this kingdom [are] ten **kings** [that] shall arise..”

In Revelation 13:11, we read that this earthly kingdom, is **like a Lamb** in it's symbols of authority. **BUT** at the same time it speaks as a **Dragon**.

**QUESTION:** - WHO IS THE LAMB?

**ANSWER:** - JESUS CHRIST.

John 1:29: - “The next day John **seeth Jesus** coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God**, which taketh away the sin of the world.”

This power appears to represent Jesus in it's authority, but in actual fact, the words that it speaks will be straight from the Dragon. It must be **A PROFESSING CHRISTIAN POWER** therefore.

**QUESTION:** - WHO IS THE DRAGON?

**ANSWER:** - SATAN, THE DECEIVER.

Revelation 12:9: - “And the **great dragon** was cast out, that old serpent, **called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world...**”

Immediately the Word of God puts us on our guard. Here we have **A PROFESSEDLY CHRISTIAN WORLD-DOMINATING NATION**, who will be in reality working for the deceiver of souls.

In Revelation 13:12, we are told that this nation **will have the same power as it's predecessor**, the first prophetic Beast of Revelation 13. A quick examination of Revelation 13:1-10 reveals the defining characteristics of what this last world kingdom will be like.

**THIS LAST WORLD KINGDOM OF BIBLE PROPHECY WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS THAT THE FIRST BEAST OF REVELATION 13 EXERCISED: -**

1. **Speaks blasphemy against God** - verses 1, 5, 6.
2. **Have world-wide power and great authority given by Satan himself** – verses 2, 7.
3. **Have worldwide attention and devotion** – verse 3.
4. **Have superiority in war** – verse 4.
5. **Have power to persecute the saints of God** – verse 7.
6. **Be worshipped instead of God.** Its authority therefore appears as something holy and appealing to the minds of men – verse 8.

Added to these characteristics, the final kingdom will have power to work miracles as recorded in Revelation 13:13 & 14. These miracles will deceive the whole world. Remember that Satan gives this kingdom **ALL** of its power, including the power to work miracles.

**QUESTION: - WHY SHOULD THIS POWER PERFORM MIRACLES?**

**ANSWER: - TO STRENGTHEN ITS POWER OVER THE PEOPLE.** The reason miracles were performed in Scripture was to show that God was the **AUTHOR** of the work – See John 3:2.

All of these truths of prophecy confirm the fact, that the last great kingdom upon earth will be a **world dominating, PROFESSEDLY CHRISTIAN POWER**, which will promote its supposed God given authority by miracles that it will perform through the power of Satan. **It will be a nation that attracts worldwide support and attention, and has supremacy over the nations through economic and military power.** There is only one nation upon earth today that has this worldwide power and attention. **Like the Lamb of God, it will be seen to be a Saviour unto all nations.** Unlike the True Saviour, Jesus Christ, it will through Satanic power persecute all who do not agree with her laws, especially the saints of God.

Can you start to identify this kingdom? It has already arisen upon the earth. There are only a few facets left of the prophecy that are still to be fulfilled by this power, but as surely as night follows day, all of the prophecies will be fulfilled by this power that already walks upon the stage of world affairs.

In Revelation 13:14-17 this final power wants to set up an **Image** or copy of the first Beast's power and authority. With its worldwide power and devotion, it has no problem in "giving life" to this system of religious and apparent moral authority, to which all nations are expected to bow down to. It will lead the world in the field of religious reform. It will "*cause the world*" to follow the system of its own making. Those who will not worship the beliefs of this system, will be shut out of society (i.e. shut out from buying and selling), and will eventually be killed.

And here we have the true nature of this power. It appears like a Lamb, but it speaks and acts like a Dragon. **Christ never killed anyone who didn't agree with him!** A power that carries out this final act of persecution clearly shows itself partners in crime with Satan.

**QUESTION: - HOW CAN WE IDENTIFY THE RELIGIOUS BELIEF SYSTEM THAT THIS FINAL POWER WILL IMPOSE UPON THE WHOLE WORLD?**

**ANSWER: - BY UNDERSTANDING THE BELIEF SYSTEM OF THOSE WHO WILL NOT WORSHIP THE IMPOSED BELIEF SYSTEM OF THE FINAL POWER.**

Remember that the last kingdom of Revelation 13 will do everything that it's predecessor, the first prophetic Beast did. It will have the same power and authority over people.

Revelation 13:12: - "And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed."

Satan gave the power and authority to the first prophetic Beast for **the sole purpose of making war with the saints of God to try and overcome them.**

Revelation 13:7 & 8: - "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

This is Satan's number one priority, and he executes this objective through any power that is willing to serve him.

