## Satan's Deceptions on God's Law of Love

Why should we keep God's law and the fourth Commandment that so many are determined to forget? What is the purpose of this day? Does the Seventh day Sabbath belong with the Ten Commandments or did God make a mistake placing the fourth Commandment in the Decalogue? When was the Sabbath made and what day is the Sabbath according to the Bible? Many keep Sunday the first day of the week as the Sabbath. What Bible authority have they for this? Some say that the Ten Commandments have been abolished. Could this really be true? Here are the facts about those Ten great Laws written by God Himself and the real truth about that most controversial fourth Commandment the Seventh day Sabbath. It is only five pages long so what have you got to lose? Please read on.

What is love? The Bible tells us in 1 John 4:8 "He that loves not, knows not God; for **GOD IS LOVE**." Since God is eternal, it stands to reason that Love must be eternal. 1 John 4:16 says, "And we have known and believed the love that God has to us. God is love; and he that dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him." Therefore love is inseparable from God and the true Christian, as God is Love and Love is God. We were created in Love, to Love and for Love and no other reason! This is the entire reason for our existence.

What is the Ten Commandment Law? The Ten Commandment law was spoken by God, written by the finger of God, recorded on tables of stone, is of eternal duration, is stored *inside* the man made copy of the Ark of the Covenant on Earth while the original Ten Commandments still exists in the Ark of the Covenant in the heavenly sanctuary today and forever. It is an eternal law because it is a Law of Love and love is eternal as God is eternal and God's word says it is eternal. A more appropriate or descriptive name would be God's Ten Rules of Love as they illustrate how to love God and how to love our fellow man, that is to love our neighbour as ourselves.

What is the Ceremonial Law? This law was given at the same time as the Ten Commandments and was given to Moses by God, written in Moses personal Handwriting, written on paper, and was stored in a pocket on the *outside* of the Ark of the Covenant and was a shadow of things to come; i.e. it was transitory in duration. This law talks about circumcision (a religious Jewish rite), sacrifices, offerings, purifications, ceremonial holy days, and other rites associated with the Hebrew sanctuary service. The Ceremonial Law with its sacrificial system pointed people to the coming of Christ. Every time the blood of an animal was shed in the old Jewish temple, it was a reminder that One would come and die for our sin. When the true Passover Lamb bowed His head and died and cried out, "*It is finished*", the old Ceremonial Law that pointed the people to His sacrificial death was nailed to the cross. Colossians 2:14-17 says; "*Blotting out the handwriting (Moses handwriting) of ordinances (Ceremonial Law) that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross...Let no man therefore judge you in meat, (offering) or in drink, (offering) or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come..."This law is NOT a law of love as it was nailed to the cross and was temporary. Love is eternal and will never be nailed to the cross or become obsolete. To dispose of love would be to dispose of God, as God is Love. Love is eternal as God is eternal. See Leviticus 23 on the meat and drink offerings, holydays and the many temporary Ceremonial Sabbaths which of course have no relation to the Ten Commandment Sabbath which is a Love Commandment. Read the King James Version for clarity. So here we have two very distinct laws that have confused many.* 

Is the fourth Commandment (Sabbath) truly a law of love as the other nine are? If you were writing a law of love, would you add one or more items that were not associated with love? Is God a God of confusion? Do we serve a foolish God that would mix rules of love which are eternal with temporary rules or rules that are not love? In Matthew 22:35-40 a lawyer tried to trap Jesus into saying which was the greatest Commandment. Jesus stopped him in his tracks by cleverly quoting two Old Testament scriptures. It reads: "Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, You shall love your neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Jesus of course did not fall for his trap. Notice how He summed up the Ten Commandments as loving God (the first four) and loving your fellow man (the last six) in two Commandments while still showing that "all the law" hang on these two commandments. Since Jesus is speaking purely of love in these verses, "all the law" is therefore all of the Ten Commandments as they are the only law of love. God is therefore not a God of confusion as all the law is love which then has to include the Sabbath which is a glorious love Commandment as are the other nine as we shall soon see. Loving your neighbour as your self is a good way of covering any love Commandment not in God's Ten rules of love as Romans 13:9 shows. "For this, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, You shall not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, You shall love your neighbor as thyself." If we love God with all our heart and love our fellow man as our self then we are obeying God's ten love rules and anything else not covered by them, as love is fulfilling the law as verse ten goes on to say. Love works no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Clearly this law is nothing but total Love.

