

SABBATH, SUNDAY STATEMENTS

1. "The Catholic Church for over one thousand years before the existence of a Protestant, by virtue of her divine mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday."

The Catholic Mirror, September 23, 1894

2. "Q. Has the (Catholic) church power to make any alterations in the commandments of God?

"A. Instead of the seventh day and other festivals appointed by the old law, the church has prescribed the Sundays and holy days to be set apart for God's worship; and these we are now obliged to keep in consequence of God's commandment, instead of the ancient Sabbath."

The Catholic Christian Instructed in the Sacraments, Sacrifices, Ceremonies and Observances of the Church by Way of questions and answers, Dr. Challoner, p 204

3. "Is not every Christian obliged to sanctify Sunday and to abstain on that day from unnecessary work? Is not the observance of this law among the most prominent of our sacred duties? But you may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify."

James Cardinal Gibbons, The Faith of Our Fathers, 1917 ed. Pp 72,73

4. "Q. Which is the Sabbath day?"

"A. Saturday is the Sabbath."

"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."

Peter Geiermann, The Converts Catechism of Catholic Doctrine, 1977, p.50

5. "The Sabbath was founded on a specific Divine command. We can plead no such command for the obligation to observe Sunday."

Dr. R.W. Dale, Ten Commandments, 1891, p. 100. (Congregational)

6. "There was and is a commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day, but the Sabbath day is not Sunday. It will be said however --- that the Sabbath was transferred from the 7th to the 1st day of the week. --- Where can the record of such a transaction be found? Not in the New Testament. --- Of course I quite well know that Sunday did come into use in early Christian history. --- But what a pity that it comes branded with the mark of paganism, and christened with the name of the sun god, then adopted and sanctioned by the Papal apostasy, and bequeathed as a sacred legacy to Protestantism."

Dr. E.T. Hiscox, Paper read August 20, 1893, Saratoga, NY. (Baptist)

7. "We must admit that we can point to no direct command that we cease observing the seventh day and begin using the first day."

Samuel Cartledge, The Lord's Day, Nashville, Broadman Press, 1986, p. 100. Compiled and Edited by James P. Westberry, Executive Director of the Lord's Day Alliance, an organization dedicated to the promotion of Sunday observance.