

The Baptist Faith and Message

IX. The Lord's Day

BF&M Statement:

The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should include exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private. Activities on the Lord's Day should be commensurate with the Christian's conscience under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

- I. God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh
Genesis 2:1-3
- II. Under Mosaic Law, the Jews worshipped and rested on Saturdays
Rest – Exodus 20:8-11
Synagogue – History
- III. Traditionally, the particular day of worship became Sunday instead of Saturday in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ. This especially makes sense for Gentiles as the only non-Jewish Christian celebration.
Meeting – Acts 20:7
Offering – I Corinthians 16:1-3
- IV. We are commanded to come together for worship and to give offerings
Colossians 3:14-16
Hebrews 10:23-25
- V. We are not under sabbatical constraint not to work on Sunday, but as a matter of respect to God and Christian identity, Christians abstain from employment on Sundays whenever possible. Declining from work on Sundays not only allows us to attend church, but also communicates to the world that our Christian faith is more important than our secular income.

Personal Application:

Dedicate each Sunday to the Lord, it's His day – make it a day when you're in church, worshiping with other believers. Each Sunday is a fresh opportunity to honor God in a meaningful way.