

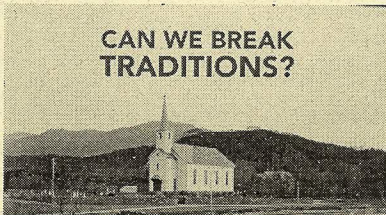
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Rethinking Sunday Evening Services and Other Traditions

Isn't it amazing how quickly some thing can go from being an expedient *method* of accomplishing God's will to being seen as the *only* method by which God's will can be done? These methods quickly become tradition and – if we're not careful - these traditions can become indistinguishable from doctrine. Sunday evening service has become one of these traditions that – to many Christians – has become indistinguishable from doctrine.



Many are probably wondering, "What do you have against Sunday evening services, Wes?" Nothing. In fact, my only problem is that I wish we'd go all day.

Sunday Evening Service

But whether you and I like Sunday evening services or not – whether we see the benefit or not – is irrelevant. What we need to recognize is that meeting for worship on the First Day of the week is the doctrinal matter (1 Corinthians 16:2; Acts 20:7), but the "service times" are not. Congregations have the freedom to decide - for themselves - what time to meet on Sundays.

This is how Sunday evening worship began in the first place. Individual congregations decided they needed a second worship service in the evenings. However, as this tradition spread throughout congregations, many began to feel this was the only right way of doing things. Continued on next page.....

