Was the New Testament Church Founded on SUNDAY?

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The Church Jesus built was founded on PENTECOST. What is the meaning of Pentecost? Why have the churches lost it?

OVER 400 sects and denominations are today competing for the NAME of Jesus Christ. They call themselves "Christian" churches. But are they?

Could all — or any — of these conflicting sects and denominations be the ONE TRUE CHURCH which Jesus founded?

Jesus promised that He would build His Church. But He did not begin to build it WHEN most people think He did! He also prayed that His Church would be one, not many divided and confused denominations.

An Apostasy Prophesied.

Jesus warned that there were to arise "many" false teachers and ministers, deceiving the MANY, founding through the centuries different churches which would profess to be the churches of Christ.

John, one of the twelve apostles, saw this very thing begin to happen in his lifetime! He said, "...even now there are many antichrists.... They went out from us, but they were not of us" (I John 2:19). He continued in chapter 4, verse 5: "They are of the world... and the world heareth them."

And the world is still hearing them today!

In III John verses 9 and 10 the Apostle warned against false elders or bishops who were thrusting the true members of God's Church out of the local congregations.

Jesus Christ the Revelator made known to John that the true Church would be a scattered and persecuted Church that would have to flee for over a thousand years from the persecuting sword of a great false church claiming to be the true Church of Christ. Compare Revelation 12 and 17.

The Church that Jesus promised to build, which is composed of those who ore filled and led hi the Spirit of God, is to be guided into truth through all ages despite enemies from without and apostates from within who would profess to teach the truth. His Church is a commandment keeping Church, not a political organization. It faithfully retains the testimony of Jesus Christ — the gospel — recorded in inspired Scripture (Rev. 12:17). This Church recognizes Christ as its Head and it is subject to His government.

WHICH CHURCH IS THIS TRUE CHURCH that is to continue through all ages and exists today teaching and preaching the same truth that Christ mid the apostles commanded? When was it founded?

How You Can Know

The true Church must be the Church that Jesus founded. It must have been founded when He founded it. And it must have been founded where He founded it.

Now let's notice the plain facts.

All Protestant churches — as their own members admit — were founded too late! They were not founded by Jesus Christ but by men at least 15 centuries after Jesus founded His Church. Mr. Meredith's recent series in The PLAIN TRUTH makes this plain!

Of course, many of them claim to be reformed churches, that is, they claim to have restored the truth which was lost by some parent body. Thus they must ultimately admit that they claim their origin FROM THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. The common assumption is that the Catholic Church was the true church that went wrong and needed reforming and so these protestant bodies are its rightful successors!

Now the question is this: Was the Catholic Church founded by Jesus Christ when He founded His Church?

When Was the Church Founded?

The scripture shows that the New Testament Church began on the day of Pentecost! It is described in the second chapter of Acts.

A large denomination, which practices baptism, claims their church began before this event — and that their church is therefore the one true church. Their contention is that Jesus founded His Church when He... and they quote <u>I Cor. 12:28</u>: "set some in the church, first apostles." If YOU would carefully read this scripture just quoted, you will notice it is not referring to the time when He chose the apostles. but to the fact that He set the apostles first IN AUTHORITY.

This denomination also believes that only those who are already "saved" can join their local churches. By this reasoning Judas must have been converted and "saved" since he was one of the twelve which Jesus supposedly first placed in their Church.

What foolish reasoning!

No, Jesus founded His New Testament Church on the day of Pentecost — not before then! It is the Holy Spirit that puts us into the one body or true Church. You do not join some denomination after being "saved" (I Cor. 12:13) Jesus even told the apostles to wait in Jerusalem till the Holy Spirit, which the Father promised to send, would came (Acts 1:4). That is when Jesus founded His Church — on the day of Pentecost in the city of Jerusalem!

Was That Pentecost on SUNDAY?

Now let us see if those churches which claim to have been founded by Jesus at Jerusalem on Pentecost can actually prove their claims in the face of proven history and the inspired record of Scripture.

Was the true Church founded on a Sunday in A.D. 33 as the Catholic and a few Protestant churches claim? REMEMBER, if any church which claims apostolic authority has erred in the traditional date of its founding, how can we believe that its other traditions are true?

