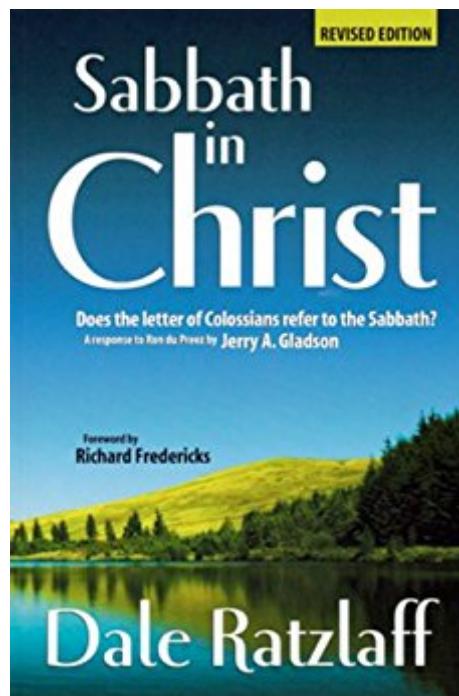


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# Sabbath In Christ



## Synopsis

Sabbath in Christ is a thorough, inductive, biblical study of the Sabbath, the covenants, the law and the gospel. It is considered by many to be the best readable work on the Sabbath topic in print. It is endorsed by many leading theologians. (See below) It is the result of years of study and has helped thousands of transitioning Adventists find the truth on the Sabbath Question. Recently Seventh-day Adventist Scholar Ron du Preez authored a book published by Andrews University Press claiming that the Sabbath mentioned "in Colossians 2:16 refers to ancient Jewish ceremonial Sabbaths, and not the weekly Sabbath. Thus, the Seventh-day Sabbath of the Decalogue cannot be regarded as abrogated on the basis of Colossians 2." The first edition of Sabbath in Christ presented abundant biblical evidence that the Sabbath in Colossians 2 does, indeed, refer to the weekly Sabbath. However, because du Preez' book relies heavily on certain Hebrew structures, Ratzlaff asked Old Testament Professor, Dr. Jerry Gladson who is proficient in Hebrew to write a response to du Preez' work. He consented to do this and has given permission to print his response in this edition of Sabbath in Christ. "I am impressed with the clarity, precision, and thoroughness of Dale Ratzlaff's work, Sabbath in Christ. This book is a much-needed treatment of the Sabbath controversy, written with intelligent passion and full of insight and wisdom. Mr. Ratzlaff shows great care in his handling of the complex biblical, historical, and theological issues. This book will be a great encouragement and help to anyone struggling to understand what Scripture says about the Sabbath." John MacArthur, Ph.D., Senior Pastor, Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, California "I have been engaged in a systematic re-study of your book, Sabbath in Christ. It is an absolutely wonderful work. It is a brilliant masterpiece." Thomas C. Nixon, Ph. D. "Dale Ratzlaff has done us a real service in providing the best all-around treatment of the Sabbath question to date. His discussion is fair, even-handed, and persuasive. I highly recommend this book to anyone with a question about the Sabbath." Jerry Gladson, Ph.D., Senior Pastor, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Marietta, Georgia "Is the Seventh Day Adventist church just another denomination among evangelicals who, for some reason, worship on Saturday? That's what I used to believe. That's what the SDA church would like you to think since they want to be viewed as evangelical, but they are not! Pastoring in a community not far from the Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI, I was introduced to Dale Ratzlaff's ministry. In reading Dale's book, Sabbath in Christ, I quickly understood that their keeping of the fourth commandment, so fundamental to Adventism, is not based on the truth of God's Word in any way. Dale makes that crystal clear, biblically, theologically and historically. Our true Sabbath is found in Christ alone, and not in the keeping of the Old Covenant sign of the Sabbath given to Israel, nor in the

writings of Ellen G. White, the SDA's prophetess. Dale's new edition has been strengthened with the additional appendix by Jerry Gladson on Colossians 2:16 which answers the Adventists' latest attempt to make the Sabbath in this verse the day of Atonement. Read the book, go to God's Word, and let's get our theology straight." •Phil Bubar, M.Div., Senior Pastor, The Chapel Evangelical Free Church, St. Joseph, Michigan.

"Sabbath in Christ has my wholehearted recommendation because it is a thorough work characterized by responsible exegesis of the biblical texts, language that the lay person can readily understand and knowledge of and sensitivity to the spiritual E'celot in life of sabbatarians. Pastors and Bible-study leaders will find the chapter summaries very helpful in preparing handouts in a series on the Sabbath." •Rev. Clinton A. Chisholm, Caribbean Graduate School of Theology, Jamaica

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Very thorough and in depth study of 7th day Sabbath keeping, its inception, application, and

eventual replacement in the new covenant when Christ died on the cross then rose from the dead. All supported by scripture (the Bible). Like the author, I am an ex-Seventh Day Adventist trying to reconcile the Sabbath question. This book answers just that.

This book is really great!. It explained righteousness by faith very clearly. It also explains how Jesus has become the new covenant Sabbath and the old law has been replaced. This took away the miserable chains of the law and doubt and turned my faith into a joyous relationship with God and assurance of salvation by faith. You will be surprised at the things you have missed seeing when reading the scriptures. This will open your eyes.

A very clear presentation of a truth in the Word of God, a believer's rest because of the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not a day but involves the whole life of the believer because Christ has satisfied the righteous justice of God for him.

If you've been judged by a sabbath - keeper that you were not a true Christian, and if you are a sabbath - keeper who is not afraid to study the Sabbath from a different prospective than what you believe, Grab your bible and read this book! It's eye opening and bible based!

An absolute read for the serious student who faces the question of sabbath keeping being absolutely necessary or required to be a Christian. I would agree that this book ought to be considered the benchmark reference to studying not only the main question at hand but an overall encompassing study of the biblical sabbath from the entirety of holy rift. I plan on reading this yet again soon.

Very helpful with my studies

his studies paid off Thanks for the truth about the Sabbath being in Christ and not earthly

This verifies what The Lord showed me through personal study. Christ truly is the fulfillment of the Sabbath command. All who rest in the Lord of The Sabbath are keeping the rest which was and intended by God because God is keeping them. We acknowledge and keep the commandments, in the new covenant, according to the spirit and not the letter and this is only accomplished through faith in Christ. We are not commanded to return to the Law or ordered to keep the commandments

as they once were kept but now we are commanded to Come to Christ and to forsake all hope In our ability to justify ourselves. Once we have believed unto salvation, we begin to change and that change bares witness to the fact that His law is written on our hearts and no longer on tablets of stone. We are perfectly blameless if we have truly been born again.

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