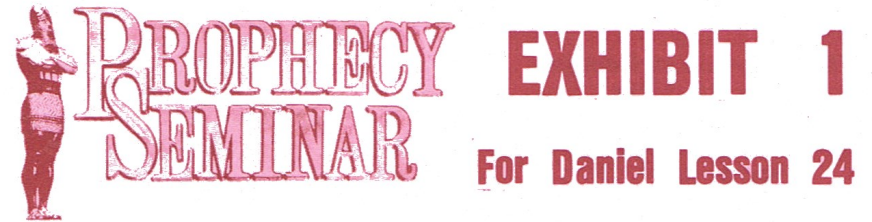


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### CHURCH'S ADMISSION TO CHANGING THE SABBATH

- A. **Q.** What is the Third Commandment?
- A.** The third Commandment is: Remember thou keep holy the Sabbath day.
- Q.** Which is the Sabbath day?
- A.** Saturday is the Sabbath day.
- Q.** Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?
- A.** We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday." **The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine.** (1951 printing), page 50.
- B. **Q.** How prove you that the Church hath power to command feasts and holy days?
- A.** By the very act of changing the Sabbath into Sunday which Protestants allow of; and therefore they fondly contradict themselves, by keeping Sunday strictly, and breaking most other feasts commanded by the same church." Henry Tuberville, **An Abridgment of the Christian Doctrine.** 1833, page 58.
- C. "You will tell men that Saturday was the Jewish Sabbath, but that the Christian Sabbath has been changed to Sunday. Changed! but by whom? Who has authority to change an express commandment of Almighty God? When God has spoken and said, Thou Shalt keep holy the seventh day, who shall dare to say, Nay, thou mayest work and do all manner of worldly business on the seventh day; but thou

shalt keep holy the first day in its stead. This is a most important question which I know not how you can answer.

"You are a Protestant, and you profess to go by the Bible and the Bible only; and yet in so important a matter as the observance of one day in seven as a holy day, you go against the plain letter of the Bible, and put another day in the place of the day which the Bible has commanded. The command to keep holy the seventh day is one of the ten commandments; you believe that the other nine are still binding: who gave you authority to tamper with the fourth? If you are consistent with your own principles, if you really follow the Bible and the Bible only, you ought to be able to produce some portion of the New Testament in which this fourth commandment is expressly altered." **Library of Christian Doctrine**. Why Don't You Keep Holy the Sabbath Day? page 5.

D. Thomaston, Georgia  
May 22, 1954

Pope Pius XII  
Rome, Italy

Dear Sir;

Is the accusation true, that Protestants accuse you of? They say you changed the Seventh Day Sabbath to the, so-called, Christian Sunday: Identical with the First Day of the week. If so, when did you make the change, and by what authority?

Yours very truly,  
J. L. Day

## THE REPLY:

**THE CATHOLIC EXTENSION MAGAZINE**  
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Dear Sir:

Regarding the change from the observance of the Jewish Sabbath to the Christian Sunday, I wish to draw your attention to the facts:

- (1) That Protestants, who accept the Bible as the only rule of faith and religion, should by all means go back to the observance of the Sabbath. The fact that they do not, but on the contrary observe

Sunday, stultifies them in the eyes of every thinking man.

- (2) We Catholics do not accept the Bible as the only rule of faith. Besides the Bible we have the living Church, the authority of the Church, as a rule to guide us. We say, this Church instituted by Christ, to teach and guide men through life, has the right to change the Ceremonial laws of the Old Testament and hence, we accept her change of the Sabbath to Sunday. We frankly say, "yes, the Church made this change, made this law, as she made many other laws, for instance, the Friday Abstinence, the unmarried priesthood, the laws concerning mixed marriages, the regulation of Catholic marriages, and a thousand other laws.
- (3) We also say that of all Protestants, the Seventh-day Adventists are the only group that reason correctly and are consistent with their teachings. It is always somewhat laughable to see the Protestant Churches, in pulpit and legislature, demand the observance of Sundays of which there is nothing in the Bible.

With best wishes

Peter R. Tramer, Editor

- E. "Finally, at the last opening on the eighteenth of January, 1562, all hesitation was set aside. The Archbishop of Reggio made a speech in which he openly declared that tradition stood above Scripture. The authority of the church could therefore not be bound to the authority of the Scriptures, because the church had changed ... Sabbath into Sunday, not by the command of Christ, but by its own authority." Heinrich Julius Holtzmann, **Kanon and Tradition** (Ludwigsburg: Druck and Verlag von Ferd Riehm), 1859, page 263 in the German.