Why do some people think we no longer have to obey God's Ten Love Rules? This is a very good question, and one I have no good answer to. Why indeed would anyone want to look for any reason whatsoever why not to love God and their fellow man? This was the very reason we were created and what life is all about. A loving relationship with our Creator and people. One thing is for certain, Satan certainly does not want us to have a loving relationship with God and no doubt has successfully deceived many into believing that the law is something we no longer need to keep by painting a false picture in our minds as to what the law is. These are just some of Satan's deceptions. We are now under Grace not law. Romans 6:14 *"For sin shall not have dominion over you: for you are not under the law, but under grace."* Rarely is the next verse quoted which says; *"What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid."* Galatians and the law has also been one of Satan's best deceptions why not to love God and others. Paul was explaining to the Galatians that salvation is a free gift of God and there is nothing they can do to earn it. Instead of receiving their salvation by faith in Jesus and the grace of God, they were trying to earn their salvation by obeying the Law of Moses. Paul explains to them that to earn their salvation by keeping this law, would mean being under this law instead of God's Grace and that they would therefore have to obey every letter of this law, i.e. to keep it perfectly. This of course is not possible as Romans 3:23 says; *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God*; Another deception of Satan's is to have us believe that it is legalism to love God and people? i.e. the very thing we were created for? If the answer to this question needs explaining then we should probably give up right here.

It grieved me to have someone say to me that it is impossible to keep the law so we should not bother trying. What they are really saying is that they can't love God and man perfectly so they should not try to love God and man at all. I would think this is probably another excuse to avoid spending time with God on His holy day because it is too much of an inconvenience, and if they can't find a reason to avoid the Sabbath they dispose of the whole law of love instead. When I ask them, does this mean we can murder or take the Lord's name in vain? They often get very defensive and respond of course not, when we fail we repent and move on! They are so desperate to avoid this quality time with God that they contradict themselves trying to avoid God's law of love. The problem is most of us have been taught the Sabbath is a burden when in fact it is the most beautiful day of the week devoted purely to fellowshipping with God and others and our family now cherish the day and would not give it up for the world. Satan has successfully deceived people into forgetting God's law is ten wonderful rules of love that if everyone obeyed would result in a world full of Love, Joy, Peace and Harmony and free from terrorism, hatred, murder, violence, rape and all other mayhem. Why would we not want a world full of Peace and Love?

How does the Bible define Sin? 1 John 3:4 says that, "Whoever sins is guilty of breaking God's law, because sin is a breaking of the law." Put more clearly, sin is failing to love God and people with all your heart. Jesus did not die on the cross for us so we could stop following His ten glorious rules of love. Love will never die and if we have love then we will go on loving God and our fellow man for all eternity. Jesus died on the cross so by faith and grace we can repent and go on living, not go on sinning! Some have said that if we still have to keep these rules of love then Jesus died for nothing. Since the law is loving God with all your heart, mind and soul and loving your neighbour as yourself does this mean in order that Jesus did not die for nothing we should stop loving God and man? That makes no sense. We should always be looking for ways to excel at loving God and man better. I certainly look forward to the Lord's return when there will be nothing but love. Jesus said *if you love me keep my Commandments*, He did not die for us so we would stop loving Him. What message does it send to unbelievers that have this world in chaos when we say that you don't have to obey the law? They will no doubt continue to murder and steal and not love but the one thing they will love is this false Gospel message that Christians don't have to obey the law. I am sure they will happily continue with their mayhem. When pastors preach that we don't have to keep the law you can certainly see the fruit of this message when you see adultery and divorce going sky high in the Church as a result.

