



April

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## DAY BY DAY ROMANS 14:5-6

For Christians, especially Gentiles, the idea of a “weekend” was not a part of their world until the later Roman Empire when Christianity triumphed over the Empire and established Sunday as a day of worship. Jewish people celebrated the Sabbath from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. But this was only observed by Jewish Christians. Sunday, however, was the accepted Christian day of worship.

This required that Christians meet early in the morning before working hours or in the evening following work on Sunday. Romans 14:5-6 points out this reality. Jewish Christians were trying to convince Gentiles to observe the Sabbath, even though the Roman government did not recognize Sabbath observance except in the case of Jewish people.

## ROMANS 14:5-6

**5 One person esteems *one* day above another; another esteems every day *alike*. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.**

**6 He who observes the day, observes *it* to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe *it*. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.**



## UNDERWATER, UNLETTERED & UNERASED COLOSSIANS 2:8-15

The letter of Colossians was written sometime during Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> imprisonment either in Palestine or Rome. Between the years of 56-60. Timothy probably served as the secretary for the letter. It was sent to the least important church in Asia Minor. The city of Colossae had by the 1<sup>st</sup> century shrunk to a small unimportant town. Epaphrus, who is mentioned 2 times in this letter is from there and is a disciple of Paul who is with him during his imprisonment. Paul indicates that the church in Colossae was founded by Epaphrus. Some of Paul's most important theological work is done in this book. Like with Romans Paul did not have a direct connection with this church, so he seems to spend more time on doctrine rather than on personal or church matters.

Statue of Epaphrus  
Basilique Sante Marie  
Majeure, Rome

## COLOSSIANS 2:8-15

8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. 11 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

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Ictineo II launched in October of 1864, refitted with a steam generation system in 1867 it became the first powered Submarine. Built by Narcís Monturiol

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Submarines were originally built in 1620 in England during the reign of King James I by Dutch engineer Cornelis Drebbel. It was not until 1800 that the 1<sup>st</sup> successful submarine, the Nautilus, by inventor Robert Fulton was launched. It was the first submarine to move effectively underwater using a screw propulsion driven by manual peddles. The Ictineo II was the first Submarine to use an engine to power the screw. It was a stem engine heated by a chemical reaction of Peroxide which cause the water in the engine to boil. This had the added advantage of releasing Oxygen as a biproduct.

**1 John 3:20-22**

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## 1 JOHN 3:20-23

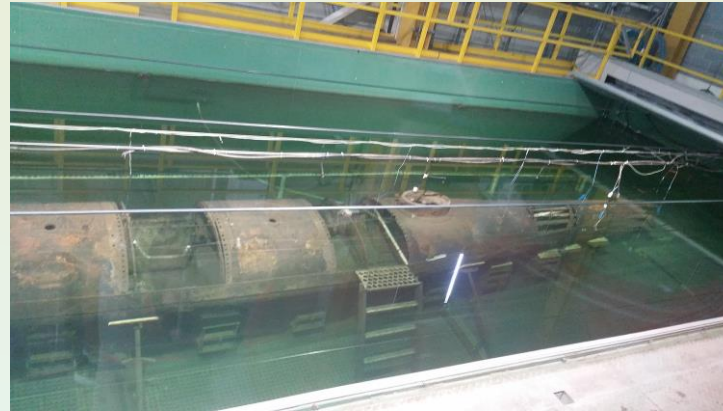
20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

# UNDERWATER, UNLETTERED & UNERASED COLOSSIANS 2:8-15

The first successful military use of a submarine was in Charleston harbor 1864 when the H. L. Huntley attached a mine to the Union blockade ship Housatonic. The explosion caused the sinking of both vessels in Charleston harbor, this Submarine was discovered intact in 1970 and raised in 2000. National Submarine Day!



H.L. Hunley in a protective bath of Sodium Hydroxide in Charleston SC, 2017

Painting of the H.L. Hunley by Conrad Chapman, completed in 1864 shortly after its first and only mission. It sank the Union blockade ship Housatonic. It went down at the same time with its crew of 8 in Charleston harbor. It was recovered in 2000.

# UNDERWATER, UNLETTERED & UNERASED COLOSSIANS 2:8-15

Film poster from 1959 for the movie  
"Operation Petticoat". It was filmed in 1958



Cary Grant in 1958 had just completed the movie "Houseboat" with Sophia Loren. It had been a difficult set because of a broken romantic liaison between Grant and Loren. Cary Grant and his 3<sup>rd</sup> wife Betsey Drake were having problems characteristic of most of Grant's marriage relationships. In an attempt to deal with his problems Betsey recommended that he see Dr. Mortimer Hartman for LSD therapy to get to the root of his depression. By 1959 when the movie was released Grant had become a proponent of LSD therapy.



## UNDERWATER, UNLETTERED & UNERASED COLOSSIANS 2:8-15

In 1966 the Beatles released the song “Yellow Submarine”. Written by Paul McCartney with John Lennon as a children’s song to spotlight Ringo Starr as soloist. Almost immediately it was popular and interpreted in various ways in the pop culture of the 1960s. It was used by anti-war protesters, the “psychedelic culture” that was experimenting with hallucinogenic drugs.

It is believed that some of the lyrics refer to the 1959 movie “Operation Petticoat” during which Cary Grant was beginning his experimentation with LSD.

