

Sermon Series – “Why I Believe”

Part 2 – “The Sabbath on Trial”

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Scripture Reading: Colossians 2:16 & 17

Paul was an erudite scholar and _____, who was known for his depth of _____ and wisdom of expression. Sadly there were many people, and still _____, who _____ his words and _____ them out of context, and thus arrived at misconstrued doctrines and false _____ which they later attributed to him. Speaking of Paul, we find this statement from Peter:

“As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.” (2 Peter 3:16 NKJV)

In his epistle to the believers in Colosse, Paul _____ an issue in which Judaizers _____ to make Christians keep Jewish _____ to be saved, and as a result, some now _____ that this includes the Sabbath. But what did Paul _____ and what was his practice? Let us pray as we study.

Testing the Sabbath

1. What “sabbaths” are being _____ about here and why? *Col. 2:16, 14; Lev. 23*
2. How should we understand the _____ *shadow* and *substance*? *Col. 2:17*
3. Where does the _____ of the shadow and Substance culminate? *Luke 23:44-54*
4. Do we see Paul observing this sacred _____ even with gentiles? *Acts 13:42-44; 18:4*
5. Why is the enemy so bent on _____ the Sabbath? *Rev. 14:6-7*

The Sabbath will be the great test of loyalty, for it is the point of truth especially controverted. When the final test shall be brought to bear upon humanity, then the line of distinction will be drawn between those who serve God and those who serve Him not. While the observance of the false sabbath in compliance with the law of the state, contrary to the fourth commandment, will be an avowal of allegiance to a power that is in opposition to God, the keeping of the true Sabbath, in obedience to God’s law, is an evidence of loyalty to the Creator.

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May we always Honor Christ by being Loyal to Him on His Holy Day!