



Acts Chapter 20 Part 2

In our study of “Acts Chapter 20 Part 1” we took another hard look at exactly what the true identity of a true Christian really is, and we spent some time combing through the scriptures in both the “Old” and “New” Testaments to show that according to scripture... we are indeed all one in the Messiah and if we are one in the Messiah.. then we are also the offspring of Abraham, and heirs to the promise that God made to Abraham and his offspring.

We spoke about the many deceptive man made, man created, man fabricated two house doctrines that so many denominational charters of men, and their so called “Early Church Fathers” have perpetuated throughout the generations, and we talked about the biblical and scriptural fact that there never was a separate Jewish church and a separate Gentile church, and that according to scripture.. there never will be.

Simply put... according to scripture... there is only one House.. one Church... one Vine... one Body... and one Olive Tree that we have all been grafted into.. and we took our listeners by the hand and walked them through the “Old Testament” writings, and we showed them through the scriptures like Numbers 15:15, and Exodus 12:48 and 49 that the Gentiles were always being grafted into the “House of Israel” from the very beginning.

And let me say this before we move forward here today.. it's important that every Christian understand the milk of Gods word.. before trying to move into the meat of Gods Word.. and the true identity of a Christian my friends is indeed... the “Milk” of Gods Word. And this is why we continuously re-refresh our teaching on the identity of a Christian and who these new Jew and Gentiles believers were that were known as “The Way” were... and this is why it's important to understand what some of the battles were, that the Apostle Paul had to face.

There was a kind of tug of war if you will... between those who were the die hard Jewish believers that believed that it was the law that saved them.. and those who understood the fact that it was the grace of God that saved them. And this was what the Gospel message of our Messiah was all about. Once again... we do not keep the laws of God to be saved... we keep the laws of God.. because we are saved, and because we understand the biblical definition of the “Love of God” found in 1st John 5:3.

So with that understanding under our belts there are some other things to make note of here in

Acts chapter 20, and one of them is found in verse 7:

Act 20:7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.

Now... I want us to notice that there is absolutely nothing in this verse that points to any kind of first day of the week Sunday Sabbath. We are simply told that the Apostles were “Gathered together to break bread”.. and nothing more. And I want to make mention of this because it's scriptures like this that many dispensationalists will point to in order to try and get people to buy into their first day of the week “Sunday Sabbath”.. and the truth of the matter is that there is no mention in our Bibles anywhere... and I say again... ANYWHERE... that tells us that anyone ever commanded a change in our Fathers 7th Day Sabbath that he said would be, and a sign between him and his people, a perpetual agreement for all generations forever.

So once again.. it's important to understand this verse and know both what it does say... as well as what it does not say.. so that we're not being tossed to and fro by the wind.. and believing in every wind of doctrine that comes out of the mouth of a man.

The “Breaking Of Bread” that we see in verse 7 is nothing more than a standard practice among many Jews even today. At the beginning of a meal they would “Break The Bread” and this meant that they would say the blessing for the meal also called the “Barakah”. Far too many of today's modern day denominational charters of men and their so called “Early Church Fathers” will try to get you to accept the idea that they were taking communion every time we see the words “Breaking Bread” but for anyone who does their homework and reads the scriptures for themselves... we should know better than that.

Take Act chapter 2 verse 42 for example:

*Act 2:46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,
Act 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

Clearly we're told that “Day by day attending the temple together and “BREAKING BREAD” (how often?.. Day by Day.. every day they broke bread).. in their homes, and they received their food with glad and generous hearts”... this does not mean that just because they “Broke Bread” every day (day by day)..that every day was the Sabbath, or that they were taking communion every day. It simply means that they were coming together for a meal and giving thanks for that meal, always saying the “Barakah” or the opening blessing for that meal, and praising God. So once again my friends.. it's important that we do not read things into the scriptures that are simply not there in order to create our own new denominational doctrines and philosophical

understandings.

I would submit to you my friends that there is bar none... no other lie.. that has done more to damage, and caused more separation between the Jew and the Christian than the blatant lie... of a first day of the week Sunday Sabbath.. not found anywhere in your Bible.

The first day of the week Sunday Sabbath was instituted by Constantine back in the very beginning of the formation of the Roman Catholic Church. It was he that replaced the 7th day Sabbath of God with what he called “The Lords Day” in order to separate Christianity from Judaism and to keep the Pagan sun god worshipers happy.

Constantine was trying to weld church and state together in a way that could be managed, and overseen by the Roman government, and so it was... that in order to weld Christianity into the official state religion.. he had to appease those pagans who were used to following after their own pagan gods. So Constantine simply changed the times and the laws of the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob...in order to try and trick these pagan worshipers into believing in his own man made version of what he had created God to be. And in doing so.. he also tricked many Christians into keeping many of the pagan rituals, myths, and traditions that the church still keeps to this very day. It was a welding together of things both pagan and Christian that created the Roman Catholic Church.

