

## Theology Simply Explained — WSC59 (2)

### “Weekly Sabbath, Like All Creation Ordinances, Applies as Long as We Are in This World”

Pastor walks his children through Westminster Shorter Catechism question 59—especially explaining how the language of “from the beginning of the world [...] to the end of the world” captures that the Sabbath is a creation ordinance which, like marriage and work, continue so long as we are in this world. WSC59: Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly sabbath? *From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian sabbath.*

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Note how shorter catechism 59 ties observing the Sabbath to being in this creation and this world as long as this world exists. Sabbath, keeping will exist. So you have the seventh day of the week from the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ. And then the first day of the week is from the resurrection of Christ to the end of the world that is because creation ordinances belong to being in this creation.

As long as you are in this creation in this world, you have not ceased from your works. He was chapter 4 describes entering God's rest, ultimately not merely as believing in the Lord Jesus Christ. Although that is the point at which we find that he is our rest, but we enter God's rest.

When we cease from our works, in this world, that's the language of the text there and so creation ordinance work exists. As long as you're in this world, marriage exists. As long as you're in this world. Yes, Christ is the fulfillment of marriage because marriage is a parable about Christ.

And his church. But only the most perverted and ignorant and demonic Christians. Quote unquote would say, with Christ's coming marriage was abrogated, because marriage is now Jesus in the church and you come up with some sort of coupling, there are those who say that with Christ coming the Sabbath is abrogated.

And there are some in Thessalonica who thought that with Christ coming was abrogated and they decided not to work anymore and just hang out and wait for Jesus to return. But of course, they wanted everybody else to feed them. So not sure where that food is supposed to come from.

So the creation ordinances work marriage Sabbath continue with us as long as we're in the creation. Not only and does the Sabbath keeping remain as the mechanism by which we are joined to Christ. Lord gathers us to himself week by week, to set our hearts upon him and mix, our hearing of his word with faith by which the faith by which we are joined to Christ.

So that when we cease from our works, in this world, We enter into God's rest. Not only Does Sabbath keeping and the work cease. But remember, also about when we leave this world and in the resurrection, and the ridiculous question of the Sadducees, about the seven brothers, who sequentially.

We're married to the one poor woman, whose husband skipped dying. And they're, like, haha, in the resurrection, which one shall have her. And Jesus is, like, isn't this your problem? You know, neither the power of God nor the Word of God, nor the scriptures, and there is no marrying, you're giving in marriage.

So you see how the creation ordinances are tied to this creation. One easy way to see that. The Sabbath is not abrogated by Christ. Is you're still in this creation and it's a creation ordinance. So the answer shows that by tying the weekly Sabbath to the continuation of this world from the beginning of the world, the resurrection of Christ got appointed the seventh day of the week, to be the weekly Sabbath and the first day of the week, ever since to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.

And of course not only creation but also redemption will find its consummation and the return of Christ and your weekly. Redeemer day will be replaced by the Redeemer world, the new heavens, and the new earth in which righteousness dwells and in which the knowledge of God covers the earth as the water is cover the sea.

And nope, that's not a trick question. How much of the sea is covered by water? That would be all of it. Praise God.