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Everyone but that, why? Because all those others can be made to apply unto grace conditions but not the Sabbath. Why? Because you work 6 days and you rest. That's law. That's works. Grace says, we give you all. On the day of the resurrection of our lord, then live that week in the light of it. That's grace. You never find laws so clearly exemplified as in the Sabbath. And you know Paul thought of it. Oh they wanted some to keep the Sabbath and so when Paul writes to the Colossian church he says don't let any man judge you. Not only don't keep it, but don't let anybody as the young people say, badmouth you about it. Don't let anybody berate you about it. Don't let anyone depreciate you about it. Let no man judge you with reference to a new moon or a Sabbath or a feast day. Why not? They're a shadow. All those back there are shadows. But the body, the substance, the reality is Christ. Now what would you rather have? A shadow of your mother, or your mother. [Inaudible]. Would you rather have a picture of your mother or your mother? You'd rather have the reality wouldn't you? Of course. I've had some people say when I've given the Passover and shown how the Lord's Supper comes out of it. Demonstration of the gospel and the Passover, you can't miss it. They said don't you sometimes have a sort of a hankering, a nostalgia for that? I said what for? You as a grown person have a nostalgia for a little sun suit that your mother made you? That little boy's jacket? You've outgrown it. My dear friends. Look at this covenant. I read it through verse 31. Denied the Sabbath or on the holy day and that we forego the crops of the seventh year and the exaction of every debt. First of all, what is it? They said were going to beat into the word of god. Come what may, we are going to be obedient to the word. Secondly were going to be separate from unbelievers. No question about it.

Separate from unbelievers. And notice they weren't going to give their daughters to the people of the land. You know the old statement its true. Anybody that marries a son of daughter of Satan gonna have trouble with the father in law. Every last time. Yes. And these folk that try to get married on puppy love, no wonder they live a dog's life. Be separate from unbelievers. Honor and observe the Sabbath. Look at verse 31. Don't buy. That's what you call a real biblical economic boycott. Don't buy. You know when you hit some people in the pocketbook they never get over it. It's worse than anywhere else. And don't, don't ever allow yourself to say give to the lords work until it hurts. I never have said that to anybody. Don't tell them to give till it hurts because it hurts some people too soon. Hurts them right now, right away. Let them hurt until it feels good. That's right. Observe the Sabbath, the sabbatic year too. One of the causes of the Babylonian captivity was the neglect of that. You see, every seventh year, they were let to allow the land to remain fallow. God said so. And he said I'll give you enough for the seventh year and the eighth year and so on until the new crop comes in. and they didn't do that for 70 years. That's why in chronicles it says that's why you're going to be away from the land and it's going to rest for 70 years. The last chapter in chronicles. Yes, 2 chronicles. Let it rest, sabbatic year. And god means what he says. It means they'd have to live by faith. And then he says be gracious in dealing with your needy and impoverished brethren. Forego the crops of the 7th year. Don't be there to get every single farthing or penny. And exaction of every debt. Don't grind the face of the poor. So what did they do? They made a solemn covenant. 9:38, there it is. 9th chapter and the 38th verse. They made a solemn covenant. A sure covenant. And they signed it. Why was it made? Well they returned to the land of promise to the father. Land of promise to their father. They'd returned, they were conscious of god's faithfulness to his covenant. They said we ought to commit ourselves anew, we ought to rededicate ourselves. Secondly, they were

mindful of their history of departure from the lord. How prone they were to sin. They said; let's just go on record, not just with a spoken word, but with a written word. And then thirdly the afflictions that they had endured induced them to efforts to escape the same consequences. That's why they were made. And then who made it? All the assembly. The entire nation made it. And then the leaders signed the document. And there they are from verse 1 through verse 27. What a long list, the people ratified it with an oath and a curse didn't they? They certainly did. Every single one of them. They entered into it with an oath they would keep it and a curse if they would not keep it. Yes. What was made? What the contents? All inclusive. Promise to obey all of god's law verse 29. And its specifics, no intermarriages. Oh these folk that say well he's not a Christian but ill marry him. She's not a Christian ill marry her and I'll bring her up to my level. Water always seeks its own level. It's the other way. So much easier to go down than it is up. And then verse 31 the observance of the Sabbath and the holy days. and 31 the avoidance of usury and the support of constitutive ministry in verses 32 to 39 they're going to pay us third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God. Isn't it amazing how people know that they can't carry on their own households without money but they get awfully upset when they think a preacher is talking about finances. And do you know the ones who are most vocal and objective, objecting against it are the ones that don't give anything. They'll sing not a mite would I withhold take my silver and my gold. Not a mite would I withhold. And they're withholding with all their might. And then they said in verse 39 that they would adhere, shall bring the offering of the grain, the new wine, oil, to the chambers, which are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests who minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God. What a beautiful thing. We will not forsake the house of our god. I think one of the greatest joys I had was when our older son, they're both in the ministry, our two sons. Was asked to give

