

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Why Do Christians Worship on the First Day of the Week?

Very simply, the answer to this question is that Christians are under a different law from the law that Israel was under. Israel was under the Law of Moses given by God to Israel at Mt. Sinai “Exodus” (Chapters 19-31). This law continued in force until Jesus Christ died on the cross (Colossians 2:14). Jesus was an Israelite. The Law of Moses was in effect during His lifetime. Therefore, He kept the Law of Moses in order to be faithful to God. This explains why Jesus worshipped in the synagogue on the Sabbath. The Law of Moses taught: “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God” (Ex.20:8-10). “So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up and as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read” (Luke 4:16).

While Jesus lived on earth, He kept the Law of Moses and taught others to do so. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said: “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophet. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till Heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled” (Mt. 5:17-18). Please notice that Jesus said nothing would pass from the Law “till all is fulfilled.”

Jesus fulfilled all that was written in the Old Testament—the Law, the Psalms, and the Prophets. “Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the Law of Moses, and in the Prophets, and in the Psalms concerning Me.” (Luke 24:44).

The purpose of the Law which was given to Israel at Mt. Sinai, the Law of Moses, is clearly seen in the book of Galatians. “What purpose then does the Law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator” (Gal. 3:19). The Law was to be in effect “till the Seed should come.” The promised Seed was Jesus Christ (Gen. 3:15; 12:1-3; Gal. 3:16).

Please notice again, “Therefore the Law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor” (Gal. 3:24-25). If we are no longer under the Law of Moses, then obviously the Sabbath law is not binding upon us today.

When did the Law of Moses as a law binding upon God’s people end? The answer is, it ended when Jesus died on the cross thus fulfilling it. Please notice: “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace” (Eph. 2:13-15). Jesus abolished the law of commandments (the Law of Moses which included the command to keep the Sabbath, (Ex. 20:8). He abolished it “in His flesh;” that is by His death on the cross (cf. Col. 2:14-17).

The new law, the Law of Christ, came into effect on Pentecost Day (Acts 2). On that day, the church of Christ was established (Acts 2:36-47). From that time, we find Christians meeting to worship upon the first day of the week which is Sunday. “Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight” (Acts 20:7). “On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come” (I Corinthians 16:1-2).

In summary, why do Christians meet for worship on Sunday, the first day of the week, instead of Saturday, the seventh day of the week? The teaching of the Bible is plain. The Law of Moses, which included the Sabbath commandment, was to the nation of Israel only. It lasted as a binding law until Christ died on the cross. The Law of Christ, which began at Pentecost, is God’s law for all mankind today. The Law of Christ teaches that we are to meet on Sunday, the first day of the week. This is the

day upon which our Lord arose from the dead (Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:2-6; Luke 24: 1 and John 20: 1). The day upon which the church began, Pentecost day, also was on the first day of the week (Lev. 23:9-16). Therefore, we can see why the Lord chose the first day of the week as the day of worship for Christians.

—Southside Church of Christ  
Lubbock, TX

## **Sympathy**

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Jackie Rex and her family in the loss of **Harmon**. Harmon passed from this life at midnight, Monday, December 29th. He had been suffering with a breathing problem along with other complications. Funeral services are pending at this time.

## **Prayer Request**

Jim Bartee has requested prayers for his niece and nephew, **Cody & Kala Ausbrook**. They were in a car wreck last week and sustained injuries. Also, Jim wants us to keep his friends, **Philip and Taylor Galvan** in our prayers. They just lost their baby due to complications at birth.

**Bréelle Watts**, the three year old granddaughter of Laura and Ralph Watts, is being tested for leukemia. Laura and Ralph are good friends to Carie and Mark Basaldua. The Watts family lives in Artesia, New Mexico. Please keep Bréelle in your daily prayers.

## **Concerns Update**

**Hazel Cavanaugh's** foot surgery on December 24th went well. She must stay off of her foot for several weeks.

**Caleista Millican** was not able to get into Madison Health Resort as planned due to the extent of her health issues. However, arrangements were made with a Health Care Facility in Midland who will do her rehab. Caleista will be going back to Houston later on for treatment of the spot on her spine. Keep Caleista and her family in your daily prayers.