In the March issue of The PLAIN TRUTH, we published an article containing the seven irrefutable proofs from history that the year of the crucifixion — and hence the year of the founding of the true New Testament Church of God — was 31 A.D., not 33 or 30 A.D. or any other date!

Any Church organization admitting that it was not founded when Jesus founded His Church in 31 A.D. could not be the Church that Jesus promised to build! It must be an imposter!

That same article in the March PLAIN TRUTH proved from the Scripture and the Calendar (reproduced on the next page) that the Passover — Nisan 14, upon which Jesus died — occurred Wednesday, April 25, in 31 A.D. Since we know this date, we can easily calculate the date of Pentecost — the very day upon which the Church of God was founded.

(See PDF for Calendar Image)

Was that day Sunday?

New Testament Church Not Founded When Most People Think!

Does the day of Pentecost occur on Sunday?

Or, are the Jews right in permitting Pentecost to fall on almost any day of the week, but only on a fixed day of the third month, Sivan 6? Let's see.

First, the day of Pentecost is the ONLY annual Sabbath that must be "counted" year by year (<u>Lev. 23:15</u>). THEREFORE, THE JEWS ARE WRONG IN PLACING IT ON A FIXED DAY OF THE MONTH. The Jewish date for Pentecost is incorrect because it does NOT need to be counted each year. If the Jews were right, Moses would have said that Pentecost shall be observed a certain day of the third month.

The Jewish error developed when the Pharisees used the day after an annual sabbath instead of "THE SABBATH" — the WEEKLY sabbath — as Moses said.

By counting from the morrow after the weekly sabbath which comes during the days of

unleavened bread, the day of Pentecost will always fall on the same day of the week, but the day of the month will have to be counted each year because the weekly sabbath does not always fall on the same day of the month each succeeding year.

But on what day of the week does Pentecost always fall?

The Exact Date!

Now remember that the Passover upon which Jesus died occurred on Wednesday, April 25, A.D. 31. Therefore the weekly Sabbath would have been April 28 in that year. And the day upon which the wave sheaf was offered in 31 A.D. was the 29th of April.

Now begin to count one day from the 29th of April. The first of the fifty days which we count would then be Monday, April 30. The second day from April 29 would be Tuesday May 1. Add to this the remaining days of May (there are 31 days altogether in May) and 18 days of June and you have fifty days in all.

Pentecost in 31 A.D., the exact day upon which the true Church was founded by Jesus Christ, was June 18. This day was a MONDAY, which you can prove in your own home if you check in Webster's Collegiate Dictionary under "perpetual calendar."

God's true Church — the Church that Jesus built — is still observing the true day of Pentecost to this day. That is why it has not forgotten the right date on which it was founded.

All other churches have resulted from apostacies and have accepted pagan doctrines. They have forgotten the right year and the right day for the founding of the true church. They are not the Church that Jesus promised to build and which He promised to guide into all truth! Only the true church which has kept the true day of Pentecost could remember when Jesus founded His Church.

How plain it is!

The TRUE Church which Jesus built is not an organized denomination which YOU join. The TRUE Church is composed of those individuals who submit themselves to the authority of God, who repent and believe in Jesus and the gospel of the kingdom which He preached. The TRUE Church is that body of individuals filled and led by the Holy Spirit — it is the body of Christ, a scattered Church which keeps ALL the commandments and believes the gospel of the kingdom (Rev. 12:17).

Now let us notice the special reason why God sent the Holy Spirit that Monday and also the special meaning of the day of Pentecost FOR US TODAY!

Why Mistakenly Reckoned As Sunday

The cause for placing Pentecost on Sunday is based on the error of counting "Saturdays" instead of weeks. Pentecost is not the feast of "Saturdays" but the "feast of weeks" (Exodus 34:22). Moses says to count seven full WEEKS (Deut. 16:9) and the day after that is Pentecost. This feast is not the end of the seventh week, but "after your weeks be out," the fiftieth day (Num. 28:26).

It was numbered from the DAY that Israel first began to reap the grain (<u>Deut. 16:9</u>). This day is specifically mentioned in <u>Lev. 23:15</u>. "Ye shall count unto you from the morrow after THE sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering." So God wants us to count from a Sunday, the day the sheaf of grain was cut.