Film poster from 1968 for the movie “Yellow Submarine



## UNDERWATER, UNLETTERED & UNERASED COLOSSIANS 2:8-15

Cary Grant in an LIFE article in 1960 touted the benefits of LSD therapy for solving his relationship problems. He divorced Betsey Drake in 1962 and began an affair with Dyan Cannon. They would have a daughter Jennifer in 1966, Grant's only child. Their marriage ended in 1968 due to Cary Grant's pressure on Dyan Cannon to do LSD with him. She had very negative experiences with LSD unlike Cary Grant's. His article in LIFE inspired the writer Timothy O'Leary to promote the recreational use of LSD. Many performers like the Beatles took psychotropic drugs during this period. Some dramatic suicides under the influence of LSD soured the public perception.

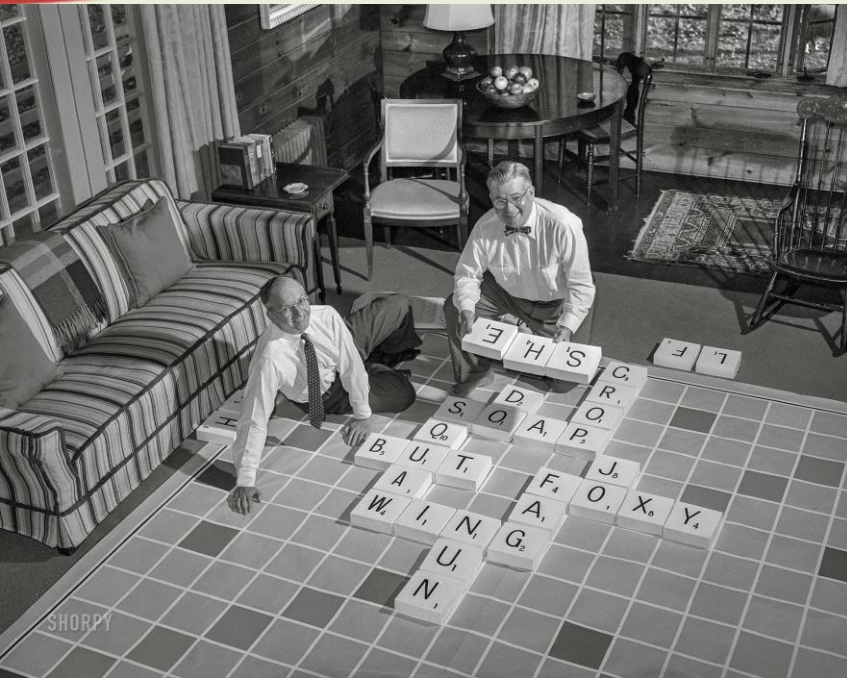
Actress Dyan Cannon began an affair with Grant in 1962 when his divorce was finalizing. They married in 1965 and divorced in 1968

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**[by couch]** Alfred Butts the creator of the game Scrabble. He invented it in 1933. **[center]** James Burnot, purchased rights to market the game in the mid-1940s changing the name to "Scrabble".

He worked out a deal for exclusive marketing rights in 1948 for the game and began producing it with his wife's help. He changed the board slightly to make it play better and changed the name to "Scrabble" a word meaning "to collect intensely". He and his wife lost over 450 dollars on the game in 1949 selling only 2000 games. After a vacation in 1951 they returned to their home to find orders far beyond their ability to supply. Macy's Department store came across the game and wanted a supply for their stores. By 1952 it was being rationed at retail outlets across the USA because it could not be produced fast enough. 3 in five USA households have Scabble.

## PSALM 12:1-7

1 « *To the Chief Musician. On an eight-stringed harp. A Psalm of David.* » Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.

2 They speak idly everyone with his neighbor; *With* flattering lips and a double heart they speak.

3 May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, *And* the tongue that speaks proud things,

4 Who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail; Our lips *are* our own; Who *is* lord over us?"

5 "For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, Now I will arise," says the LORD; "I will set *him* in the safety for which he yearns."

6 The words of the LORD *are* pure words, *Like* silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times.

7 You shall keep them, O LORD, You shall preserve them from this generation forever.



## UNDERWATER, UNLETTERED & UNERASED COLOSSIANS 2:8-15

Edward Nairne ran a stationary shop in England in 1770. He was an inventor and entrepreneur. By accident in 1770 he picked up a piece of “elastic gum” which had recently been introduced in Europe from Central America.

Most of the time to erase pencil marks on paper a piece of stale bread was used. But he picked up the chunk of elastic gum by mistake and found it worked far better. By the mid 1770s the elastic gum had been dubbed “rubber” because it was used to “rub out” pencil marks. Improvements in rubber erasers have continued since then. National Rubber Eraser day is Thursday. 2 Corinthians 4:7-10

Edward Nairne, a British stationary shop owner and inventor [here with an electrical machine he invented in 1783] 1770 invented the “rubber eraser” when by accident picked up a piece of “elastic gum” instead of a bread crumb to erase a pencil mark and discovered it worked better.

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## 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-10

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

8 *We are* hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we *are* perplexed, but not in despair;

9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed —

10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body



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COLOSSIANS 2:8-15

We are complete in Christ  
even when we feel  
overwhelmed,  
inadequate, or  
unimportant.

Statue of Epaphrus  
Basilique Sante Marie  
Majeure, Rome