And for more information on this you can watch our study entitled “Is Saturday Or Sunday The Sabbath?”. You can find that study at our website at HolyImpactMinistries.com.. just click on our “Teachings” tab.. and then go to “False Doctrines” in our drop down menu and select the video teaching “Is Sunday Or Saturday The Sabbath” and you find all kinds of scriptural and historical documentation with in that video study.

I want us to understand what the 7th Day Sabbath of God is... and what it is not.. so before we move forward lets go back and lets read what the actual commandment is... lets turn to Leviticus chapter 23 Verse 2 and 3:

Lev 23:2 "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, These are the appointed feasts of the LORD that you shall proclaim as holy convocations; they are my appointed feasts.

Lev 23:3 "Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work. It is a Sabbath to the LORD in all your dwelling places.

So lets break this down. What exactly is the 7th Day Sabbath of God and how do you keep it? First of all he says “No work shall be done” what else does he say... he says it's a “Holy Convocation”... it's a time to get together with your brothers and sisters, and have some fellowship... and what's the third thing he says to do?... if you're coming together in a “Holy” convocation... then that would mean that he wants you to keep the day “Holy” does it not?

So three things... no work is to be done... there is to be a “Holy Convocation”, or a gathering of your brothers and sisters... and the day is to be kept “Holy”. So what else does he tell us about his 7th Day Sabbath?

Exo 31:13 "You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, 'Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the LORD, sanctify you.

Exo 31:14 You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you. Everyone who profanes it shall be put to death. Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

Exo 31:15 Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death.

Exo 31:16 Therefore the people of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, observing the Sabbath throughout their generations, as a covenant forever.

Exo 31:17 It is a sign forever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed."

Now... what is it exactly that our Father in Heaven links the 7th Day Sabbath to? It's the creation of the world. In verse 17 he tells us very clearly... that in six days he made the heaven and the earth and that he rested on the 7th day. So what is the 7th day Sabbath about? It's about remembering who God is. It's about remembering that the very air we breath, and the ground we stand on does not belong to us... but to him. It's about remembering how much our Father gives us each and every day, just so we can get out of bed in the morning and stand on our own two feet.

Most people never take into consideration the trillions of things that have to take place each and every day for us to just get out of bed and stand up. There must be the exact amount of oxygen in the air that we breath... the sun, moon, and the stars must be exactly on time down to the second .. the adams, and molecular structure of our bodies must stay glued together so that we don't simply disintegrate into thin air.. that little electric spark that causes our hearts to beat every second must be there and it must be on time down to the millisecond. We can't have to many red blood platelets or to many white blood platelets, in our blood... we can't have to much sugar in our blood system or to little... our thyroid, our liver, our kidneys, our circulatory system must be functioning perfectly down to the nanosecond.

And all of these systems... that God has created and trillions more just like them... must take place every second of every day... just so that we can simply wake up and get out bed in the morning. This is what the 7th Day Sabbath is all about. It is about the handy work of God our Father and all that he has created, and done, and still continues to do for each one of us each and every second of every day.. just so that we can exist.

Something else very profound should be noted here as well. It should be clear to every Christian.. that our Father in Heaven can see the whole parade. And what do I mean by that... when I say “He can see the whole parade”? I mean that our Father prophesies all throughout the Bible does he not? So it should be self evident... that he can see all of time. He knows what's going to happen before it happens.

So.. if our Father in Heaven can see the whole parade and he can see from the beginning of time to the end... and if he already knows what's going to happen... why then do you suppose... that he would have used the words “Forever” and “Throughout your generations” when talking about his 7th day Sabbath?

Think about that for a moment.. if he knew full well that things were going to change when his son came to Earth.. and if he knew... that his Sabbath was going to be moved or changed, or done away with..... then wouldn't he have said “Keep my Sabbaths until further notice”?... or “Keep my Sabbaths until my son comes”?... or “Keep my Sabbaths until I tell you not to”?

But he doesn't say any of that does he? What does he say?... what words does our Father choose to use? He purposefully, and willfully chooses to use the words.. “Forever” and “Throughout your generations”. Do you think he meant “Forever” and “Throughout your generations”?... or do you suppose that our Father had a little too much wine that day? Do you suppose he was forgetful.. Do you suppose that his crystal ball was broken that day and in the shop being repaired? Or do you suppose... that the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob knew full well what he was saying... and that he said what he meant, when he said “keep my Sabbaths throughout your generations... forever”? Which is easier to believe?

