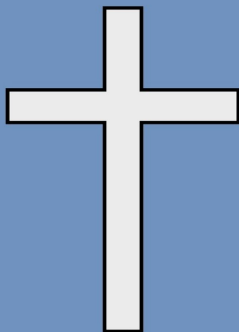


The Gospel



Love that never fails

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- John 3:16 (KJV)

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Introduction

Good on you for reading this book. Most people never bother to look into these kinds of things.

I will try and keep it short and to the point for you. 😊

Rather than in chronological order, I first explain where we are now, then how we got into that situation, and finally how it all ends.

Most people will acknowledge that there is "something out there", but don't understand why there is suffering, so I have tried to face that head on.

I have also chosen to address the "hell is forever" lie, since that's one of the biggest misconceptions about the character of God.

If you don't have time to read any of this, you can read [The Gospel in Short](#) at the back of

this book instead. Takes 20 seconds.

Remember that God is a Friend, and that you can ask Him for help at any time (but you shouldn't leave it too late obviously).

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

- Isaiah 55:6 (KJV)

What is the Gospel?

John 3:16 is essentially a mini gospel.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

- John 3:16 (KJV)

Breaking it down, here are some of my thoughts on it.

I think it's pretty obvious that there is a God, and most people will agree with that, saying that there is indeed "something".

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.

- Romans 1:20 (KJV)

This requires a little bit of faith on our part to start with of course.

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

- Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)

When God created Adam and Eve, they only had the knowledge of good, and they were in full compliance with God's law - the Ten Commandments.

1. No other gods
2. No idols
3. No blasphemy
4. Keep the Sabbath (Friday sunset to Saturday sunset)
5. Honour your father and mother
6. No murder
7. No adultery
8. No stealing
9. No lying
10. No coveting

For the full version of the Ten Commandments, please see [the appendix](#).

Under God's law this world was a happy world.

When God created man, He gave them free will, and explained what the knowledge of evil would do.

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

- Genesis 2:16-17 (KJV)

When we break God's law (sinning) it is so severe that we are given the death penalty.

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Romans 6:23 (KJV)

We have all broken these laws, over and over...

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

- Romans 3:23 (KJV)

When Adam and Eve gained the knowledge of evil (and started acting on it) things went bad pretty quickly.

And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

- Genesis 4:8 (KJV)

We simply don't know what is good, and what is evil. Only God knows where the dividing line is. That's why He created a law for that.

Because of our sins, God has hidden himself from us.

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

- Isaiah 59:2 (KJV)

God however loves us so much, that He has given us a way back to Him, e.g. the plan of salvation.

Jesus (the Son of God) has taken our place, and has died for our sins on the cross. This is important to understand.

Because of the sins we have committed we received the death penalty, and Jesus is the sacrificial Lamb who died in our place.

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

- John 1:29 (KJV)

In short, our sins were put on Jesus, He died with them (paying the price), and because He had no sins himself, death had no power over Him.

There is much more to this, but at the heart of it, that's all you need to know and believe, e.g. that Jesus died for our sins.

That's why John 3:16 is such a powerful verse. A Father that gives up His Son (carrying your sins) to die on the cross. That has got to be the ultimate expression of Love.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

- John 15:13 (KJV)

If you believe that you are a sinner, and that Jesus paid for your sins with His blood, then your sins will be forgiven/forgotten.

I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

- Isaiah 43:25 (KJV)

You will be a new creature.

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

And you will have peace, e.g. no more guilt and sorrow.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

- Matthew 11:28 (KJV)

And you will be given eternal life.

That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

- John 3:15 (KJV)

Jesus is the only way to life.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

- John 14:6 (KJV)

Can the gospel be that simple?!?

And he brought them out and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? So they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.

- Acts 16:30-31 (KJV)

And again, salvation is by grace through faith.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

- Ephesians 2:8-10 (KJV)

Grace is the gift of God. There's nothing you can do to earn it. It's a free gift.

God is more than willing to forgive your sins.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- 1 John 1:9 (KJV)

One thing though; believing alone, without turning away from sin (repenting), won't work.

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

- James 2:20 (KJV)

When you truly believe something, it will be apparent in the way you live your life. The

works mentioned above are the proof of what you really believe.

Final Thoughts

Ask God to reveal Himself to you, and He will.

God is willing to forgive you (for breaking His law), and He will give you eternal life to boot.



And that's why gospel means "good news". 😊

Why is There Suffering?

Most people know that God exists.

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.

- Romans 1:20 (KJV)

But an almost immediate question then is: Why is there so much suffering? And that's a very good question indeed.

The answer is "because of free will".

Adam and Eve chose to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and as a result of their choice, we are now in a similar situation. We know good and evil, but we have no idea where the dividing line is.