There is nothing we can do to earn our salvation but once we have it what are we expected to do to keep it? This is where Satan deceives many of us and works hard to stop us from seeing the difference between trying to love people perfectly to earn our salvation and doing our best to love God with all our heart and love our neighbour as ourself, because we desire to as a consequence of being saved and becoming a new creation in Christ. The book of James shows that as a result of faith in Jesus, good works are a natural result of our faith. James 2:24 says, "You see, then, that it is by our actions that we are put right with God, and not by our faith alone." If we have faith in God, then we will be obedient to God, and if we are obedient to God's word, then the fruit of our faith will be that of good works. As James shows in James 2:19, the demons believe in God, but they are not saved. James 2:26 says, "So then, as the body without the spirit is dead, also faith without actions is dead." The Galatians tried to achieve salvation through works instead of by faith with good works being the fruit of their faith. James showed that others had wrongly concluded that faith alone was adequate for salvation. We should not strive to love God and man just because God wants us to but because we now want to as we allow Jesus to recreate in us a new heart that loves perfectly and to renew our minds. 1 John 5:3 says; "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous." It is of absolutely no use if it grieves us to love. If we agree God's rules of love are good and try to follow them but continually fail, are we saved? Absolutely. Are those that biblically keep God's Sabbath but on the wrong day in ignorance Saved? Of course. God's Grace covers a multitude of sin. If we deliberately break any of God's Ten love rules can we just repent each time and be covered by God's Grace? NO! God's Grace does NOT cover deliberate sin which cannot have genuine repentance. God made it very clear that regardless of our feelings, those who go forth to work on His Sabbath are guilty of breaking His law. James explains that it is a sin to break even one of the Ten Commandments. 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." Matthew 7:21-23 gives more insight, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" Were these people Christians? Yes. They would not be calling Him Lord if they were not. Even though they worked miracles in Jesus name they would not enter heaven. How did they lose their salvation? Jesus said that they practiced lawlessness. This means they failed to love God and man. They went around performing miracles in His name but because they did not have love, Jesus said He did not know them. We also read in 1 John 2:4 "He that saith, I know him, and keeps not his commandments, is a LIAR, and the truth is not in him." And Revelation 22:14 describes those who will live with God the Father and Christ throughout eternity in the New Jerusalem: "Blessed are those who do his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city."

Has one of God's Commandments been lost to the majority? Revelation 12:17 reads; "And the dragon (Satan) was wroth with the woman, (Church) and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." This verse speaks of a remnant Church that God would raise up in the end times that would keep all God's Commandments and Satan would hate and make war with. Why would Satan especially hate this remnant Church? If this Church is going to be different to other Churches in that it keeps God's Commandments, then obviously other Churches are not. So which Commandment is God going to restore? There is only one that Satan successfully destroyed by killing millions of people through paganism and the Papacy which is the Sabbath. Between 538AD and 1798AD the Papacy murdered and tortured 50 to 100 million people. In 321AD Constantine joined the Roman Catholic Church and made Christianity legal and enforced his first law which was Sunday worship. The consequence for keeping the seventh day according to God's Commandment was death. Eventually the Sabbath was virtually eliminated and Sunday became the new day of worship which has come down through the centuries into most Churches today. This is one of Satan's biggest deceptions and he will stop at nothing to keep people deceived and from finding out this truth. Satan hates this Church because it is like God's original Church that kept all of God's rules of love including the Sabbath and on the seventh day. Satan went to extreme lengths to destroy especially this one Commandment. Can man change God's love rules? In Mark 7:6-9 Jesus said; "How right Isaiah was when he prophesied about you! You are hypocrites, just as he wrote: 'These people, says God, honour me with their words, but their heart is really far away from me. It is no use for them to worship me, because they teach human rules as though they were my laws!" "You put aside God's command and obey human teachings." And Jesus continued, "You have a clever way of rejecting God's law in order to uphold your own teaching." Some people in the early Church decided to keep the Sabbath in honour of the resurrection but we have no right to change God's law and just because Satan succeeded in convincing some people to break God's law that does not make it acceptable for us to follow suit. If people started committing adultery or taking the Lord's name in vain on a large scale in the early Church, would this open the way for the rest of us to do the same? Regardless of the few that disobeyed God there were many more obedient Christians that were tortured and murdered for keeping the Sabbath on God's Holy day. The Papacy state that they have the right to change God's law and that their authority stands above God's word. What do you think? Do we follow the pope or do we follow God? Do we worship on the popes day or do we worship on God's Holy day?