But you see that's not what these denominational charters of men believe is it? That's not what their so called “Early Church Fathers” believe?... it's not what the Pope believes is it?.. you see they believe that what they themselves say... is above and beyond what God the Father says. They believe that their own superior knowledge and wisdom far exceeds that of our Father in Heaven... and this my friends is exactly why they... and those who follow after them... will take part in their sins, and will share in their plagues... because they are already destroyed for lack of knowledge because they have rejected knowledge.

So please my friends remember.. that just because the scripture tells us that they “Broke Bread” or that they were “Breaking Bread”... this does not always mean that that particular day is a Sabbath day, and it certainly does not mean that they were taking communion every time we see them breaking bread. Thats not what the scripture says.. and I think we all know it.

There is only one 7th Day Sabbath commanded in the scriptures.. and it was never and I mean NEVER... changed by any Prophet, Priest, Bishop, Apostles, or Angle.. not by our Messiah and certainly not by his Father, and we need to know that.. and we need to stand firm in the truth of Gods Word putting on the full armor of God so that we can stand in the evil day, not being

tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine that comes out of the mouth of a man.

Now.. with all of that being said... there is nothing wrong with meeting on a Sunday to worship God. Sunday belongs to God just as the other six days of the week belong to God... they all belong to him... however.. when you are calling the first day of the week.. Sunday... the Sabbath of God... and you are blatantly lying to Gods people.. you are on the wrong side of God the Father who clearly says that he wants to be worshiped in “spirit, and in truth”.

There is only one true 7th Day Sabbath that is a sign between God and his people... and there is only one day that he himself sanctified as holy... and there is only one day that he said would be a perpetual agreement between him and his people and it is his commanded 7th day Sabbath and his commanded 7th day Sabbath alone... that we are commanded to keep for all of our generations forever and it is not “Sunday” my friends.

So you can meet on a Sunday all you want, and you can certainly worship on a Sunday just like you can meet, and worship him on any day of the week... but when you start lying to people and you start proclaiming that another day is his Holy, Sanctified, Sabbath, that he said would be a sign between him and his people... you are in direct opposition to God the Father, and you are no longer keeping “HIS” commandment... and if you are claiming that you know him... and you are blatantly not keeping “HIS” commandments... then according to 1st John 2:4 you have become a liar and the truth is not in you.

The Death Of Eutychus:

Now... moving forward as we move into verse 9 we see a young man by the name of Eutychus who is sitting in a window and begins to fall asleep... and this young man Eutychus accidentally falls out of the third story window onto the ground and is pronounced dead by Luke himself who if we remember correctly.. was a Doctor.

So Luke.. the Physician.. tells us that Eutychus was taken up dead when he fell out of that third story window... so I'd say that this is a pretty credible witness when you have a doctor as an eye witness.. telling you that the young man was dead.. and yet once again we see the Apostle Paul going to the boy and tending to him and bringing him back to life.

Another thing that's important to notice of, is that as Luke is writing the book of Acts we see that these things that are happening are now first hand events that Luke himself witnessed. Luke begins to use words like “us” and “we”, so it's clear that Luke is indeed with Paul when all of these things are going on. So what Luke is telling us are things that he himself actually witnessed first hand.

And notice once again in verse 11 that we see Paul going back upstairs and “Breaking Bread”

and eating... once again my friends “Breaking Bread” simply means that he said the “Barakah” over the meal and ate.. it does not mean that it was a Sabbath or that he was performing a communion service, and it does not say that he was performing a communion service, and it does not mean that that particular day was some kind of man made, “New Sabbath” day.

And once again we also see in verse 16 that Paul was hurrying along so that he could be in Jerusalem in order to keep Shavuot (also known as Pentecost). Once again my friends... just as James and the Elders at Jerusalem tell us in Acts chapter 21 verse 24.. Paul always lived in observance of the law.

Paul Preaches Repentance First!

Moving into verse 21 we can see that Paul always puts “Repentance” first above and beyond “Faith” in the Messiah. It's clear that Paul and the Apostles always taught “Repentance” first because with out “Repentance” there can be no salvation. Just as John the Baptist came preaching “Repentance” to get the people ready to accept the free gift of salvation that was about to arrive.

It's important that we as Gods people understand “Repentance” and what this “Repentance” is that Paul is preaching.. because with out “Repentance” you can have all the faith in the world but it won't do you any good. To many modern day professing Christians have been wrongly taught that all they have to do is to have faith and believe, but this is a far cry from what the scriptures tell us. It takes much more than simply running around saying “I believe”. Lets listen to what James the brother of Yahshua, Jesus had to say:

*Jas 2:19 You believe that God is one; you do well. **Even the demons believe—and shudder!***

Jas 2:20 Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?

Jas 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?