The only one who knows where the dividing line between good and evil is, is God.

God's "to here and no further" are written down in the "Ten Commandments".

1. No other gods
2. No idols
3. No blasphemy
4. Keep the Sabbath (Friday sunset to Saturday sunset)
5. Honour your father and mother
6. No murder
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Clearly, because of free will, these rules are being broken every single day, and that's why there is suffering. Evil people with free will. This situation is not acceptable to God, and He is working very hard to resolve it.

The solution is a situation where man *voluntarily* keeps God's law.

Because created beings can't keep God's law by themselves, God has offered to help with this.

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

- Hebrews 8:10-11 (KJV)

But God will never force this on anyone, because God respects free will too much.

If God *were* to force this on us, we would be nothing more than mere robots, and the words "I love you" (to God) would be meaningless. Love *only* works when it comes from free will.

Sin originated with Satan (who tempted Adam and Eve), so why didn't God just kill him on

the spot when he first sinned?

The answer is "because people would not understand". And when I say people, I mean the entire universe, e.g. man, angels, etc.

If God had killed Satan on the spot, you can imagine the reaction of the other angels, e.g. "Did you hear what God did to Lucifer? Why?! Man, I'm so scared, I better tell God that I love Him, otherwise He will kill me too".

There would always be a seed of doubt remaining. Satan was therefore allowed time to develop his character and his government (opposing God's law).

And indeed, at the cross we can now clearly see Satan's character, e.g. he was a murderer and a liar.

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for

he is a liar, and the father of it.

- John 8:44 (KJV)

It's just sad to see that mankind fell for Satan's deceptions, because now we are literally caught up in the middle of all of this.

This conflict between good and evil is sometimes also referred to as *The Great Controversy*.

Final Thoughts

Satan chose to defy God, so there will be no pardon for him and his angels.

But man on the other hand was deceived, and God started the plan of salvation/redemption straight away, when sin entered this world through Adam and Eve. In other words, there is still hope for us.

And that brings us to today...

How Will This End?

This world has reached a point where God will no longer sustain it, and it will be destroyed according to the many prophecies in the Bible.

It is now just a matter of time before the end will come. It is unavoidable.

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

- Matthew 24:14 (KJV)

Death, then judgment. That's how sobering it all is.

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

- Hebrews 9:27 (KJV)

God however, in His Love for us, will give us the opportunity to choose between life and death.

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

- Revelation 3:10 (KJV)

You get to choose who you will worship/serve.

Choose you this day whom ye will serve.

- Joshua 24:15 (KJV)

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

- Romans 6:16 (KJV)

The test that God will put before us is the Sabbath/Sunday worship test, and it has everything to do with the Ten Commandments, and the changes that man is trying to make to them.

If you keep the seventh-day Sabbath (according to the Ten Commandments, e.g. Friday sunset to Saturday sunset), it is a sign

that you worship God, and you will receive the seal of God.

If you keep the Sunday (according to the commandments of men), it is a sign that you worship Satan, and you will receive the mark of the beast (and the seven last plagues).

It is a choice between life and death. Life with God (His rules/commandments), or death.

God's rules are the Ten Commandments.

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God's Ten Commandments are eternal. They were written in stone by God's own finger, and in that same way that God can't change, nor can His law.

For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

- Malachi 3:6 (KJV)

Satan has made a counterfeit version of the Ten Commandments. In his version it's okay to worship idols, and the Sabbath has been changed to Sunday.

That was actually prophesied in the book of Daniel:

And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of

time.

- Daniel 7:25 (KJV)

Sadly most churches today have gone along with this, and are now worshipping on Sunday as well.

The Roman Catholic Church (or the papacy to be precise) claims that the change from Sabbath to Sunday was their mark (of authority), and they see themselves as above God's law.

Of course the Catholic Church claims that the change [from Sabbath to Sunday] was her act. And the act is the mark of her ecclesiastical power and authority in religious matters.

- Faith of Our Fathers, p. 14 C.F. Thomas,
Chancellor of Cardinal Gibbons

At the end of the day, **God just wants to know who you worship.**

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the

LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

- 1 Kings 18:21 (KJV)

Near the end God will reveal Himself to everyone on this planet, and explain the Sabbath/Sunday choice.

But not one is made to suffer the wrath of God until the truth has been brought home to his mind and conscience, and has been rejected. There are many who have never had an opportunity to hear the special truths for this time. The obligation of the fourth commandment has never been set before them in its true light. He who reads every heart and tries every motive will leave none who desire a knowledge of the truth, to be deceived as to the issues of the controversy. The decree is not to be urged upon the people blindly. Everyone is to have sufficient light to make his decision intelligently.