Why does Satan especially despise the Sabbath? When it comes to loving God with all your heart, this is *EXACTLY* what the Sabbath is all about. "Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a *PERPETUAL covenant. It is a SIGN between Me and the children of Israel FOREVER...*" Exodus 31:16-17. All Commandments show our allegiance but the fourth is a special SIGN of loyalty that we may know we truly love and follow God as His people, and that He is our God. We are also *children of Israel* as is Abraham. Galatians 3:29 "*And if you be Christ's, then are you Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*" See also Romans 2:28-29. We need to be children of Israel as the both covenants were made with the house of Israel. Hebrews 8:10, "*For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My Laws into their mind and write them in their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*" God's law moved from stone tablets to our hearts so it will be our hearts desire to obey Him. When we spend quality time with someone our love relationship grows. And when we spend this quality time with God on His Sabbath that is exactly what happens. This is why Satan hates God's Sabbath. It is a day for Christians that truly love God with the same unconditional love that He gives us. No excuses, like I play sport on that day or I work or anything else. If we do this we do not *love God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind.* 

How do we keep the Sabbath? Isaiah 58:13-14 gives some good insight on how to keep the Sabbath. "*If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a DELIGHT...not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words, then you shall delight yourself in the Lord; and I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth...*" The Sabbath is also a "...sabbath of rest, an holy convocation" Leviticus 23:3 and is therefore perfect for worship services. When we fellowship with other people in whom God dwells, we are in fact also fellowshipping with Him 1 John 1:3, 7. So we should not think of the Sabbath as the day we can't do this or that. Rather, we should approach this very special day as a period when we *can* and *should* really take time to deeply *study* and thoughtfully *analyse* the scriptures. It is a time when we can sit quietly, meditating over and *thinking through* the truly big issues of life. In addition, the Sabbath is the perfect time for unhurried, thoughtful, heartfelt *prayer* to our Father in heaven to *commune* with our Creator, to *worship* Him, to get to *know* Him intimately. This is how to keep God's Sabbath holy.

Did God change the Sabbath to Sunday? Paul said in 1 Corinthians 7:19, "*Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but obeying God's commandments is everything.*" This clearly identifies how important God's Commandments are in comparison to circumcision, yet any other changed law less significant than the Ten Commandments such as circumcision, Paul mentioned more than 33 times and up to 10 verses at a time, and no assumptions were required but there is not one verse in the whole Bible that says the Sabbath was changed to Sunday that does not require an assumption. Jesus said in Matthew 5:18, "...*Till the heaven and the earth pass away, not one jot or one tittle shall in any way pass from the Law...*" Here it is in crystal clear language that the Commandments will not change one miniscule amount until "*heaven and earth pass.*" Not even a comma of the law will be altered. Just for arguments sake, let's say God was going to change the Sabbath, He would NOT leave us to assumptions on something so important that HE personally spoke with HIS own voice from the mountaintop and wrote personally with HIS own finger in STONE. There is no way in this universe that God would not give at least one clear verse if He were to alter His Commandments by even the smallest amount. The Bible would be *screaming* the event loud and clear. Satan also uses Revelation 1:10 to deceive many into believing Sunday is now the Sabbath. It simply reads; "*I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day...*" Sunday is not even mentioned and nowhere in the Bible does it say the Lord's Day is Sunday. Everything we believe must and can ONLY be based on God's word, not on what we *feel* or mans tradition.

