



Power From on High

Series: Power From On High

Text: Acts 20:7a

Title: Love For The Church, Part 2

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Lesson: 103

Acts 20:7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.

“gathered together”

1 Corinthians 12:12–13 For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are **one body**, so also is Christ.

13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Hebrews 10:23–25 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; 24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

“not forsaking our assembling together”

“habit”

We gather together on Sunday because we need
_____ **to stay the course.**

7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread,

John 20:19 So when it was evening on that day, **the first day of the week**, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

1 Corinthians 16:2 **On the first day of every week** each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.

Revelation 1:10 I was in the Spirit on **the Lord's day**, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet,

When we gather on Sunday

1. We celebrate our Lord's

_____.

2. We celebrate that we _____
in His resurrection life.

3. We celebrate that we are united
_____ with Christ

What happened to the _____?

Is it correct to treat Sunday as the Christian Sabbath?

Eight reasons why believers are not required to observe the Sabbath:

**1. The Sabbath was given to _____
as a sign of the Mosaic Covenant.**

Exodus 20:8 "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Exodus 31:12–17 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying,
13 “But as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying,
‘You shall surely observe My sabbaths; for this is **a sign
between Me and you** throughout your generations, that
you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you.

14a ‘Therefore you are to observe the sabbath, for it is
holy to you.

14b Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death;
for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut
off from among his people.

15 ‘For six days work may be done, but on the seventh
day there is a sabbath of complete rest, holy to the Lord;
whoever does any work on the sabbath day shall surely be
put to death. 16 ‘So the sons of Israel shall observe the
sabbath, to celebrate the sabbath throughout their
generations as a perpetual covenant.’ 17 “It is a sign
between Me and the sons of Israel forever;

for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, but on the
seventh day He ceased from labor, and was refreshed.”

Deuteronomy 5:12–15 ‘Observe the sabbath day to keep it
holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. 13 ‘Six days
you shall labor and do all your work, 14 but the seventh
day is a sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not
do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your
male servant or your female servant or your ox or your
donkey or any of your cattle or your sojourner who stays

with you, so that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. 15 'You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to observe the sabbath day.

2. There is no _____ in the N.T. to observe the Sabbath.

3. The _____ in Acts 15 did not impose Sabbath-keeping on the Gentile believers.

4. None the _____ speak of keeping or breaking the Sabbath.

5. The New Testament teaches _____ from Sabbath regulations.

Colossians 2:14–17 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

16 Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a **Sabbath day**— 17 things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.

Galatians 5:1 It was for **freedom** that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

6. Observing the Sabbath was a matter of

among converted Jews.

Romans 14:5–6 One person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, does so for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God.

**7. The danger of _____
to religious slavery thereby adding works to
merit God's favor.**

Galatians 4:9–11 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again? 10 You observe days and months (**new moons**) and seasons and years. 11 I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain.

**8. The _____
rejected Sabbath keeping.**

Implication

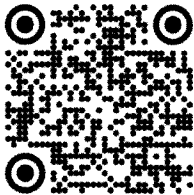
Sunday is _____ of all Sabbath restrictions,

however, we must leave room for our

_____.

Discussion guide

1. If someone were to ask you why you go to church on Sunday, how would you answer? What are the dangers if we do not attend?
2. Why do you believe Christians are so confused about the Sabbath?
3. If you grew up in church, were you required to keep certain restrictions on Sunday? If so, what were they?
4. Today we looked at eight reasons why we are not required to observe the Sabbath today. Which ones did you already know and which ones were new?
5. If you had a neighbor ask you if they are to keep the Sabbath, how would you respond?



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