

## Are Christians To Keep The Seventh Day As A Sabbath? {concluded}

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come, we are no longer under a tutor," the passage is clearly saying that we are no longer under, subject to, or bound by the law — the law of Moses. "The law" of verses 2, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23 and 24 is definitely the law of Moses, including the ten commandments and therefore including the command to "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." See also Galatians 4:21 where Paul asked a question of those who "desired to be under the law." They did not desire to be under the **condemnation** of the law; they simply desired to be subject to, bound by the law (Judaizers were trying to compel Gentile Christians to obey the law of Moses). Galatians 5:18 states: "But if ye are led by the Spirit, ye are not under the law." One cannot now be led by the Spirit, following the instructions of the Holy Spirit as found in the new covenant, and, at the same time, be under the law of Moses. The latter has served its purposes and given way to the former.

(Thayer, in his *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, gives such meanings as "to be under, i.e., subject to the power of, any person or thing." He lists as examples Romans 6:14-15; 1 Corinthians 9:20; Galatians 3:10, 25; 4:21. On Galatians 4:4 he says, "born under, i.e., subject to." [Page 642 under the Greek preposition, HUPO]. Marvin R. Vincent and A. T. Robertson should also be consulted on any of these passages.)

## The Greatest Discovery

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**"The greatest discovery of any generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering the attitudes of their minds" — Albert Schweitzer.**

Yes, that is a wonderful quote, but it could have come straight out of the New Testament! The apostle Paul admonished Roman Christians with the words: "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12:2). So you can be **transformed ("morphed"?)** by the renewing of your mind, and prove to all what is that "good, acceptable and perfect will of God"! Mr. Schweitzer couldn't have said it better himself!

Paul repeated this thought with more detail to the Christians at Ephesus: "that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness" (Eph. 4:22-24). If you are "**renewed in the spirit of your mind**" then you will be a "new man" in Jesus Christ! **That new person in Jesus Christ . . .**

- Puts away lying, and speaks the truth, v. 25.
- Does not allow his anger to become sinful, v. 26
- Does not give the devil room in his heart, v. 27
- Does not steal, but works to give to others, v. 28
- Does not speak vulgar language, but words of grace and kindness, v. 29
- Does not grieve the Holy Spirit, v. 30
- Does not allow bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor or evil speaking in his heart or mouth, v. 31; 5:4
- Is kind to others, tenderhearted, and forgiving, v. 32
- Walks in love as Jesus Christ did, 5:2
- Puts away sexual sins and covetousness, 5:3

In short, *mind renewal* results in *life transformation*. Through the power of the life-changing gospel, one can learn to control himself, and he who can control himself can rule the world! Or in the words of the wise man, Solomon: "He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city" (Proverbs 16:32). Before one can rule others, he must learn how to rule himself! **300303**