

SUPER SUNDAY

Sunday, February 3rd marked the apex moment for professional football fans. The most-watched Super Bowl in NFL history (some 97+ million viewers) had myriads glued to the television for the space of seven hours (factoring in pregame and postgame coverages). Most went all out for the festivities, inviting friends to join in the food and revelry. It would likely stagger the imagination to know how much alcohol and junk foods were consumed in observance of this “holy day” for sports enthusiasts. Countless thousands no doubt absented themselves from worship services in order to make a day of the long-anticipated event. Many churches threw out all the stops in order to attract the Super Bowl crowds. Some had congregants dress in their favorite jerseys. Some had cheerleaders and commercial breaks. It seems rather shameful to me that the Lord’s day was made to take a back seat to a football game! To the child of God, no day carries as much significance as the first day of the week, the Lord’s day, Super Sunday if you will.

Every Sunday is remarkable because it commemorates the day wherein our Lord conquered Satan’s stronghold of death. The Bible proclaims that Jesus rose from the grave “upon the first day of the week” (Luke 24:1). His victory over the grave gives hope to all that we, too, can be loosed from the dread of the tomb. “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage” (Heb.2:14-15). Every time we assemble together on the Lord’s day, our hearts should overflow with gratitude and joy, for “up from the grave he arose!”

Every Sunday is remarkable because it commemorates the day on which the church of our Lord was established. We read in Acts 2 that the church came into existence on the day of Pentecost. Pentecost was 50 days after the Passover (Lev.23). Thus, Pentecost always fell on the first day of the week. While some 97 million were anticipating the Super Bowl, countless millions upon millions from the time of Adam and Eve until the year of our Lord’s death were anticipating this “Super Sunday” wherein the kingdom of God became a reality upon earth. As Peter brought to the attention of the crowd assembled under his hearing, “this is that” (Acts 2:16), the day of days. The Lord’s house (Isa.2:2) was built that day, with 3000 (Acts 2:41) living stones (1 Pet.2:5) being laid upon the “foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus himself being the chief corner stone” (Eph.2:20).

Surely we understand why then the early church would regularly and faithfully assemble together upon the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor.16:1-2). To these stalwart saints, Sunday had a very special meaning. Over time, there were those who lost sight of the value of the Lord’s day (Heb.10:25), but they were admonished and encouraged to do better. Perhaps some among us have forgotten the meaning of the day of our Lord. Don’t

relegate the first day of the week to the status of just another day. Sunday should be held in great honor and admiration among children of God. Let us do our part to show to the world and to one another just how super every first day of the week is.

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