

## Saturday/Sunday worship

(a) ~~Worship~~ is a significant practice for Christianity as it is both an expression of belief and commitment to the faith. The practice seeks to ordain the person receiving the <sup>various</sup> "sacraments" <sup>such as baptism;</sup> to the Christian faith and according to the Gospel of John, "to cleanse the sins and wash away the impurity." Saturday or Sunday worship also promotes the belief of the oneness and unity of God through the sacrament of communion, with the practice of breaking the bread and wine and embodying the Holy Spirit. The adherent is expressing his belief of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus as well as affirming the belief in the Holy Trinity. Furthermore, belief of Jesus' message of love and peace is expressed in the offering of peace.

(b) Saturday or Sunday worship is not only a significant practice, it is mandatory, it is for the individual as a dual perspective, an expression of faith and a part of their search for inner sanctity. As an expression of faith for the individual, it provides an avenue in which the individual may pray in an environment outside to that of the material distractions and disturbances. It allows the individual to embody the physical presence and spiritual presence of God by taking part in the various practices and formalities, in particular, communion and the offering of peace. "For to the Lord, he will hear your prayers and answer them," Deuteronomy, it allows for a greater insight and concentration of communication by the human and divine. "The Lord said, you may work on the six days, labour and care for your business, but on the seventh day of the Sabbath you will rest and devote your time to the Lord." The scriptures implicate that the seventh day, Saturday or Sunday is a holy day, and for the individual he/she must keep it holy, through going to Church, and providing the personal sacrifice to God as well as achieving personal fulfilment, through the teachings of the Gospels and the -2- old Testament. Saturday/Sunday worship is both a day of learning and spiritual sacrifice to God.

(c) "The earth is the Lord's, everything and everyone in it." Genesis 1:28  
The above mentioned quotes highlight the Christian teaching on the environment that everything belongs to God and derives the important concept of Stewardship. Christians believe they are caretakers of the Lord's land, and as such influencing its adherents to live a life of righteousness and apply morality when dealing with the environment. "The Lord put you in the garden, till it, dress it and keep it." This particular reference from Genesis highlights the direct commandment from God to care for the land. "dress it," this concept influences the lives of Christian adherents by implicating their responsibility to care for the land, and to ensure that they act as creators as "God created man in his own image," rather than destroyers. Christian ethical teachings on the environment have deeply influenced various Christian groups and adherents in particular the National Council of Churches of Australia and TEPAS Australia to endeavour in persuading the people around them as Christians have been called to do to become more critically environmentally aware of the destruction of human incompotence causes to the land, for example the Australian Catholic Union and their promotion of water conservation in the Murray River as a result of excess usage.