- Ellen White, The Great Controversy, p. 605

Sunday-keeping will ultimately be enforced by law (also known as Sunday laws, or Blue laws), so the pressure will be immense.

And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

- Revelation 13:17 (KJV)

When Sunday-keeping is enforced by law, and people *know* about the Sabbath/Sunday issue, Sunday-keeping will turn into "the mark of the beast". And at that point there will be no more excuses. We're no longer deceived. We know what's going on. Time to choose.

The mark of the beast = *knowingly* keeping Sunday instead of the Sabbath.

Once there are Sunday laws, the test (of loyalty) will begin soon after.

It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law.

- Psalms 119:126 (KJV)

Whose Commandments will you keep?

- If you choose the Commandments of God (Sabbath), you will gain eternal life.
- If you choose the commandments of men (Sunday), you will lose your life.

Don't think that it doesn't really matter what day to keep, because it matters to God.

But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

- Matthew 15:9 (KJV)

This world will be utterly destroyed at the Second Coming of Jesus, but there still is time to choose.

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

- Acts 2:21 (KJV)

God is offering everlasting life with Him, but it has to be according to His rules.

The call to leave the Sunday churches is now given.

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

- Revelation 18:4 (KJV)

Final Thoughts

The bottom line is that God loves you, but you are also a sinner, and it's time to choose.

In fires, in floods, in earthquakes, in the fury of the great deep, in calamities by sea and by land, the warning is given that God's Spirit will not always strive with men.

- Ellen White, Manuscript Releases, vol. 3, p. 315

Conclusion

It's hard to imagine sometimes what Heaven will be like.

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

- 1 Corinthians 2:9 (KJV)

This glimpse of Heaven is what gives us hope however.

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor

an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.

- Isaiah 65:17-25 (KJV)

I can't wait...



Appendix

Additional information

Is Hell Forever? Really?

The doctrine of "eternal torment in hell" has probably done the most damage to Christianity, e.g. "How can God be Love, and send people to hell where there is eternal suffering?".

Ultimately, I think this comes down to how well you know God. I mean, would God really allow people to be tortured forever in a place run by Satan? *Really?!?*



The Bible is actually quite clear on this.

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Romans 6:23 (KJV)

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

- Revelation 20:14 (KJV)

So there is death, and then there is the second death for the wicked (in the lake of fire).

So where does all the confusion come from then?

The Bible does contain the word hell in some places, but as it turns out these words simply mean things like "grave", or refer to a place called Gehenna (outside of Jerusalem) where the dead were buried (or cremated).

If there's ever any confusion about words in the Bible, we need to go back to the original translation, e.g. Hebrew, Greek, etc. Check out www.ecclesia.org for a full study of all the

different Greek and Hebrew words used to describe hell.

Some newer Bibles have replaced "hell" with "Hades", but it's the same thing.

Hell just means death.

The Wicked Shall be Ashes

Satan (the root of sin) and his followers (the branches) will be turned to ashes.

For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

- Malachi 4:1-3 (KJV)

Everlasting Punishment

Some people refer to a verse that mentions "everlasting punishment", and claim that it is evidence for "eternal life in hell".

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

- Matthew 25:46 (KJV)

However, the simple explanation here is that death **is** everlasting punishment. They are the same thing. The punishment is death, and no one comes back from that (it's everlasting).

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Romans 6:23
(KJV)

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

- Matthew 25:46 (KJV)

God is *not* some kind of horrible cruel monster that will torment people for all of eternity!!

How repugnant to every emotion of love and mercy, and even to our sense of justice, is the doctrine that the wicked dead are tormented with fire and brimstone in an eternally burning hell; that for the sins of a brief, earthly life they are to suffer torture as long as God shall live.

- Ellen White, The Great Controversy, p. 535

God is Love, and His anger will eventually end.

For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

- Psalms 30:5 (KJV)

Unquenchable Fire

Others refer to a fire that can not be quenched.

Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

- Mark 9:44 (KJV)

But that only means that the fire can not be quenched while it hasn't fulfilled its purpose. No one can quench it during that time, but then eventually it will go out by itself.

The same happened with this "unquenchable" fire in Jerusalem.

Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

- Jeremiah 4:4 (KJV)

It's not burning anymore today obviously, so the "unquenchable" fire must have gone out at some point.

A similar thing can also be said for the worm that doesn't die.

Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

- Mark 9:44 (KJV)

Worms are like maggots, so clearly we're not the worms, as some people have suggested. It simply means that the worms won't die until all is consumed.

The Parable of the Rich Man

Others refer to the parable of the rich man, where Heaven *seems* to co-exist with hell.

