

## Troas: Proper Attitudes About Worship

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*“And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together. And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him. When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed. And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted” (Acts 20:7-12).*

The history of the Church at Troas is sketchy. Very little is known except what is contained in the verses above. Evidently Paul established this Church near the end of his third preaching journey (2 Corinthians 2:12). At some point they had an evangelist that worked with them by the name of Carpus to whom Paul had loaned some books (2 Timothy 4:13).

While little is known about their history, these few words reveal a lot about their enthusiasm and zeal for the worship of Jesus. They are a positive example of a proper attitude toward the worship of the saints for all Christians in all times.

### **They Made Assembly for Worship a Habit**

The Christians at Troas assembled every first day of the week to eat the Lord’s Supper and engage in other acts of worship (Acts 20:7). Luke observes, *“the first day of the week when the Disciples came together”* indicating it was their habit to do so. The fact that Paul remained in Troas for seven days further proves that this was the usual day when Christians met (cf. Acts 20:16).

We need to develop the habit of assembling with the saints (Hebrews 10:25). Sunday is the *“Lord’s Day”* (Revelation 1:10). It is the only day in the week to which we can attach any significance concerning Christ. It is the day of His

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