

Acts 17:10-11

¹⁰ And the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea; and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. ¹¹ Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were so.

There once was a time when it was a common practice to go and search out whether what was taught from the pulpit, was accurately articulated or not. Without such diligence, traditions are easily born and entrenched within our spiritual framework. Also, prejudice and ignorance can easily take shape and mold our way of thinking. Such a thing took place when Sabbath worship was changed from Saturday, and expressed as 'The Lord's Day', which was to be honored on Sunday. Around 16 years after the Sunday Law was first imposed, another edict was handed down from Roman Council, the Council of Laodicea: ***"Christians shall not Judaize and be idle on the Sabbath, but shall work on that day; but the Lord's Day (Sunday) they shall especially honor and, as being Christians, shall, if possible, do no work that day. If however they are found Judaizing they shall be excommunicated"***. No Biblical evidence was presented for making such a radical change, but rather it was determined to be a clear separation of any gentile Christian, from any of the Jews who were practicing Christians. Not only was the goal to bring a mutual compromise between the pagan Sun worshippers and the Christians, but to birth the Gentile Christian faith, and end the Jewish Christian faith. Anti-Semitism in the church was born with the stroke of a pen, and it grew into one of the most horrific abuses of all times. So much so, that if anyone was even perceived to be Judaizing, or practicing any of the traditions of the Jewish faith, they would be excommunicated from the church. Such a thing may not seem that big of a deal today with 'Freedom of Religion' here in America; but if a person was excommunicated from the church during this time, they were to be shunned, and avoided by other Catholics. This would include family, friends, and even business acquaintances.

On March 18, 1903, Priest Brady is reported as addressing in the Elizabeth, N.J. News, ***"It is well to remind the Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, and all other Christians that the Bible does not support them anywhere in their observance of Sunday. Sunday is an institution of the Roman Catholic Church and those who observe the day observe a commandment of the Catholic Church."*** Please consider this quote taken from the Catholic Press, Sydney, Australia, in August of 1900. ***"Sunday is a Catholic institution and its claim to observance can be defended only on Catholic principles. From beginning to end of Scripture there is not a single passage that warrants the transfer of weekly public worship from the last day of the week to the first."***

My intention here is not to cause trouble, but to expose a tradition that is simply not Biblically based. I am by no means condemning any believer who worships the Living God on Sunday. Yet, according to His Word, Sunday is not the Sabbath! What I am sharing may outrage you because you are convinced that what I am sharing is wrong. So I exhort you to go and study out for yourself as the Bereans did here in **Acts 17:10-11**. Then if you find as I did that the above is true, to start honoring the fourth of the Ten Commandments in **Exodus 20:8**, **"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**