Does God mind if we keep any day for His Sabbath? God confirmed in the Bible that the Sabbath was sealed by His divine selection and should not be tampered with. In Exodus 16 some Israelites had the same idea as many modern Christians. They felt that any day in seven would be all right to keep holy: And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none. And the Lord said unto Moses, How long refuse you to keep my commandments and my laws? Exodus 16:27-28. These people also thought another day could be kept just as well as the seventh day. Perhaps they were planning to observe the first day of the week, or some other day which was more convenient for them. This seems to be the plan for many Christians today who do not love God unconditionally and with all their heart. Does God mean what he says or not? He said unmistakably to keep the seventh day, not any day in seven. He also did not say that as long as you do everything each day to His glory that would be acceptable instead of keeping His Sabbath. No one has tried to void that law as too complicated to comprehend. It is undeniably true that God desires us to worship Him every day, doing everything at all times to His glory, however, as to a holy day of worship, God has commanded only one and has set apart no other day. Regardless of this, if we kept the Sabbath every day we would be broke and lazy. In Leviticus chapter ten, Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron were supposed to bring Holy fire from the alter but instead brought, as the Bible phrases it, strange fire. Did the Holy fire and the secular fire look the same? Yes. Were they chemically the same? Yes. Was God happy with the secular fire instead of Holy fire? Leviticus 10:2 says; "And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD." It appears God was not happy with their strange fire. So how do you think God feels when we offer Him a secular day instead of His Holy day? How does God feel when we offer a day used for sun worship (Sunday) that God detested? Satan is having a good laugh at our expense with his achievement. Are we happy to accept this? God's ten rules of love are eternal as God is love and God is eternal and the Sabbath is no exception. It was made in the beginning with creation before sin and before Jews and Isaiah 66:22-23 says, "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make stand before Me, says Jehovah...and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh will come to worship before Me says Jehovah." Every part of God's ten rules of love are indeed unchanging and eternal as love is eternal and so is God who is the same yesterday, today and forever, He changes not. Hebrews 13:8 Exodus 20:5 says, "... I the LORD your God am a jealous God ... " God wanted that quality time with us from the beginning and Isaiah 66 shows He still wants it in the new Heaven and the new Earth. Why wouldn't our Jealous God still want that personal time with us now?

It does not matter how much we do not want to see this Sabbath truth because truth is still truth and fact is fact. It is ten love Commandments not nine. God is not some foolish wishy-washy God who combines *eternal* rules of love with something that is not love and not eternal. That would be just plain stupidity. And that is definitely NOT our all-knowing God of infinite wisdom. People don't spend the same time and effort trying to find reasons why we can take the Lord's name in vain, why should we do it with the Sabbath? It is an even more beautiful love Commandment. No matter how hard we try to find reasons to throw this one love Commandment out, the truth will not change and all that will result is we will cause further grief to the one true God that sent His son to die for us and loves us unconditionally and just wants one meagre day out of seven of the week to spend with us because He loves us so much. Why do we try so hard not to see this beautiful truth! Who are we listening to when we do that? Don't we realize the pain we are causing our most awesome Heavenly Father that loves us with a love so incredible that we will probably never fully comprehend it? What a magnificent privilege it is to spend a day with our Creator and receive the promised blessings when we do keep our weekly appointment with God.

Here are some excuses we can use to avoid this time with God. Sorry God I'm busy, love was nailed to the cross, I do everything each day to your glory instead, it was changed by man in honour of the resurrection, the Commandments were just for the Jews so they are the only ones that have to love, God only loves the Jews so it was a privilege just for them, we're under grace not law, it is legalism to obey God's love rules, the Sabbath is a burden so it must be gone, we know Sunday is still Sunday but we can't be sure if Saturday is still the same day, we can't obey the law so we should not bother trying to love at all, the Roman Catholic Church changed it to Sunday and we should be reverent to them, Jesus came to fulfil the law because we can't do it so He came to do it for us meaning He came to love God and people for us so we don't have to, the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath, (must be a hidden sub clause here that overrides the Sabbath... but I can't see it.) There are many excuses that we can make but all deny truth and do not line up with God's word. Jesus is the way and the truth and to reject areas of truth in scripture is to reject Him. This is the most beautiful love commandment of all and is definitely one for those who truly Love God with all their Heart and all their Mind and all their Soul. Are you one of these people? Or is your relationship a conditional one to which you attach all your reasons and justifications and what you want to believe in your own mind because keeping the Sabbath is too much of an inconvenience and disruption to your lifestyle? Most Christians obey nine of God's rules of love but look for every way they can to justify away in there own minds why this one rule of love is different. If we really love God and we are really looking for truth it will be plain as the nose on our face that the fourth rule of love is to be taken just as seriously as the other nine. Other than the fact it is the real test of our love for God it is no different to the others. God knows our hearts and if we are in denial or looking for excuses not to totally devote our time and love to Him on His Holy day, how do you think God feels when we do this? How do you think it will affect the blessings in our lives? How do you think it affects our relationship with Him when we deny Him this quality time? This love Commandment did not die with the Old Testament any more than the other nine did. They are eternal because God said they are eternal and because love is eternal as God is eternal and God is Love.

