

Understanding the Transition from the Old Testament to the New Testament

The Day Pertaining to the Lord

- I.** Regarding the Sabbath there is significant difference between what the Old Testament teaches and Jewish tradition.
 1. The O. T. never stipulates meeting on the Sabbath.
 2. The Sabbath was a day of complete rest, secession of all activity (Ex. 20:8-11).
 3. Breaking this rule meant death (Ex. 31:14; 35:2; Nu. 15:32-36).

- II.** Our meeting on Sunday is not a “Christian Sabbath.”
 1. Sunday is not a change in day of worship.
 2. Sunday is the first day after the Sabbath (Mt. 28:1).

- III.** Why do Christians meet on Sunday?
 1. Not for tradition’s sake.
 2. Because it is the day Christ rose from the dead (Mt. 28:1-9).
 3. Because of the resurrection Christ became the chief stone of the Church (1 Ki. 6:7; Ps. 118:22-24; Is. 28:16; Acts 4:10-12; Eph. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:4-7).
 4. The only requirement for Sunday is to rejoice.
 5. Because Pentecost was on the first day of the week and it was the beginning of the Church (Lev. 23:5-16; Acts 2:1; 11:15).
 6. Examples in Scripture of meeting on Sunday (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2).
 7. Sunday designated as the day pertaining to the Lord (Rev. 1:10).

- IV.** Every time we meet on Sunday, we are proclaiming that we are not under Law and the bases of our faith is the risen Lord.