

## Memorial OPC Adult Sunday School- Westminster Shorter Catechism - 2011-2012

Q57: *Which is the fourth commandment?*

**A57: The fourth commandment is, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shall you labor, and do all your work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God: in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maid servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger that is within your gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and made it holy.”**

Q58: *What is required in the fourth commandment?*

**A58: The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God such set times as he appointed in his Word; expressly one whole day in seven to be a holy Sabbath to himself.**

Q59: *Which day of the seven has God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?*

**A59: From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.**

**The Sabbath is an ENDURING MORAL COMMAND for us.**

1. It is a command instituted BEFORE SIN.
2. It is a command patterned upon GOD’ WORK and GOD’ REST.
3. It is a command regarding TIME.
4. It is a command that bears GOD’ OWNERSHIP.