

The *Christian Sabbath* is a Day sacred to the Purposes of Festivity and Joy. It calls us to commemorate that greatest of all Blessings, which the Father of Mercies hath bestowed upon Mankind, namely, Salvation and Life by his Son *Jesus Christ*. It calls us to rejoice in *Christ*, as our exalted Saviour and King; who, for his Sufferings on Earth, is now vested with all Power and Authority in Heaven: Made Head over all Things, for the Benefit of his Church: Who will ever faithfully exert that Power which is given him, for the Protection and Support of all righteous and good Men; to conduct them safe through the present World, and to bring them to immortal Glory and Felicity in the other.

It is principally to call to Mind, and to celebrate these *Spiritual Blessings*, that we are to assemble on the *Christian Sabbath*. But in the Course of Divine Providence there are sometimes conferr'd upon us great *temporal Blessings*, which demand also a particular and very grateful Regard. To these, therefore, on such Occasions, we may also
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