Some have become confused because they have assumed that the day on which the wave sheaf was offered pictured the resurrection of Christ. It does not! Christ was resurrected at the close of the Sabbath, before the commencement of the first day of the week. He was in His grave three days and three nights from Wednesday evening. The cutting of the wave sheaf on Sunday did not picture the resurrection. The death of Christ is pictured by the sowing of a bare kernel of grain. The green plant that arises out of the soil into the sunlight pictures the resurrection. Notice Paul's analogy in I Cor. 15:36-39.

But the cutting of the wave sheaf from the earth and the presentation of it before the Holy Place in the Temple pictured the ascension of Jesus and His acceptance by the Father in Heaven — which occurred sometime during the daylight hours of Sunday, April 29 in 31 A.D.

On that morning Jesus abruptly declared to Mary: "Touch Me not, For I am not yet ascended to My Father" (John 20:17). But later, that afternoon, Jesus met several women on

their way to Galilee. And what happened? "And they came and held Him by the feet and worshipped Him" (Matthew 28:7). This little-known event is what is pictured by the waving of that sheaf of grain. Pentecost is 50 days after this Sunday! It is not 50 days after the day of the resurrection!

WHO Determines the Day of Pentecost?

Counting the date of Pentecost is a collective, not an individual, matter. The Church is responsible for reckoning it; the individuals who compose the Church are not responsible for it.

It is of most vital importance that all members understand this. You, as an individual member are not responsible for counting the fifty days. It is not for you, as an individual member, to SET the day on which the whole Church shall assemble. If it were, then yours would be the responsibility of computing and setting the date of the day which is HOLY — and also of deciding when all other Christians must assemble.

Only GOD can make future time HOLY! Only GOD can sanctify — set apart — a day as a Holy Convocation on which HE commands all His people to assemble.

God RULES His Church through His Government which He established in the Church. How does He govern? He "hath set some in the Church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers..." (I Corinthians 12:28) — or, as in Ephesians 4:11-14, some are "apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry... till we all come in the unity of the faith" — that is, unity in doctrine or belief — "that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine...." God rules and governs in His Church through these whom HE has chosen as His ministers and His instruments for administering HIS AUTHORITY, for the very purpose of preventing false doctrine creeping in to divide and to destroy the flock — for the very purpose of keeping UNITY in the Church.

Thus God, through His ministers, sets the day. HE sanctifies or sets it apart as HOLY TIME — time which He alone can make holy — time on which HIS WHOLE CHURCH IS TO ASSEMBLE! When individual members attempt to compute and to decide which day to make holy, they make themselves competitors and enemies of God's Church and of God's government in it. They stir up dissension, cause division, and thus put themselves out of the Church.

The individual must first determine for himself — must satisfy himself — as to which is the one true Church of God, and then he must be subject to the government of God in His Church. This he must voluntarily submit to. He ought, however to know HOW Gods Church is led to set aside the Day of Pentecost. So, see, now, how God leads His Church to count this day.

How to Count Pentecost

One day from today is not today, but tomorrow. One day from Sunday is Monday. Two days from Sunday is Tuesday. One week from Sunday is Sunday. Seven weeks or forty-nine days from Sunday is Sunday. But Pentecost is AFTER seven weeks or forty-nine days. It is FIFTY days from Sunday. Therefore it MUST ALWAYS FALL ON A MONDAY!

The mistake of counting "Saturdays" instead of weeks is based on an incorrect translation in the common versions of Leviticus 23:15,16. In the King James and some other translations, it incorrectly reads "seven sabbaths shall be complete: even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall you number fifty days." The word here translated "sabbath" can also mean "rest or "seven" or "WEEK." Therefore we need to let the Bible determine what is the proper meaning in this place.

The same Hebrew word that Moses used in <u>Leviticus 23:15</u> and <u>16</u> was also used by the apostles and disciples in its Greek form to mean "week," as in <u>Mark 16:9</u>. Here it would be as foolish to render the word "week" by "sabbath" as it is to translate <u>Leviticus 23:16</u> by "sabbath," because fifty days from Sunday is a Monday — the morrow after the seventh week.

Both JEWISH AND CATHOLIC VERSIONS OF THE BIBLE RENDER THIS WORD

CORRECTLY AS "WEEK." The Douay or Catholic Version for <u>Leviticus 23:15</u>, <u>16</u> reads: "You shall count therefore from the morrow after the sabbath, wherein you offered the sheaf of the first fruits, seven full weeks, even unto the morrow after the seventh week be expired, that is to say fifty days."