his testimony by the ordaining council and he gave it. And he said of course I was raised in a Christian home. He said every lord's day he said we went to church where else would we go? It was understood, it was never a matter of discussion. You ever been in certain homes where it's always discussed as to whether they are or aren't. I noticed they never have any arguments about whether they're going to have breakfast. They want that. Support the services of the house of god. More people are ready to tear down the church and its work and to cluck their teeth and their tongues and everything else over it. Oh they like to get the juicy morsels, the what are you doing, what are you doing to keep the work of god going. The value of the covenant. Why is that worthwhile in that tenth chapter, that rededication. Because human nature being what it is needs decisive action and definite form. Were just built that way. Yes. It pays to make a decision definite. The blessings of revival in chapter 8 needed to be preserved. They needed to be crystallized in the national line. All needed to participate to avail themselves of the evident working of the spirit of god in their midst. God has to have all of us. If you've heard it many times it pays to repeat it. If Christ is not lord of all that's the meaning of lord. If Christ is lord of all, he's not lord at all. Wilbur chapman I mentioned him before. This godly preacher in Philadelphia years ago. He said this. When I looked into his face and saw him brush back his hair from his brow and heard him speak of the trials and the conflicts and the victories. I said general booth he was talking to General William booth, the founder of the Salvation Army. I'd known that his maternal grandmother was a full blooded Jewess and then this past fall I was in Calvary at a salvation army not citadel but a temple where the officers themselves meet for worship. The citadel is their place of ministry as a mission. And on the pastors wall I saw for the first time there in Calvary, Alberta. A picture of dear William booth with his long flowing white beard and all. And he was submitting. He looked Jewish. Not because of the nose. Anybody who says I

know you're Jewish because of your nose is not a Jew. You can tell a Jew some other way. I'm not going to tell you I'm going to let you figure it out. So Chapman said, General Booth tell me what's been the secret of your success. He hesitated a second, Booth did. I saw the tears said Chapman come down, come into his eyes and steal down his cheeks. And then he said I will tell you the secret. God has had all there was of me to have. He said there had been men with greater opportunities but from the day I got the poor of London on my heart, and a vision of what Jesus Christ could do, I made up my mind that God would have all there was of William Booth. And he says if there's anything of power in the Salvation Army today it's because God has had all the adoration of my heart. All the power of my will. And all the influence of my life. My dear friends, the measure of the greatness of a man's power, Chapman learned, was the measure of his surrender. Let's hear let's head, and bless God. Let us do likewise. Yes the people are revived, that's the reason for the wall. God isn't interested in bricks. He's interested in people. The world is interested in using people to get things. God uses things to get to people, and here it was. Here it was. No wonder they could be of one mind in the 8th chapter to come to as one man, why? They'd already learned unity of action by working on the wall. By cooperating, by fusing their many personalities. Thank God. May we go and do likewise. Father, in the quiet of this moment, how we thank thee that here in this chapel this morning there are multiplied examples of churches from which these dear ones have come. Of homes from which they've come, of organizations where things have been accomplished for thee verily. Because some folk were not afraid and were humble enough to subserve their own wishes, their own varieties of personalities to bring about a unity born of the spirit. Thou hast never told us to make it, were told to maintain the unity of the spirit. Thou doesn't make it the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Bless these dear ones. Bless every home, every heart. Bless the concluding services to the end of

morrow. And then as we go our separate ways may it be with a song of the lord in our heart and upon our lips. And our minds determined that we shall with a revived heart rededicate ourselves. Those who have the great obligation of administering these crowns. It may look easy, but the easier it looks, the more there is underground work. More foundation has been laid. So give blessing. If there's any heart here this morning hour that's troubled. That has some burden, we pray for such and one. If there's one here who has never, never come to Christ as savior. May this be the hour of decision we pray. So many stand ready and willing here to help that one see the way of life more clearly. Dismiss us with thy blessing. Give us good afternoon of rest and recreation. And may the church of the living Christ the world [inaudible]. Being greatly strengthened. Bless every missionary of the cross. we think of that one, we don't know who it is, but that one who is most discouraged in the most benighted area, be unto them our father, strengthen blessing and refreshing. And may the strongholds of Satan know and experience only defeat today through the bloodstained banner of the cross of our precious savior. It's in his glorious pierless changeless name we pray with thanksgiving. Amen. Were dismissed.