

INTRODUCTION

- * As Chuck reminded us last week, Luke wrote this gospel account that we are studying in order "that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed."
- * We have seen, that it was Jesus' custom to go to the Synagogue on the Sabbath. It was on the Sabbath that Jesus gave His Messianic proclamation in the Synagogue in Nazareth. It was also on the Sabbath that we saw His ministry begin in the town of Capernaum. There, in the Synagogue, the people were amazed at His teaching and He cast the unclean Spirit out of a man. Afterwards, Jesus went to Simon's house and healed Simon's mother-in-law.
- * Today, we are going to see Jesus - the Lord of the Sabbath - begin to deal with the misunderstandings that the people have regarding the Law of the Sabbath. These interactions are going to bring Him into direct confrontation with the Pharisees and teachers of the Law.
- * Similarly, this topic can be quite controversial amongst believers, and theologians, in the church today. Is the discussion of the Sabbath only for Israel in an Old Covenant setting? Do the principles of the Sabbath "laws" apply to believers, and if so, how?
- * Also, questions are then raised regarding the application of the teachings of Jesus for New Testament. Many dispensationalists, of which I am one, would declare that Jesus' teaching was "Kingdom" teaching and is not applicable to the saints if they are not reiterated elsewhere in the New Testament. However, Jesus specifically declared as part of the process of His Great Commission - to Make Disciples - that it included teaching the new believer (disciple) to observe all of the things which He commanded.
- * So, today's passage ... though, only 11 verses ... has so much for us to consider. Indeed, as Chuck mentioned last week, we will only scratch the surface!
- * First ... what is the Meaning of the "Second Sabbath." Again, there is great debate: is it the second Sabbath of Jesus in Capernaum (since Luke 4:31), or is this an allusion to it being the week of Passover and this is a reference to 1st Fruits, or one of the Holy Convocations? It is a detail that Luke chose to include by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Though it is not germane to our discussion today, it would be a good study for you to perform!

INSTRUCTION**I. THE L _____ OF THE SABBATH****A. The Old Testament R _____ (Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11)**

1. A DAY FOR RE _____ (cf. Exodus 23:12; 35:1-3)
 - a. Not Just for You ... but for Your Servants!
 - b. Not Just During the Offseason! (cf. Exodus 34:21)
2. A DAY FOR RE _____ (cf. Exodus 31:12-17)
 - a. Remembering - and Giving Testimony to - the C _____ of God (cf. Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11)
 - b. Remembering - and Giving Testimony to - the R _____ of God (cf. Deuteronomy 5:12-15)

B. The New Testament A _____

1. THE TEACHING OF J _____
 - a. The Sabbath was made for M _____ ... not V _____ (cf. Mark 2:27)
 - b. The Sabbath was made for G _____ ... not E _____ (cf. Luke 6:9; 13:10-17; 14:1-6)
2. THE TEACHING OF P _____
 - a. The Injunction Against W _____ (cf. Colossians 2:16-23)
 - b. The Injunction Against J _____ (cf. Romans 14:4-9)

II. THE L _____ OF THE SABBATH**A. He Provided For Our Need For Physical Rest (cf. Genesis 2)****B. He Provided For Our Need For Spiritual Rest (Hebrews 3-4; Matthew 11:28-30)****INTROSPECTION**

- * Do you tend to judge the salvation of others based your own standards of righteousness?
- * Have you considered God's plan of physical restoration which He established at Creation? How have you applied it to your life?
- * Are there any activities in your life that would cause the world to see a "difference" in you? Are you living your life as a living sacrifice to Christ?
- * Have you accepted the free gift of salvation - and entered into the "Rest" that Christ offers?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * What impact should the Sabbath principles have upon the church today - as an assembly and as individuals?