

I have been reading a magazine which comes to me through the mail, and I find some of the articles very good, especially ones which urge the Christian to keep the Sabbath. What do you think? Should a Christian observe the Sabbath?

It is very clear in the New Testament that the Sabbath (that is Friday sundown to Sat sundown) which was observed by the Jewish people has been done away with for the Christian. Listen to 2 Cor 3:verses 7 and 11: it says that the law that was written and engraven in stones was done away in Christ.

What does that mean?

Well, what part of the law which was given through Moses was written in stones? The 10 commandments, and of course the 4th commandment is the one that requires observance of the Sabbath. So the Bible clearly says that we who belong to Christ are not to ~~worship~~ observe the Sabbath.

Then ~~when/are/we/it~~ is there any special day that we set aside to worship the Lord?

Of course we ought to worship Him every day, but the early church did worship in together in a special way on the first day of the week, that is on Sunday. Sunday is the day for special worship and gathering together with other Christians which believers observe today, and not Saturday. So I would say to our listener, beware of that magazine. If it is wrong about an important thing ~~about~~ such as Sabbath worship, then it might be wrong about other teachings as well.

If you sin against the Holy Spirit and you repent, will God forgive you?

This question is asked frequently, and the answer is a definite YES. God will forgive any and every sin if ~~if~~ you confess those sins. No sin is unforgivable as long as you have life and breath to ask God for forgiveness.

Then why do people speak of the unpardonable sin?

Some believe that cursing the Holy Spirit is unpardonable. But this is based on a misunderstanding of the an incident that is recorded in Matt. 12. There some people were charging Jesus with doing miracles in the power of the devil when actually He was doing them in the power of the Spirit. This, the Lord said, is unpardonable; yet right in the same passage He also said that even those who were committing this sin could confess Him as Lord and be justified. So no sin is unpardonable if you repent. Now of course it is true that if a person dies rejecting Christ as His Savior, that is unpardonable. But as long as you have life, God will forgive and cleanse if you believe Him