## An Interesting point to consider, what do you do if you are not sure?

Throughout this document we have covered a many of the excuses perpetuated by the devil himself to attack God's law and keep as many Christians as law breakers as possible. Did you ever stop and wonder why there is not just one clear cut excuse? That's the thing about excuses, they are all different. And realistically, excuses is all they are because what is really relevant is the fact that sin is transgression of the law, 1 John 3:4 and the law is what we will be judged by, James 2:11 and if we break one law we have broken them all, James 2:10 and there is no more sacrifice for deliberate sin, Hebrews 10:26. Gods grace cannot and does not cover wilful sin. For those that never had the light of the Sabbath truth, I am sure we all know that God knows our heart and if we loved Him enough to obey Him if we were shown the light of this truth.

Our God is not a stupid God that mixes temporary laws with eternal laws or laws that are not love with laws that are. If you have read this entire web site then you will now know that all Ten Commandments are laws of love and the Sabbath is indeed special in that it shows it is God we love and God we worship and God we belong to and it is precious time with Him on His Holy day as well as being a memorial of creation. This is why God personally wrote and spoke and added this great law to His Holy Word Himself. The Ten Commandments are as eternal as love is. This being the case, none of the Commandments can ever cease and even if that were possible, which it is not, for any of the Ten Commandments to change would be just as important as the giving of them. Exodus 20:1 "And God spoke all these words, saying", Commandments spoken from verses 2 to 17, Exodus 20:18-20 "And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak you with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that you sin not." In other words, the Bible would be far from silent if so much as one small change were to ever be made to this awesome law of love given in such a momentous earth-shattering event that out does every other historical event ever!

Jesus knowing the heart of man and the nature of Satan found it necessary to inform us that He did NOT come to destroy the law and that not one Jot or Tittle would pass from the law until heaven and earth pass, Matthew 5:17-18. Heaven and earth are still here and what Jesus is saying is what we already know, which is the law is eternal as love never ends. It really is this simple. If Jesus said the law is not going to change then this is ALL we need to know. If any of the multitude of excuses were so, it would be in contradiction to the very words of Jesus. Again, even if Jesus did not make this statement, the nature of the law is still eternal but ignoring even this fact, if something so important that God wrote and spoke himself were going to change, we would not be making assumptions. To put it in simple English, it would be a statement as clear as this; "*The Sabbath is no longer one of the Ten Commandments and God no longer wants this personal time with us one day a week and the day is no longer blessed and it is no longer holy and it is no longer a memorial of creation.*"

So, unless someone can produce from the Word of God a statement as clear as the one above or a similar statement that says the words of Jesus have changed and He is now going to destroy the law and it will no longer last as long as Heaven and Earth, the Sabbath and all the other nine Commandments stand. If for some strange reason you are still not sure, or it seems hard to imagine how so many Christians (most who have never read their Bible through once) could be wrong, then all I have left to say is to consider the following.

In the world today there are over 400 denominations that keep the Sabbath to the tune of millions of people and there are millions of people who also do not. So, if one cannot honestly establish what the truth is, then what should they do? If our perfect God did make a mistake when He put the Sabbath with His Ten great rules of love and those that therefore keep God's Sabbath are wrong, are they in any possible trouble? If our perfect God did not make a mistake when He put the Sabbath with His Ten great rules of love and those that don't keep the Sabbath are wrong are they in any possible trouble? Let's first run through a lot of scriptures to see if one can justify why one would believe the Bible says we should keep all the Commandments.

1.) The only thing God personally spoke and wrote and added to His Word was His Ten Commandments.

2.) This is the only one we really need to know! Jesus said He did not come to destroy the law and there would be no change to the law until heaven and earth pass. Matthew 5:17-20 "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18 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."

**3.)** Matthew 5:27-30 "You have heard that it was said by them of old time, You shall not commit adultery: 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart. 29 And if your right eye offend you, pluck it out, and cast it from you: for it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body should be cast into hell 30 And if your right hand offend you, cut it off, and cast it from you: for it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body should be cast into hell 30 And if your right bedy should be cast into hell."