**Neva Carrigan** has had some improvement in her energy level but still needs to have oxygen just about all of the time.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

## **Prayer List**

Elaine Armentrout; Frank Bell; Mildred Bell; Velma Betts; Susan Bosse; Elsie Bradford; Betty Branson; Beth Carrell; Neva Carrigan; Don Cavanaugh; Hazel Cavanaugh; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; Jewell Bettes-Dennard; Doug Dowell; James Drake; Ben Ellison; Jake & Summer Finley; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Christopher Guynn; Burt & Anna Groves; Kayla Hailes; Jean Hambright; Lon Howard; Samuel King; Janice Laminack; Susan Lee; Shannon McAfee; Elder McCarty; Glenna McCarty; Anna McGlothlin; Caleista Millican; Loy Mitchell; Juan and Estella Morolez; Judy Phillips; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Inez Salcido; Teresa Simmons; Sandy Singleterry; Nancy Slife; Thelma Smith; Marilyn Upshaw; Lisa Wells; Janet Wesson; Russell Wilson; Wilene Wright

## **Shut-Ins**

Mildred Bell; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Kathy Marshall, Janelle Shirley, Lester Whisenant.

## **Youth**

### **Bible Quiz Question...**

After the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus came down and was met by a leper whom He healed. He then went into Capernaum and one came beseeching Him, "Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented." Who was speaking?

## **FYI**

Denny Wilson is hosting a weekly radio program called "**Take Aim**" at 6:30 each Tuesday night. Tune your radio program to the [gospelradionetwork.org](http://gospelradionetwork.org). Feel free to please pick up a business card on the youth table in the foyer.

Watch “*In Search of the Lord’s Way*” every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on CBS, channel 7.

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the “Speaking the Truth in Love” program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

### UPCOMING WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL SPEAKERS

January 7th – Craig Wesson

January 14th—Jacob Carson

January 21st – Rudy Ochoa

January 28th—Bill Butler

### **Thank You**

To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We want to thank you once again for the many calls and cards and prayers on our behalf. A special thank you for the Goodie Basket brought to us. We enjoyed it very much.

Neva & Harold Carrigan

To: Devida and all the wonderful people of the Eisenhower Church of Christ,

Thank you for keeping me in your prayers. I feel that is why I’m feeling stronger and healing well. I pray every day to God and Jesus to heal my body and keep His hand on my head to keep me headed in the right direction.

Keep me in your prayers; Love you,  
Patsy Montgomery

### **Office News**

Please take a look at the “**Edifier Prayer List**” and if you have a family member or a close friend that can be removed, please let the office know. We would love to keep everyone on the list, but it is getting quite lengthy for the bulletin. Thanks for your cooperation.

### **Food for Thought**

It is better to live for Christ...Than to wish you had.

Proud men end in shame, but the humble become wise!

The great use of life is to spend it on something that outlasts it.

<b>January 4, 2015</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Rudy Ochoa	Doug Guynn
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Bill Ryan	John Wood
Second Prayer	George Warren	Jacob Carson
Closing Prayer	Clint Titlow	Josh Wells
Lord's Supper		
West...	Tony Marrs Tom Sorenson Dylan Straw	Bill Butler Communion (In Library)
East...	Scot Straw Bill Tolbert Craig Wesson	

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Allen Weakland 362-1403 *Deacon*: Richard Siler 362-1392 *Pulpit*: Chris Butler 362-7486 *Table*: Bill Butler 362-7486 *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties*: Richard Siler 362-1392 *Contributions*: Richard Siler 362-1392

**Sunday AM”**

*“Three Stages in the Christian Life”*  
*(1 John 2:12-14)*

**Sunday PM**

*“Temptation of Jesus”*  
*(Mark 1:12-13)*

**Our Records**

*Bible Class...54*  
*Morning Worship...114*  
*Evening Worship...61*  
*Wednesday...49*  
*Contribution...\$7,060.50*

