

What Was Nailed To The Cross?

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Colossians 2:14-16 The Handwriting of Ordinances

“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath *days*.”

Hebrews 9:10 (margin) "Ordinances" - are "rites" or "ceremonies" - the ceremonial law.

The Ten Commandments are not rites or ceremonies, nor do they deal with "meats", "drink" or "new moons".

"By the handwritings of ordinances the apostle most evidently means the ceremonial law." Dr Adam Clarke (Methodist)

"The Jewish ceremonial law is here represented." Dr Albert Barnes (Presbyterian)

The Seventh-day Sabbath was not 'Nailed to the Cross'.

"Sabbath days which are a shadow of good things to come." Colossians 2:16

This is the only place in the New Testament where "Sabbath days" do not refer to the seventh-day Sabbath. The Sabbath days here are a shadow of things to come. They are therefore typical

1. The Seventh-day Sabbath is a memorial which points back, not to things "to come". The yearly Sabbaths were typical and therefore pointed to things "to come".
2. The Sabbath is never called an ordinance. The "Passover" was an ordinance. Exodus 12:43. Numbers 9:14
3. The Sabbath was made before sin entered, hence it was before any types.

Dr Adam Clarke (Methodist). "There is no intimation here that the Sabbath was done away or that its moral use was superseded. I have shown elsewhere that 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy,' is a command of perpetual obligation and can never be superseded."

Dr Albert Barnes (Presbyterian). "No part of the moral Law - not one of the Ten Commandments can be spoken of as 'a shadow of good things to come'. These commandments are from the nature of the Moral Law, of perpetual and universal application."

The Ten Commandments

(Moral Law)

Spoken by God to the people.	Deuteronomy 4:12, 13
Written by God Himself.	Exodus 31:18
Written on Tables of Stone.	Exodus 31:18
Placed in Ark.	1 Kings 8:9

Forever settled in Heaven.	Revelation 11:19, Psalm 119:89,151
Summary of all Moral duties	Exodus 20:3-17, Ecclesiastes 12:13
Contained no offerings or anything typical.	
Contained weekly Seventh-day Sabbath	Exodus 20:8-11
Contained Eternal principles	Revelation 11:19, Isaiah 66:22,23
All Christians to keep them	Matthew 19:16-19, Revelation 14:12
Judged by these Commandments	James 2:8-12

The Law of Moses

(Ceremonial Law)

Given through Moses.	Exodus 24:4
Written by Moses	2 Chronicles 35:12, Deuteronomy 31:9
Written in Book.	Deuteronomy 31:24
Placed at the side of the Ark.	Deuteronomy 31:26
Ceased with Christ.	Daniel 9:27
Shows how sins were forgiven	Leviticus 1:4, Hebrews 8:10
Typical and shadowy	Hebrews 10:1-9, 9:9-11
Contained Yearly Sabbaths	Exodus 23:14-17, Leviticus 23:4-39
Stood only in Ordinances	Hebrews 9:10
No Christian should keep	Colossians 2:14-17
No one judged by this law	Colossians 2:14-17

Circumcision counts for nothing. Obedience to God's commandments is everything. "Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God." 1 Corinthians 7:19 The SEVENTH-DAY WEEKLY SABBATH was entirely different from the yearly "shadow" or typical Sabbaths. Besides the "Sabbath of the Lord" Leviticus 23:38. There were seven yearly, typical or "shadow", Sabbaths; Leviticus 23:7, 8, 21, 24, 27, 35, 36.

Seventh-day Sabbath

1. Made at Creation.
2. Based on the Example of God
3. In Ten Commandments
4. God Blessed and sanctified
5. God commanded by His own voice.
6. Weekly

Yearly "shadow" Sabbaths

1. Made after Exodus from Egypt.
2. God never rested on yearly Sabbaths.
3. In law of Moses.
4. God never blessed the yearly Sabbaths.
5. Given through Moses
6. Yearly

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7. Seventh-day Sabbath is eternal

7. Yearly shadowy Sabbaths ceased.

8. Saturday only.

8. Any day of the week.

Attribute	The Ten Commandments	The Ceremonial Law
1. Spoken By	God Deuteronomy 4:12	Moses Leviticus 1:1-3
2. Written By	God Exodus 31:18	Moses: Deuteronomy 31:9 ; Deuteronomy 10:3,4
3. Written On	Stone Exodus 31:18	Paper Deuteronomy 31:24; Deuteronomy 10:3,4
4. Inside Ark	Yes Deuteronomy 10:1-5	No Deuteronomy 31:26
5. Complete?	Yes Deuteronomy 5:22	No Leviticus 1:1-3, 4:1-3
6. Eternal?	Yes Psalm 111:7,8	No Hebrews 7:12
7. Good?	Yes Romans 7:12	No Colossians 2:14
8. Points Out?	Sin 1 John 3:4	Savior Leviticus 4:27-31 ; John 1:29
9. Obey?	Yes Matthew 5:19	No Acts 15:24
10. Spiritual?	Yes Romans 7:14	No Hebrews 7:16

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11. Perfect	Yes Psalm 19:7	No Hebrews 7:19
12. Liberty	Yes James 2:11,12	No Galatians 5:1
13. Delight	Yes Psalm 119:17,77	No Acts 15:10
14. Christ Upheld	Yes Isaiah 42:21	No Ephesians 2:15
15. Till Eternity	Yes Matthew 5:18	No Galatians 3:19
16. Our Standard?	Yes James 2:8-12	No Colossians 2:16,17
17. Sabbath Began	Creation Exodus 20:8-11	Sinai Leviticus 23:24
18. Sabbath Began	Before Sin Genesis 2:1-3	After Sin Leviticus 23:24