



## GLC Weekly

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# Remember Your True History America (#3): Why Did Americans Keep The LORD's Day Holy?

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Why did most Americans for centuries, until recent decades, believe it was highly important to keep The LORD's Day or Sabbath Day holy? Let us consider this question as we prepare for the May 17 Celebration and Rededication as "one nation under God," and July 4 celebration of our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

1. Americans believed that there is one true GOD, the Creator of the heavens and the earth and of mankind upon the earth (Genesis 1), and that our liberty and existence as a nation depended upon Him. "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights . . . with a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor" (*Declaration of Independence, 1776*).
2. Americans believed that the Creator GOD ordained a Sabbath day of rest on the seventh day of creation, for the benefit of mankind, as part of the created order and pattern for life (Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11).
3. Americans believed that, for Christ followers, the Sabbath was changed to Sunday, The LORD's Day, after the resurrection of Jesus (Matthew 23; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20; Acts 20:7; Revelation 1:10) – but they were free to keep either Saturday as their Sabbath or Sunday as their holy day. Therefore, most Americans (in prior generations) revered GOD and gave Him first place in their lives by keeping The LORD's Day or Sabbath holy. The Founding Fathers wrote into the *U.S. Constitution* a provision to honor The LORD's Day: "If any Bill shall not be returned by the President within ten Days (Sundays excepted) . . ." (Article 1, section 7). Even as late as the 1950s and 1960s, when I was a child, most businesses and stores were closed on Sundays, and we went to church and were together as a family.
4. Americans believed that keeping close to GOD and reverencing Him was essential to preserving liberty and righteousness and peace in our nation.

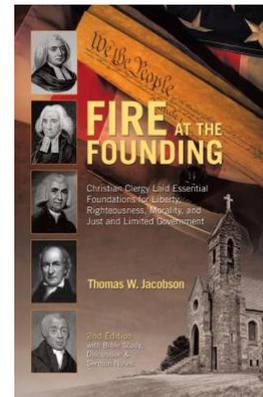
Rev. Amos Adams (1728-1775) preached on the day called for a General Fast, 6 April 1769. He spoke of the great importance of private and public observance of the LORD's Day.

“The serious and conscientious observance of the LORD’s-day is a duty of the highest importance to the life and power of religion among a people. . . . (R)eligion prospers or declines among a people, according to the respect that is shown to the LORD’s-day . . . So far as the LORD’s-day becomes a season for visiting, feasting, gaming and diversions, the life of Christianity will expire, and all manner of vices grow among a people. Only cast your eyes on those places, where little regard is paid to the LORD’s-day, and you will find them, in a state of ignorance, and immorality, little or nothing better than absolute heathenism” (quoted in *Fire At The Founding*, chapter 2, p. 21-22).

I’m deeply concerned about the spiritual and moral state of the United States, the increased numbers of abortions and slaughter of more than 66 million babies. We ought to take seriously Pastor Adam’s exhortation and warning. As we prepare to rededicate our nation as “one nation under GOD,” let us return to Him with great humility and genuine repentance, and be restored as we receive His grace and give Him first place in our lives, our time, our days, and our nation.

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**PRAY** that the Holy Spirit would inspire pastors, Christians, and all Americans to keep the Sabbath or The LORD’s day holy each week; and read and rediscover the truth about the spiritual, moral and governmental foundations of the United States that were consistent with the Bible and Judeo-Christian faith.



For the LORD, the sacred gifts of life and liberty, and remembrance of the babies,

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