As absolute proof chat this verse should be translated "after the seventh week," turn to Deut. 16:9 and Num. 28:26 where the word week is translated from a different Hebrew word — shabua — which NEVER means sabbath, but always week. Since in these verses the Hebrew words used never mean the sabbath, and since seven weeks — forty-nine days — from a Sunday is a Sunday, the fiftieth day must be Monday. Hence, the real meaning of Lev. 23:16 is "the morrow after the seventh week." Any other translation would necessitate a contradiction of Scripture!

"From" Means "Away Out of"

Some also do not quite understand the meaning of counting from one day to another. A week from Sunday is the NEXT Sunday, and seven weeks from a Sunday is seven Sundays away. But we are to count to the fiftieth day, that is, to the completion of Monday so we have the full fifty days.

This is explained in <u>Leviticus 23:27</u>, <u>32</u> where one counts from the end of the evening not the beginning of the ninth day to the completion of the evening of the tenth day, making one whole day. Thus we are to count fifty days from the mad of Sunday, the day the wave sheaf was offered, to the end of a Monday — which is the day of Pentecost. Pentecost is the last or fiftieth day.

Yes, the Church that Jesus built was not founded on Sunday, but on Monday. Catholics and the Jews know that Pentecost is to be numbered fifty days or seven full weeks and a day from Sunday, the day the wave sheaf was offered. Yet NEITHER of them knows how to figure correctly!

What Pentecost Means in the Plan of God

To keep us in mind that this present age is only the preliminary or first harvest of human beings, God took the yearly material harvest of Palestine as the picture of the spiritual harvest. As you probably have already learned, there are two harvest seasons in the Promised Land. The first small harvest is produced by an early rain, the second great harvest by a later rain.

Pentecost was ordained forever (<u>Lev. 23:21</u>) at the end of the spring harvest season, so that we might remember year by year — and never forget — that this present church age is not the great day of salvation for all the world. It is the day of salvation for only the few who are called out of this present evil civilization and given the Spirit of God. In <u>I Corinthians 1:26</u> we find that "not many" of the great in this world are called. Everywhere, the Christians are spoken of as called out from the world. Not all are being called today. It is the "elect" or chosen in Israel who are called today; the rest are blinded so that God could IN THE FUTURE have mercy upon ALL (<u>Romans 11:7, 32</u>).

The "harvesting" of human beings who are called in this church age to be heirs of the Kingdom of God is explained in Leviticus 23 beginning verse 9. Here the material harvest of grain was originally used as a type of the spiritual harvest.

The Israelites were not permitted to harvest their grain until the day the wave sheaf was offered. (<u>Lev. 23:10, 11; Deut. 16:9</u>). This ritual, given to the Levitical priesthood to perform and therefore not practiced today, pictured the resurrected Christ being accepted by the Father as the very first human being to be born of God.

Why Pentecost on Monday?

The wave sheaf — remember — did NOT picture the resurrection of Christ, but the resurrected Christ being accepted of the Father on Sunday, the day after His resurrection the first of the week.

Consider! Since the resurrected Christ is the first of the firstfruits and was accepted by the Father on the Sunday after his resurrection — portrayed by the wave sheaf offered on the first day of the week — then we who are second in order to be reaped — "afterwards they that are Christ's at His coming" — are pictured by having the feast of firstfruits or Pentecost fall on the SECOND DAY OF THE WEEK or Monday.

But notice also, the wave sheaf was merely the first part of the first harvest. It was a sheaf of the first fruits of the harvest (Verse 10). Thus Christ is the "firstfruits of them that slept" (I Cor. 15:20). And Christians who are called in this age are also said to be the firstfruits (James 1:18; Romans 8:23). Christ is the first of the firstfruits of God's harvest of human beings. Pentecost pictures, then, the coming of the Holy Spirit and the ripening of the rest of the firstfruits for harvesting at the resurrection (I Cor. 15:23). This church age is merely the first harvest.

