

## Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Road Map

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Colossians 2:13-17

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### Don't live in the *Sabbath* shadows! Live in the reality - Christ!

- ❖ What are we to do with the Sabbath Day - the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment?
  - Saturday: the 7<sup>th</sup> Day - no work
  - Sunday: *New Testament Sabbath, day of holy obligation*, no work
  - Islam's devotion to their Friday Sabbath
  - Paul identifies all of them as *snake oil from the Old Serpent*
    - ♦ Satan delights in getting people to focus on Sabbaths, not Jesus!
    - ♦ *a Sabbath day. ...a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.*
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- ❖ See - Christ alone offers all fullness. It's **never** found in *Jesus plus*.
  - The Reality of Jesus - what Jesus did:
    - ♦ For us: *He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*
      - *Forgave* - pardon graciously given
      - *Canceled* - wiped out, washed away, obliterated (It's history!)
      - *Condemning debt* - before God and our conscience
      - Debt gone - Satan and company are **powerless** over us!
      - Jesus did it **all!** Nothing lacking. **All fullness** is found here!
    - ♦ To us: *When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ.*
      - Our *old-existence-headed-to-hell* replaced! Made alive with Christ.
      - No longer captive to sin's thinking & desires. Fullness in Jesus!
  - All fullness is Christ! Jesus + anything = **0** - **Jesus** = return to debt
    - ♦ Think Jesus is too simple and not enough? You haven't see his fullness!
    - ♦ 66 Book full of Jesus to fill you up with life to the full. See Jesus!
    - ♦ Ritual will not put off sin. A life of *joyful repentance* in Jesus = **LIFE**
- ❖ Spend your life growing in the implication of his promises

- ❖ *Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.* What does this mean?
  - 10 Commandments - part of Old Covenant with Israel
    - ♦ 7<sup>th</sup> day & no labor = obligations for those **under Old Covenant**
  - The Old Covenant regulations were *shadows* outlining, pointing to Christ
    - ♦ Now that the Real One is here, **don't focus** on or **live in** the **shadows!**
  - God declared the Old Covenant finished: temple curtain torn, no temple...
    - ♦ Those who judge with Old Covenant regulations don't speak for God!
    - ♦ In fact they contradict God who declared **all** free from this obligations!
    - ♦ All who says: *Be religious. Do this! Don't do that!* live in the shadows
    - ♦ The Light and reality of Christ expose law religions = darkness
  - Should we ignore: *Remember the Sabbath Day?*
    - ♦ See how it pointed to Christ to see Christ's fullness
      - Sabbath is *rest*. Jesus is God's rest, from sin and death = peace
      - Daily seek true Sabbath rest in Jesus, his fullness, his gospel
    - ♦ What holy immutable will of God is at the core of this Commandment?
      - Christ set us free from a slavish obedience to God's will
      - In faith we delight in God's will - hating sin, it's harm and slavery
      - It is **God's will** for **his people** to **gather in sacred assembly**
      - Convicted all fullness if found in Jesus - we come here to be filled.
      - Hebrews 10: <sup>19</sup> *Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ... let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, ... Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*
        - Sacred assembly around gospel in Word and Sacrament
        - Sacred assembly to encourage one another, model, help, serve...
        - Not a *day of holy obligation* = *Law*. Renewed in **reality** - **Christ***

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