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am

tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

- Luke 16:19-31 (KJV)

But Jesus uses this illustration to show that even if people were to come back from the dead to warn others, they will still not be

listened to. That's the moral of the story. It doesn't mean that hell will exist forever.

Also, imagine seeing hell from Heaven. You might see your father, mother, children, or friends being tormented. How on earth can that then be Heaven?!? That makes no sense to me at all.

Finally, if you were really in hell, you'd probably ask for more than just a fingertip of water on your tongue.

Forever

Then people refer to torment that goes on "forever".

And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be

tormented day and night for ever and ever.

- Revelation 20:9-10 (KJV)

But please understand that "forever" can refer to both "a finite period", or to "everlasting". It depends on the context. For example: it took me "forever" to get to work this morning, but how long did it take me really? Seems like "forever", right?

Since it says that the fire will devour them, "forever" must therefore refer to a "a finite period" of time.

All that the verse above says is that the devil (and his followers) are in the lake of fire where they will be tormented day and night, then they will die, and *then* the fire will go out. Then the sin problem will have been dealt with.

Immortality of the Soul?

Others say that our souls are immortal, and that they cannot be destroyed, but that's just not true.

The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

- Ezekiel 18:20 (KJV)

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

- Matthew 10:28 (KJV)

The Wages of Sin is Death

The Bible ultimately does *not* contradict itself, and in fact, it's quite clear.

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Romans 6:23 (KJV)

The terminology used to describe the punishment of the wicked is always the same.

- But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely **die**. (Genesis 2:17)

- The soul that sinneth, it shall **die** (Ezekiel 18:20)
- For yet a little while, and the wicked shall **not be** (Psalms 37:10)
- Burn as an oven / All that do wickedly, shall be **stubble** / Shall be **ashes** (Malachi 4:1-3)
- Fear him which is able to **destroy** both soul and body in hell (Matthew 10:28)
- That whosoever believeth in him should not **perish** (John 3:16)
- The wages of sin is **death** (Romans 6:23)
- **Devoured** them (Revelation 20:9)
- And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second **death** (Revelation 20:14)

It just doesn't get any clearer than that. The "eternal hell" doctrine is a false one.

Final Thoughts

The only one who wants us to believe in *eternal* hell is Satan, simply because it turns people away from God.

Believing in this lie, will immediately put you in "defense mode" trying to defend a God of Love that lets people suffer for eternity?!? It just doesn't make *any* sense, and it will do terrible things to your faith, and your understanding of God. God doesn't want to be worshiped out of fear that you might go to hell. He wants you to *genuinely* love Him for who He is.

Please understand that the wicked don't want to spend eternity together with God, and there's simply nothing further that God can do for them. Their death is an act of mercy from God.

God is Love.

What Day Should I go to Church?

Does it really matter what day we go to church?

Well... God certainly seems to think so. 😊

Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.
- Leviticus 23:3 (KJV)

So, the holy convocation (church) is to be held on the seventh day Sabbath, which is from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset.

The way I see it is that God wants to spend a day with us, but if God is there on Saturday, and we're there on Sunday, it's simply not going to work. That's why we have a seventh day Sabbath. The very day God rested from His creative works.

And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

- Genesis 2:2-3 (KJV)

And we're commanded to do likewise.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

- Exodus 20:8-11 (KJV)

The book of Revelation confirms that the remnant keeps the seventh day Sabbath.

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

- Revelation 12:17 (KJV)

(The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy. See Revelation 19:10)

Are you part of the remnant church?

God has a church. It is not the great cathedral, neither is it the national establishment, neither is it the various denominations; it is the people who love God and keep His commandments. "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."

- Ellen White, Manuscript Releases, vol. 17, p. 81.4

The Ten Commandments

The following was taken from Exodus 20, and Mark 12.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength

1. *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*
2. *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them*

that love me, and keep my commandments.

- 3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*
- 4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself

- 5. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*

6. *Thou shalt not kill.*
7. *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*
8. *Thou shalt not steal.*
9. *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.*
10. *Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.*

The Gospel (In Short)

We have all broken God's Law, the Ten Commandments.

1. No other gods
2. No idols
3. No blasphemy
4. Keep the Sabbath (Friday sunset to Saturday sunset)
5. Honour your father and mother
6. No murder
7. No adultery
8. No stealing
9. No lying
10. No coveting

The penalty for breaking God's Law is death, but the good news is that Jesus, the Son of God, took our place, and paid the price, and if we choose to believe that, He will forgive us our sins, and grant us eternal life.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

- John 3:16 (KJV)

To get right with God, we need to do three things:

1. Acknowledge that we have sinned (broken God's Law)
2. Ask Jesus for forgiveness
3. Turn away from sin

God loves you, and is just a prayer away.