Pentecost in the New Testament Church

When originally given by God, the day of Pentecost was commanded to be observed forever (<u>Lev. 23:21</u>). Jesus never abolished Pentecost nor any of the other annual Holy Days. The day of Pentecost DID OCCUR after Christ's death that year as Luke records. None of these annual festivals had burnt offerings or sacrifices on them when originally instituted (<u>Jeremiah 7:22, 23</u>). The sacrifices were added to these days and to every day of the year (<u>Exodus 29:38</u>) as a part of the service of the Levitical priesthood.

When the sacrifices and offerings were consummated in the death of Christ once for all, these usual offerings ceased to be made for the conscience (<u>Heb. 9:13</u>, <u>14</u>) by those who were convened and who believed in Christ. But the command that Pentecost be observed forever as a Sabbath and convocation still remains (<u>Lev. 23:21</u>). That is why the apostles and disciples were gathered together with all the devout Jews on this occasion (<u>Acts 2:1</u>). If the disciples had not gathered on this day which was sacred to God, they would not have been there to receive the gift of God, His Spirit.

Not only did the Jewish Christians know this, but also Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, understood that this annual Sabbath was still commanded by God for His spiritual church. He "determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be [the original Greek word ginomai means "to observe") at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost." (Acts 20:16).

Paul, the teacher of the Gentiles, wanted to observe Pentecost thirty years after the death of Christ! He did not merely want to be at Jerusalem. He specifically wanted to celebrate at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost. (See the definition of the Greek word ginomai in the Analytical Greek New Testament published by Harpers and Bagsters.)

At another time Paul spent the day of Pentecost in Ephesus, a Gentile city (<u>I Cor. 16:8</u>). On two other occasions Paul is recorded to have attended services on Pentecost! Once at Antioch in Pisidia and again at Philippi (<u>Acts 13:14</u> and <u>16:13</u>). In each case the inspired Greek original, incorrectly translated "sabbath day," should have been rendered "day of weeks" — Pentecost. The same is true about Jesus in <u>Luke 4:16</u>. Yes, Pentecost was observed by all those of the true original Church which was under divine instruction from the apostles. Gentiles received the praise of Paul for following the churches of God in Judaea — the Jewish brethren (<u>I Thess. 2:14</u>) who observed this day.

Pentecost Centuries After A.D. 31

With the death of the apostles, a great change occurred, which most of you have never been told about. A terrible apostacy set in among the churches.

Paul warned the Ephesians with whom he observed Pentecost, as we have already seen, that "after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw disciples after them" (Acts 20:29, 30). "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (II Tim. 4:3).

Paul warned those Christians about the very fables that most of you have been taught

since childhood by apostate churches who think Pentecost fell on a Sunday.

By the time Jude wrote his epistle, the fables of which Paul warned had already started. He exhorts: "YOU should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares" (Jude 3, 4).

Remember, the Gentile Christians in the original inspired church observed Pentecost. We will now notice astounding PROOF IN LATER HISTORY that the false church changed it.

If the Gentiles NEVER kept this day before conversion or after, then we should NOT expect to find any record of Gentile churches observing a "Pentecost." But they did observe it! These are the facts!

How Pentecost Was Changed

The following extracts from histories obtainable at most libraries PROVE THAT THE EARLIEST GENTILE CHURCHES DID KEEP PENTECOST! These records speak of Catholics keeping Pentecost — a Pentecost that was changed in the immediate years that followed the death of the last apostles. This Pentecost, so-called, had soon become corrupted with SUN WORSHIP. It soon fell on Sunday, the same as the pagan Easter substituted for the Passover.

Here is a plain statement of Hasting's Dictionary of the Bible! article "Pentecost":

"In the Christian Church the importance of Pentecost was continued and its significance emphasized by the outpouring of the Spirit on that day (Acts 2). The day of the week on that occasion is TRADITIONALLY represented as Sunday... Wieseler (Chron, d. Aposl. Zeitalter, p. 20) plausibly suggests that the festival was fixed on Sunday by the later Western Church to correspond with Easter.

"Among the early Jewish Christians observance of the Hebrew feasts continued, doubtless with fresh significance derived from the new revelation."

Let's notice these statements. Pentecost was continued in the early true Christian Church. It is TRADITION, not Revelation, that later places Pentecost on Sunday according to Wieseler.

Now let us also take note of the Catholic Encyclopedia.

