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The Church of God, In Truth has been looking into the postponements of God's annual Holy Days since 1992. We have found that many Churches today have been following the Hebrew calendar that incorporates the **Postponements** of God's annual Holy Days! After much research and study we have found no scriptures endorsing the postponements of God's appointed annual Holy Days as the Jewish Hebrew calendar executes, recommends and prescribes. The Catholic church in the 4th century AD changed keeping the seventh day Sabbath to keeping Sunday the first day of the week, thus postponing God's Sabbaths! The same-kind of scenario is found to be in evidence when following the rules of the Hebrew (Jewish) calendar. The religion of Judaism has changed the days for the Holy Days by postponing them according to the rules of the postponements.

Arthur Spier's book "The Comprehensive Hebrew Calendar," on page 15, states, in more than 60% of all years Rosh Hashanah (Feast of Trumpets) does not occur on the day of the molad (new moon) but is postponed according to the Dehioth (rules). There fore the Dehioth are actually not the exception to rule, but the rule.

IF THE HOLY DAY'S ARE POSTPONED, CAN WE POSTPONE THE SABBATH?

Syncretism, (blending of religions) is being practiced today in the. scattered Churches of God. As Christians we need to read and follow God's Word, the Bible, to learn when and how to observe God's appointed Holy time—not the un-inspired teachings of Judaism who follow their oral-laws and rules.

As we have studied Into this subject, we have found overwhelming evidence in God's Word that Christ did not approve of Judaism. He called the Pharisees and the scribes; liars and hypocrites (Matthew23). He said they are of their father the devil and he was a liar from the beginning {John 8:44}. In John.8:47, Christ tells us to hear them not, because they are not of God, they do not hear God. Jesus, the Christ is our High Priest and we are to follow Him! Hillel II fixed the calendar in 358-9 AD and changed the counting of the new moons (months) by inserting extra months and days now and then for their convenience. Hillel the II set the standard for the calendar that is used today in most Churches of God!

It is through the promise of having God's Holy Spirit that we are encouraged and strengthened. "God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (2Tim 1:7).' It is through God's Holy Spirit we are going to confound the wise, and the mighty. "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;" 1 Cor 1:26-27. Truth through God's Word with guidance from God's Holy Spirit, will lead us into truth. Christ said, "Sanctify them thru thy truth Thy word Truth" (John 17: 17). This is a prophecy for us today, at the end of this age!

A while back, I was told by an acquaintance, (made through the "Prove All Things") that we were <u>riding a hobby horse</u>, when we keep telling people about the "Postponements," that is not found in the Bible to do! When I was told that, it reminded me of the joke we have all heard about the Minister that kept giving the same sermon over every time he spoke. After his last sermon, a man came up to him, and said, "You have given this same sermon now for months. "Why?" His reply, because, you didn't get it the first time, so I'm going to keep giving it, until you do get it!"

I feel as that man giving the sermon, "You just don't get what I am saying about the "Postponements"! I guess

some people could say Christ was riding a hobby horse when speaking about "Love", because God's inspired Word expresses love 536 times in the Bible. By example, I will continue to try and explain in the "Prove All Things" why keeping "Postponements" and counting backward 177 days from the seventh new moon, to find the first day of the new year is not Biblical. Speaking of the first day of God's year, I have been asked why would God start the first day of a new year in the winter?

Notice with me, Exodus 12 verses 1-2, "And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you". It does not say here or anywhere in God's Word, that the first day of the year has to be in a specific season. The first day has no special meaning, other than to start the count for the Passover and all the other Holy Days. The people living in the Northern hemisphere keep the Passover in the spring the same as Jerusalem, but, our brothers and sisters living in the Southern hemisphere keep Passover in the fall of the year. This is why I am always saying we must count time from Jerusalem. By doing this we are all keeping the Holy Days and Sabbaths in harmony with our brothers and sisters on the other side of the world. In Jerusalem Friday night at sunset the Sabbath starts. As that same sun sets in our area the Sabbath starts for us. In the west coasts, "California" the Sabbath starts 10 hours after it had started in Jerusalem. By the time the sun sets again in Jerusalem, they have had their 24 hour Sabbath. 10 hours later California will have had their 24 hour Sabbath. With in this 24 hour period the earth has made one revolution facing the sun. It is like the Sabbath day is being passed to everyone on earth. It is like the laying on of hands, to receive God's Holy Spirit, it passes from one person to another. Just as the Sabbath and Holy Days are. There is harmony in everything God does!"

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