

## ACTS 20:7

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#### I. IS IT SCRIPTURAL FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER TO BE SERVED TWICE ON A LORD'S DAY?

1. I believe it to be scriptural.
2. Sunday evening is still the first day of the week -- Acts 20:7
  - (1) It can be eaten anytime on the first day of the week.
  - (2) The time one eats the Supper on the first day of the week is immaterial.
  - (3) What is material, or important, in the example is the first day of the week-- Acts 20:7
3. Some say, "There is no authority for a second supper."
  - (1) When one who is absent from the first assembly on the Lord's Day, eats the Supper in the second assembly, it is the first supper for him.
  - (2) The number of times of assembling is not specified in Acts 20:7.
  - (3) What is specified is -- the first day of the week -- Acts 20:7
  - (4) Sometimes there is sickness in a family and the husband comes in the morning and the wife at night to the assembly; some have to work, etc.
4. One person cannot commune alone.
  - (1) The supper is individual communion WITH the Lord in the assembly-- I Cor. 11: 27, 28; I Cor. 10:16; Matt. 26:29
  - (2) Those sitting near the front in the assembly may partake 2 - 5 minutes before those in the back of the assembly.
  - (3) Since it is an individual matter, no church or members have the right to bar others from the Table at the time the Lord authorized the supper to be observed.
  - (4) To do so would be to violate the demand of self-examination, and to bind where God has loosed -- I Cor. 11: 28
  - (5) Having the Lord's Supper on Sunday evening has led to many abuses:
    1. The Sunday morning Lord's Supper is abused
    2. The Corinthians abused it -- I Cor. 11
    3. The Lord does not give us the right to deny the Supper to those who could not attend the morning supper -- I Cor. 11: 28
  - (6) The Passover --
    1. Ex. 12:26 -- observed in the first month
    2. Num. 9: 9 - 12 -- observed in the second month
  - (7) "The disciples in Acts 20:7 means ALL the disciples".
    1. This could not be proved