Revelation 12:17: - "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

**The final world power is given it's power and authority for exactly the same purpose, to make war with and try to overcome THE SAINTS OF GOD. And what will be the belief system of these people who will not follow the dictates of the last world dominating power?**

Revelation 14:12: - "Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

Those who will not worship this deceptive and murderous final power, are those who love the 10 Commandments of God – See Exodus 20:3-17, and who have the working faith of Jesus their Saviour – See John 15:10. **Their belief system is in opposition to the final solution of religion and morality offered to the world by the last worldwide power.**

Obviously then, the worship required by the last kingdom in the world, will make void the Law of God and the Faith of Jesus. The apostle James says that if we break one commandment, we break them all. Therefore by breaking one commandment we make of none effect the whole law of God. James quotes from Exodus 20 to establish this truth.

James 2:10 & 11: - "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one [point], he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law."



**GOD'S LAW IS TIMELESS. IT CANNOT BE CHANGED IN ANY WAY!**

Matthew 5:18 & 19: - "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. **Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach [them], the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.**"

The Commandment which has been made void above all others in the religious systems of today, is the Fourth Commandment of Exodus 20:8-11.

Exodus 20:8-11: - "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 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: 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."

The Fourth commandment asks us to remember to worship God on **the seventh day Saturday Sabbath of each week**, and **NOT** upon the first day of the week which is called Sunday. There is **NOT ONE** command in the Bible for us to keep Sunday holy. The seventh day Sabbath is the Eternal Sign or identifying Mark that we belong to the Creator God.


Exodus 31:13 & 17: - "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. 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.**"

The final power of Revelation 13 will seek to have it's own sign or mark of authority over the people – See Revelation 13:16 & 17. **As the seventh day Saturday Sabbath is God's true Sign or Mark of Authority over his people; then the counterfeit Mark of Authority must be the day that has no biblical command to support it - Sunday Observance.**

**CHOOSE GOD - CHOOSE TRUTH - CHOOSE LIFE!**


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**“WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?”  
– ACTS 16:30.**

 **God is the Creator and the One who gives and sustains life to all of us: -**

*“The Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves” – Psalm 100:3.*

*“God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; ... For in him we live, and move, and have our being.” – Acts 17:24, 25 & 28.*

 **As God is our Creator, he has the right to give his human creation, Moral Rules of right and wrong, by which they are to live, which are commonly called The Ten Commandments - Exodus 20:3-17: -**


- (1.) Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- (2.) Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness [of any thing] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth beneath, or that [is] in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
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- (9.) Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
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 **Our duty to our Creator is to fear God and to keep his righteous**

## **Commandments.**


*"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."* – Ecclesiastes 12:13.

 **If this Moral Law of Absolutes did not exist, there could be no such thing as SIN. The breaking of this holy Law is defined as SIN in the Bible.**

*"Where no law is, there is no transgression"* – Romans 4:15.

*"Sin is not imputed when there is no law"* – Romans 5:13.

*"Sin is the transgression of the law."* – 1 John 3:4.

 **The Bible teaches us that we are all sinners, and that not one human being is naturally a "good person" as far as the holy and righteous God is concerned.**


*"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one."* – Romans 3:10-12.

*"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"* – Romans 3:23.

 **Sin brings death, and as we have all sinned, we are all under the Divine sentence of death.**

*"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."* – Romans 5:12.


*"The wages of sin is death"* – Romans 6:23.

 **But the good news of the Christian gospel is, that God is a God of love, who sent his only Son, Jesus Christ into our world to die upon the cross for our sins, suffering the penalty of death in our place that we all have justly merited because of our sins.**

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* – John 3:16.

*"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."* – Isaiah 53:5 & 6.

*"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ... But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." - Romans 5:6 & 8.*

 **What does God require of us so that we can receive the forgiveness of our sins and his offered mercy? Does he require good works or for us to undertake some great religious pilgrimage or penance? No!**

**All God requires of us is that: -**

- 1. We confess our sins to him alone;**
- 2. That we have faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour; and that,**
- 3. We forsake our sins and disobedience of his righteous Law.**

*"Repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" - Acts 20:21.*


*"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." - Proverbs 28:13.*

*"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." - Isaiah 55:7.*

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" - 1 John 1:9.*

 **No one can escape the divinely appointed decree of Death and the Judgment.**

*"As it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." - Hebrews 9:27.*

 **The Christian Bible teaches plainly that those who do not accept God's gracious offer of mercy and forgiveness contained in the Christian gospel, are already under condemnation with their Maker.**

*"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." - John 3:36.*

### **THE CHOICE BEFORE EACH ONE OF US: -**

*"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life" - Deuteronomy 30:19.*

*"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." - Romans 6:23.*