


Berlin, July 2, 1848. My dear Bro. . . . There has been some division as to the time of beginning the Sabbath. Some commenced at sundown. Most however at six o'clock. A week ago Sabbath we made this a subject of prayer. The Holy Spirit came down, Bro. Chamberlain was filled with the power. In this state he cried out in an unknown tongue. The interpretation followed which was this, "Give me the chalk. Give me the chalk." Well, thought I, if there is none in the house then I shall doubt this, but in a moment a brother took down a good piece of chalk. Bro. Chamberlain took it and in the power he drew this figure on the floor.  This figure represents Jesus' words, Are there not twelve hours in the day? This figure represents the day or the last half of the day. Daylight is half gone when the sun is south or half way from each horizon at 12 o'clock. Now go ~~way~~ way six hours, and you will get the 12 hour day. At any time a year the day ends at 6 P.M. Here is where the Sabbath begins, at 6 p.m.

Satan would get us from this time. But let us stand fast in the Sabbath as God has given it to us, and Brother Bates. God has raised up Brother Bates to give this truth. I should have more faith in his opinion than any man's.

James White in a letter July 2, 1848.