

Christian. In early times the Christians observed the sabbath day as the Jews did, but they had their own services on the first day, remembering the resurrection of Christ, and came more and more to stress the first day. Thus, through the providence of God, ~~all~~ all that had been tied to the sabbath came to be shifted forward to the first day of the week. Now we ~~have~~ have a change. We now think particularly of how all our spiritual life begins with Christ, is based upon Him, how at the very beginning of it all there comes the ~~the~~ finished work of Christ, and His resurrection from the dead through which we, ourselves, enter into newness of life. And thus the first day conveys to our minds great ceremonial aspects of truth which are extremely vital in our lives. At the same time it ~~also~~ also carries on the ceremonial aspects which were present in the Old Testament sabbath, as it reminds us of the harmony and progression and orderliness of the work of God, and of how upon this foundation which He has laid He is going to carry the work forward until it culminates in the great ~~millennial period of rest~~ millennial period of rest.