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 - **restore us to total spiritual health**
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#58 – CELEBRATE YOUR IDENTITY

“...and worship Him who made heaven, earth, the sea and the springs of water” (Revelation 14:7).

Embedded in the first angel's message is the command to worship God as Creator. These words contain an obvious connection to the 4th commandment of Ten Commandments.

You can look upon this commandment as a legalistic and arbitrary commandment. Or, you can consider it in ways similar to celebrating the 4th of July.

The 4th of July has a special meaning to me, because I still remember the morning when in 1959 I stood on the deck of a freighter sailing past the Statue of Liberty into New York harbor. On that day I took up residence in the United States and a few years later I became a citizen. So when I celebrate the 4th of July I am really celebrating my **identity** as a citizen of the United States.

Why not consider the celebration of the weekly 7th day Sabbath in similar ways? You may find the following perspectives helpful.

- Sabbath-keeping is a celebration of our identity as God's very own children. Celebrate that identity as you would celebrate your own birthday. Is there anything legalistic about celebrating your birthday or the 4th of July?
- By abstaining from work we are celebrating that we are not saved by our performance of work, but by Christ's redemptive work on Calvary's cross. There is nothing legalistic about that. The law of Sabbath is not legalistic. It is a command given to save us from ourselves – from believing that our highest calling is the busy-ness of our work.

- Genuine Sabbath-keeping celebrates that our highest destiny is to know God and glorify and enjoy Him forever.
- Our identity resides in the God who made us. We are not products of slime plus time. Rather we are persons made in God's very own image.
- As we with joy celebrate the Sabbath with, we also transmit to our children and future generations through our worship our joyful confidence in our God that He is BIG enough to handle anything. *"Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too difficult for you"* (Jeremiah 32:16,17).

Let the 7th day Sabbath be a celebration of freedom, of independence from our own dead works as the cause for our salvation. Let every Sabbath ring with our freedom in Christ.

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