**4.)** Christians that do miracles and other things in Jesus name but do not keep His law will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 7:21-23 NKJV "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"

**5.)** This verse says that "ALL the Law" hang on these two Commandments. Matthew 22:35-40 "Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, 36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, You shall love your neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

6.) This one seems to be a pretty clear and easy to understand verse. John 14:15 "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

7.) John 14:21 "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

**8.)** John 15:10 "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love."

9.) Romans 3:31 "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law."

**10.)** Romans 6:14-15 "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. 15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid."

11.) Romans 7:12 "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good."

**12.)** Loving your neighbour as yourself is a way of summing up the Commandments and covering anything not specifically mentioned. Romans 13:9-10 "For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

**13.)** The old and new covenants were both made with the house of Israel but that is not a problem because Galatians 3:29 says, "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

**14.)** The Sabbath is a sign between us and God for ever and a perpetual covenant which means eternal or never ending. Exodus 31:16-17 "Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. 17 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."

**15.)** God said He would now write His law on our hearts and unless someone can show from the Bible that "His Law" is now something different... All other aspects of the Law were nailed to the cross. Hebrews 8:10 "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:"

**16.)** We know God's grace covers our unintentional sin when we genuinely repent but this verse says there is no more sacrifice for deliberate sin and is to trample Jesus under foot and count the blood of the covenant as an unholy thing. Hebrews 10:26-29 "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. 28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose you, shall he be thought worthy, who has trodden under foot the Son of God, and has counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and has done despite unto the Spirit of grace?"

**17.)** It is called the "Perfect law of liberty". James 1:25 "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

**18.)** If you offend on even one point you have broken the whole law and verse twelve says we will be judged by this "*Perfect Law of Liberty*". James 2:10-12 "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. 11 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. 12 "So speak you, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty."

**19.)** Since Jesus is the Way and the Truth then if we don't have truth then we don't have Jesus and if we don't have Jesus then we don't have access to the Father. 1 John 2:3-4 "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

**20.)** Sin is breaking the Commandments and why Jesus was nailed to the cross. 1 John 3:4 GNB "Whoever sins is guilty of breaking God's law, because sin is a breaking of the law."

**21.)** 1 John 3:22, 24 "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." 24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us."

22.) 1 John 5:3 "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."

**23.)** God's remnant Church is going to re-establish all His Commandments as Satan nearly murdered one of them out of existence. Revelation 12:17 "And the dragon (Satan) was wroth (very angry) with the woman, (the Church) and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

24.) The "Mark of the Beast" has something to do with the Commandments. Those that don't keep the Commandments get the Mark and those that do keep them do not. At a minimum, those that get the Mark have broken the second Commandment and it is very interesting that verse seven references the fourth Commandment. Is this coincidence considering the Beast changed God's Sabbath? Revelation 14:7, 11-12 "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. 12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

**25.)** The Sabbath will be kept in the new earth. Isaiah 66:22-23 "For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. 23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD."

**26.)** Revelation 22:14 "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. 11 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

That was a very long list and there was a lot more that could have added but we would be here all day. There is plenty of good reason here to believe that God wants us to keep His Commandments and what would be the sin if we were wrong? On the other hand, there is plenty to say that one would be in plenty of trouble if they do sin wilfully. What about the fourth Commandment? Isaiah 58:13-14 says we are to find it a blessing and when one keeps it properly and not in a legalistic manner, it involves a very relaxing day that is superb for ones health. It brings many blessings as you spend it fellowshipping with other Christians building loving relationships. Most importantly, it is quality time with God that also builds on your relationship with Him causing your love for God to grow and blossom! When kept according to the Bible nothing negative can come from it, to the contrary it has many blessings and positive aspects only. Does the Bible give any indication that we could be in any trouble for doing this if we don't have to keep it? Would those that know the blessings want to stop keeping it anyway? No! So many who have never kept it don't understand this statement. So, there is lots of excellent evidence to say we should keep all God's Commandments and that we are not in any trouble if we are wrong. There is also lots of evidence to say that those who don't keep all the Commandments could be in trouble depending on what light they had.

**Conclusion:** If those that keep God's Commandments are wrong, they are not in any trouble for desiring to love and obey God. If those that don't keep one or more of God's Commandments are wrong they could be in immense trouble by losing their right to enter the kingdom of heaven. So what do you do? A wise man of God once said, "If you are ever not sure, then do the safe thing!"