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After the Apostolic Age, beginning in the late first century, the Gentile church drifted away from the teachings of the Apostle Paul and took up the name “Christian”. This religious system was not the Pauline Body of Christ, but a mix of many influences including philosophy, humanism, superstition, paganism, and a focus on the four Jewish Gospels about the Jews. This was the seed of the future Roman Church.

In the fourth century, Constantine sanctioned a new religion that included a pagan influence, idolaters and beliefs from many religions, including a Gentile religious group calling themselves Christian.

To help with the blending of this hodge-podge “one-size-fits-all” religion, the people were obliged to incorporate many features of the many other belief systems. This was the same concept of inclusivity seen in our culture today in a dumbed-down church trying to please everyone, void of God and the truth. Two of these pagan inclusions were the Latin *Sāturnī diēs* (literally “Saturn’s day”) or Saturday, and Sunday, accepted by St Jerome into the Church to appease the pagan worship of the sun god. Mary also found a home, replacing various pagan goddesses.

Fun Fact: Roman religion deified Mary to replace the goddesses of pagan worship.

Through the years, this Roman pagan Christian religion became corrupt. In the 16th century, a split occurred creating the “Christian Protestant” religion (still not the Pauline Body of Christ or God’s message given to us through Paul). Both Roman-ism and Protestantism held to a faulty Augustinian theology, lacked the Spirit of God, and assumed all the Bible was doctrine for the Christian Church. This mixing of Jewish law and Pauline Grace led to numerous misunderstandings of scripture including the Christian Sunday as a model of the biblical Jewish Sabbath, and that somehow it was a “sacred day unto the Lord”. It isn’t and never was.

Recent history saw the “blue laws” requiring businesses to close on Sunday, and today, some businesses still close on the Christian “Sabbath” (Sunday) as a result of the owners superstitious belief in a non-biblical, non-applicable Jewish / Christian law that has no biblical support. Examples include the fast-food chain Chick-fil-A and the art supply store Hobby Lobby.

Today, the epistles of the Apostle Paul hold the doctrines for the Body of Christ as they did in the first century, not the four Jewish Gospels or the life and ministry of Jesus, or the Jewish Hebrew epistles as is the popular belief in the modern Christian religion. These Jewish writings are obsolete, relegated to a place of history and reference. These writings are “good to know” information, but do not contain doctrine for the Body of Christ.

The ascended Christ gave to Paul God’s message to the Gentiles in the ministry of reconciliation and the word of reconciliation. This is the message to mankind for the final 2000 years of humanity: the Age of Grace. The truth Christ gave to Paul to take to the Gentiles did not include anything Jewish, including a special day: Sabbath, Sunday, or any other. Had the Christian religion anything to do with Paul, they would know this.

Addressing the Jewish law, Paul made no distinction to days:

Romans 14

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].

Paul had a recurring message concerning believers and the law:

Romans 10:4 For Christ [is] the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Romans 6 :14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Galatians 5 :18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

The conclusion from Paul shows the Body of Christ is under grace, not the law, and there is no special observance of any day above another.

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