Jas 2:22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works;

Jas 2:23 and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God.

Jas 2:24 You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

Jas 2:25 And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?

Jas 2:26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

So the point here is that you must have “Repentance” first.. because if there is no “Repentance” you will never be justified by your works because your works will still be sinful. “Repentance” means to have a change of mind... a change of heart... it means that you are willing to turn

around and to come out of your sin.. not return to it like a dog to it's vomit.

Pro 26:11 Like a dog that returns to his vomit is a fool who repeats his folly.

Pro 26:12 Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

“Repentance” is not asking for the Holy Spirit... and it's not a 60 second heart felt prayer that you say down at the front of the aisle. “Repentance” is a turning away from your sin.. and picking up your cross and following after the Messiah.

Mat 10:38 And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Mat 10:39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Mat 16:24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Mat 16:25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

1Jn 2:4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

1Jn 2:5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him:

1Jn 2:6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

We could go on and on and on here but what's important to remember is that the “Repentance” that John the Baptist, and Paul and the apostles were teaching and preaching about is an agreement between us and our Messiah... that we will choose to turn from our sin, and that we will pick up our crosses and follow him... and that we will walk in the same way in which he walked... and for those of you who are still bogged down in the shackles of the old “Once saved always saved” doctrine of demons... know this my friends:

Heb 10:26 For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

Heb 10:27 but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

Heb 10:28 Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.

Heb 10:29 How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?

Heb 10:30 For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The

Lord will judge his people."

Heb 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

And so it is that we talk about this scripture often because it completely destroys the man made, man created, man fabricated false doctrine of "Do as thou wilt is the whole of the law"... also known as "Once saved always saved".. once again.. not found anywhere in your Bible.

So as we watch Paul teaching and preaching these things to the people that he ministers to it's important to remember exactly what it was that he was teaching and preaching to them.. because this my friends.. is the original gospel message that we all seek... (at least those of us who seek the truth... seek).

And we even see Paul warning the new believers that fierce wolves would be on their way to infiltrate the flock in verse 29. Lets go back and read the warning that Paul left them in verses 28 through 30:

Act 20:28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

Act 20:29 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;

Act 20:30 and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.

All through Paul's writings to the churches Paul was continuously returning to find them following after these other "Super Apostles" as Paul calls them. Here's what Paul says in 2nd Corinthians chapter 11 verses 5 and 6:

2Co 11:5 Indeed, I consider that I am not in the least inferior to these super-apostles.

2Co 11:6 Even if I am unskilled in speaking, I am not so in knowledge; indeed, in every way we have made this plain to you in all things.

Here again is what Paul says in 2nd Corinthians chapter 12 verses 11 and 12:

2Co 12:11 I have been a fool! You forced me to it, for I ought to have been commended by you. For I was not at all inferior to these super-apostles, even though I am nothing.

2Co 12:12 The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.

Again in Matthew chapter 24 when the Apostles asked our Messiah what the signs of his second coming would be he said this in Matthew chapter 24 verses

Mat 24:3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

Mat 24:4 And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray.

Mat 24:5 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray.

Do you suppose that they wanted to warn us against those who would change the times and the law of God our Father and twist the writings of the Apostles to their own destruction? How about the book of Jude? What are we told in Jude chapter 1 verses 3 and 4:

Jud 1:3 Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

Jud 1:4 For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

And even Peter knew that people would take the writings of the Apostle Paul and twist them to their own destruction in 2nd Peter 3:1 through 18:

2Pe 3:15 And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,

2Pe 3:16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.

2Pe 3:17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.

2Pe 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Continuously we find our Messiah, and Paul and the Apostles all warning us against those who are ignorant and the unstable, and who they said were going to come into the body and change the times and the laws of God, and who would twist the scriptures to their own destruction, and Peter even warns us... that “*knowing this beforehand..we should take care that we are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose our own stability!*”. But do we listen to these warnings? Do we take heed? Do we protect ourselves and our children from these “Super Apostles” and these “False Anti Christ's” and these “Wolves in sheep's clothing”?... or do we simply believe what ever some man standing behind any given pulpit tells us?

My friends I would submit to you here today... that we can not afford to simply go to church on the wrong day of the week, and listen to some guy we barely even know, preach from the back

half of the book while programming us not to read the first half of the book.

The times that we live in are indeed the evil day's that Paul talks warns us about... and the lying pen of the scribes have once again turned the truth of Gods Word into a lie... just like they had done in Jeremiah's time. Nothing has changed... our adversary just keeps on playing the same old record over and over and over again because he knows that the present generation won't even remember the last.

It's past time to open our Bibles... and to turn to the one true God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob.. and ask for his discernment, and his guidance... and to leave the wisdom of men.. to the vultures.