

# *Sabbechism!*<sup>TM</sup>

*A summary of commonly-held teachings of the Sabbath-keeping Churches of God*

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## Introduction

The entire civilized world has small groups of Sabbath-keeping Churches of God. These Christians have a diverse and colorful history. Some say our beginnings go back to the Adventist Movement of William Miller of the 1800s. Some say our beginnings go back to the Apostles. And some even say we can trace our roots back to righteous Noah. Any way you look at us, it is worth it know us and our beliefs whether you are a current follower of our faith or an outsider who is just curious.

When Dynamic Christian Ministries set out to create a catechism-type summary for Sabbath-keeping Church of God people, we estimated early on that we should not actually use the word “catechism.” Because of its connotations, the word “catechism” could be offensive to some people. So we created our own word, “Sabbechism.”

Obviously, we have not created a work as expansive and exhaustive as the Baltimore Catechism circa 1836. We didn’t have the time and today’s readers don’t have the attention span. Instead, we have tried to create a brief set of doctrinal explanations that are common to many people of our faith.

Our purpose is not to focus so much on the history of the Church of God movement although some Church history will be mentioned in the following pages. Our primary motive is to give a brief overview of our teachings without being so pedantic as to wear out any saint attempting to wade through seemingly infinite pages.

We have tried to design this study so that it can be used in variety of ways, such as in Sabbath school classes or in midweek Bible studies. We understand that not all Church of God Sabbath-keepers will agree with everything in this collection. There is considerable diversity among Sabbath-keepers in the area of doctrine. For this reason, we have not numbered the lessons. This way, you may use only the lessons you want in your classes and no one will notice that you left any out.

Throughout the lessons, you will notice little boxes. We have inserted them for the purpose of giving entertaining and interesting tidbits of information that we hope you will find helpful. Here are some examples that you will see:



**Definition.** These definitions define commonly-used terms that a non Sabbath-keeper may not know.

👉👉👉 **BTW.** These are anecdotal stories, quotes, and explanations. 👉👉👉

**ΣΩΦ ROOTS—IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME. THESE EXPLAIN ROOT WORDS THAT COME FROM THE LANGUAGES IN WHICH THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN: HEBREW, GREEK, AND ARAMAIC.**

⌘⌘⌘ *ChainLink*, These are Scripture chains used for proof texts. The more active student may wish to actually write them into his/her Bible for future reference. ⌘⌘⌘

We would never put these writings into any kind of a bound book or booklet. Rather, this type of discussion is best placed into three-ring notebooks because it is not static. We promise that these pages will change from time-to-time. It is our expectation (and hope) that our readers will give us feedback on this effort so that we can constantly go back and improve the writings. So, if you use this study one year and plan to utilize it again a year later, you will probably want to reprint newly-updated pages from our website.

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It is our hope that you will enjoy and learn from this summary. But, most importantly, we hope this compilation will inspire you to pick up the REAL doctrinal exposition and read it regularly. We're talking about God's Written Word. We always encourage you to prove all things from the pages of your own Bible. May God bless you in your quest for understanding.

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