

# Bible Study Series: The Book of Galatians

## Chapter 4

### Verse 10

- A. The Galatians were observing days, months, times, and years. What does this mean?
- B. Under the Law of Moses, there were multiple special days and times of the year that Israel had to observe.
- C. The most common of these was the \_\_\_\_\_ day. This was one of the Ten Commandments. Exodus 20:8-11
- It was to be a day of \_\_\_\_\_ and absolutely no work was to be done.
  - What was the penalty for breaking it? \_\_\_\_\_! Exodus 31:14-15
- D. **To whom was the Sabbath day command given?**
- It was given to the nation of \_\_\_\_\_. Exodus 19:2-3; cf. Nehemiah 9:13-14
  - The Sabbath day was a \_\_\_\_\_ of the covenant relationship that God had with the nation of Israel. Exodus 31:12-13, 17-18
- E. **Why was the Sabbath day command given?**
- According to Isaiah 40:21-22, the whole purpose of God in \_\_\_\_\_ was to provide a place for Him to live and rest with mankind.
  - God's rest was \_\_\_\_\_ in Genesis 3 by mankind's rebellion and disobedience.
  - God's original plan to live and dwell on the earth with mankind in perfect rest, peace, and tranquility will one day be fulfilled.
  - The nation of Israel is the \_\_\_\_\_ instrument through which God will bring about this eternal rest to the earth. God promised Israel eternal rest in His habitation in Zion. Exodus 15:17-18; Jeremiah 30:10, 31:1-3
  - The Sabbath day was a weekly \_\_\_\_\_ and picture of the eternal rest God has promised to them on the earth in the future.

F. **Why don't we observe the Sabbath day today?**

- God's work to \_\_\_\_\_ mankind culminated when Jesus came to this earth and died for our sin.
- The work of redemption was finished and complete. Now today, Christ bids us to believe upon and rest in His finished \_\_\_\_\_. He is our place of rest and peace with God.
- We do not rest in a \_\_\_\_\_, we rest in a \_\_\_\_\_ - Jesus Christ. This is why God said in Colossians 2:16-17, *"Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ."*
- These things have nothing to do with us today in the present. They have to do with God's program with Israel in the \_\_\_\_\_. This is why it says that they are shadows **of things to come**. This is speaking of Israel's future kingdom on earth.
- This is why God says in Romans 14:5-6 that one person may regard one day \_\_\_\_\_ another, but another person regards every day the \_\_\_\_\_. It really doesn't matter because our rest isn't in a day; it's in a person – Jesus Christ.

G. The Galatians were observing these special Jewish days and months and years, thinking that this made them special and acceptable to God.

H. Paul is demonstrating to them how silly and ridiculous this is. The ordinances of the law were taken out of the way when Christ \_\_\_\_\_ on the cross.  
Colossians 2:14; Ephesians 2:15-16

# Rapture of the church

## Second coming of Christ

**Sabbath Days:  
shadows of things  
to come for Israel**  
Colossians 2:16-17



### Old Testament

**Body of Christ  
Dispensation  
of Grace**

### Tribulation

**Kingdom  
Rest for  
Israel**

*SABBATH DAY  
COMMAND GIVEN  
TO ISRAEL  
EXODUS 19:2-3*

*CHRIST'S  
FINISHED WORK  
ON THE CROSS*

*SABBATH DAY  
COMMAND IS DONE  
AWAY IN CHRIST -  
WE REST IN A  
PERSON (CHRIST)  
NOT A DAY*

*7 YEARS  
OF WRATH*

*THE SHADOW OF  
THE SABBATH IS  
FULFILLED IN  
ISRAEL'S KINGDOM  
REST ON EARTH*