

## Slave

Who's slave are you? Do you serve God, the Pope, or Yourself?

Jesus said, "Whoever commits sin is a slave of sin." (Joh 8:34)

Paul said, "Do you not know that to whom you present yourself slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?" (Rom 6:16)

Peter said, "By whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage." (2Pe 2:19)

Paul warned us against becoming the slaves of men, "You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men." (1Co 7:23)

Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. (Gen 2:3)

For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it. (Exo 20:11)

God tells us to labour for six days, and to rest on the seventh day.  
(Exo 16:26, 20:9, 23:12, 31:15, 34:21, 35:2; Lev 23:3; Deu 5:13, 16:8)

God tells us to keep the Sabbath Day holy, by resting from our labour on it.  
(Exo 20:8,10; Deu 5:12,14,15; Mat 24:20; Mar 2:27)

God tells us that this is a perpetual and eternal covenant for the children of God.  
(Exo 31:16-18; Mat 5:17-18, 12:8; Mar 2:28; Luk 6:5)

Isaiah tells us that we will keep Sabbath on the new earth: "For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before Me," says the LORD, "So shall your descendants and your name remain. And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the LORD. (Isa 66:22-23)

The Ten Commandments of God, were written in stone by His own hand, indicating their eternal significance. So are we going to honour God's Word, and rest on Saturday; honour the Pope's word - who believes he has changed the day of rest, from Saturday to Sunday; or honour ourselves and do just what we like?

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 6:23)

Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. (Gal 4:3-7 and 1Jo 5:1-13)