"Whitsunday, or Pentecost, a feast of the universal Church which commemorates the Descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles... Whitsunday, as a Christian feast, dates back to the first century, although there is no evidence that it was observed... the passage in I Corinthians (16:8) probably refers to the Jewish feast."

Here is one of the plainest admissions that the Pentecost observed by Gentile converts, as the Bible records in <u>I Corinthians 16:8</u>, was NOT THE SAME as the "Christian" feast which later developed in the Catholic church.

The FACT that there are records of a false day corroborates the Bible by indicating that the Gentiles originally kept the true day. But after the death of the apostles, it was perverted.

If no day had been observed originally, there would have been no Pentecost to alter!

Early Confusion Among Catholics About Pentecost

As usual, with the introduction of error wholesale, there is always a period of adjustment until the error is finally established. We notice just such a situation in early Catholic records before their Pentecost or Whitsunday was firmly established. Bingham's Antiquities of the Christian Church, pages 1157, 1158, says;

"The next great festival was that of Pentecost, which is taken in a double sense among the ancients. For sometimes it signifies the whole space of fifty days between Easter and Whitsuntide ... In the former acceptation Tertullian speaks of it, when he tells the Christians... That Pentecost was a large space of time APPOINTED BY THE CHURCH for administering of baptism ... And hence it became a standing rule over the whole church to read the Acts in these fifty days of Pentecost, as appears from many other places of Chrysostom, Austin, Cassian, and the fourth council of Toledo."

In his On Fasting, Chapter XIV, Tertullian says this: "Our solemnities too will be bound to be new: else, if the apostle has erased all devotion absolutely ... why do we celebrate the passover by an annual rotation in the first month? Why in the fifty ensuing days do we spend

our time in all exultation?" (From Ante-Nicene Fathers, Vol. 4, pp. 111-112.) Obviously, Tertullian recognized that the Apostle Paul did NOT abolish all these days.

At other times, Pentecost was used to mean the specific day that ended the season of fifty days, during which "the newly-baptized wore their white and shining garments" — hence, Whitsunday. At one time the confusion over the day of Pentecost led the Council of Elvira, Spain, in 305 A.D., to condemn the tendency to celebrate it forty days after Easter.

It Was Prophesied to Happen!

"Why," it is often asked, "did the Bible not warn us that God's Holy Days would be transformed into pagan holidays — Pentecost into a day of sun-worship on which the heathen baptized their initiates who were clad in white gowns?"

The answer is that THE BIBLE DOES WARN US! It was prophesied in advance! Turn to the book of Hosea. The prophet had a message for the future — for our day! Notice: "And I" — God is quoted by the prophet — "will punish her" — our people today — "for the FEAST DAYS OF THE BAALS!"

Sunday, Christmas, Easter, Whitsunday [falsely called Pentecost], Hallowe'en are feast days of Baal!

What could be plainer! Our people "forgot Me, says the Lord" — because they have rejected His holy days. "And in that day" — the very near future when Christ intervenes in world affairs — "I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be mentioned by name no more" (Hosea 2:13, 17, RSV).

How clear! Israel today — our people — have adopted the feast days of Baal. The church holiday called Whitsunday is named after a pagan rite. God forbids us to honor Him by celebrating these Babylonish customs. God warns: "Take heed... that thou inquire not... 'How used these nations to serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.' THOU SHALT NOT DO SO UNTO THE LORD THY GOD. For every abomination which He hateth, have they done unto their gods" (Deut. 12:30-31)

How plain! The apostates of the Catholic Church were almost wholly Gentiles. These men gradually developed their own customs to distinguish themselves from the Jews, and yet to retain the Christian or Jewish names. Both the Passover and Pentecost were TRANSFERRED GRADUALLY TO SUNDAY. And the name Passover was at last dropped for Easter. Even Pentecost has been greatly obscured by the name Whitsunday. And along with the perversion of these two days, the apostate church LOST ALL REMAINING KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUE PLAN OF GOD which these days picture.

Let Us Obey God

The Reformation failed to restore the Holy Days of God. All the multiplicity of churches today either follow the pagan custom of observing Pentecost on Sunday or else NEGLECTING the day altogether.

The time has come for us to get back to the faith ONCE DELIVERED to the saints. Let's begin to keep holy, the days God made holy.