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# BIBLE TALK

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This week the question is: Should communion be offered twice on Sundays?

Many churches have the practice of offering communion twice on Sundays to accommodate people who have to work or people who for other reasons were unable to attend the morning services of the church and partake of the communion with the rest of the congregation.

- Is this scriptural?
- Does the NT teach this may be done or should be done?

The answer to these questions is simply this: The NT does not teach a second offering of the communion for people who were unable to attend and partake with the rest of the congregation. Instead, here is what the scriptures say:

## **Hebrews 10:25**

<sup>25</sup> not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

It is sinful to work on the Lord's day and neglect the assembly of the church. God must come first and people must learn to sacrifice for the Lord. The concept of sacrifice is almost completely lost in our society. No one is being taught the need to change jobs or find new occupations which will allow them to assemble with the church. Instead, churches are lowering standards, requiring no scriptural sacrifice from anyone and are practicing things for which there is absolutely no scripture.

Communion is something which requires the entire congregation being assembled. Notice:

## **Acts 20:7**

<sup>7</sup> ... on the first day of the week, when **the disciples came together to break bread**, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.

Notice here the disciples came together to break the bread. It is impossible to partake of the Lord's supper without the church being assembled together. Furthermore, when the church is assembled, all the members must partake together. Notice carefully:

### **1 Corinthians 11:33-34**

<sup>33</sup> Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

<sup>34</sup> But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come.

Here the church is told to “come together to eat” the Lord’s supper. Furthermore, the congregation is told to “wait for one another.” In other words, it is wrong to move on to another part of the worship before the last brother has partaken of the communion. Communion requires everyone being assembled and waiting on one another.

When churches offer communion twice on Sundays, they have no authority other than human authority for doing so. Listen to Jesus speak about worship based on human authority:

### **Matthew 15:9**

<sup>9</sup> And in vain they worship Me,  
Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”

“Vain worship” is worship which means nothing. Only when worship is authorized by God does it count for anything. God is not honored and He is not glorified when men invent their own forms of worship.

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