

MINUTES
OF THE
62nd ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH
October 4th and 5th, 1957
BLOUNTSTOWN, FLA.

OFFICERS

Rev. Roy Bozeman, Moderator Blountstown, Fla.
Chester L. Cook, Secretary and Treasurer Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. D. Hart, J. T. Sullivan, W. J. Mazerac, 1958. Rev. Roy Bozeman
and Chester L. Cook.

THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Roy Bozeman, Chester L. Cook, Rev. J. E. Nichols,
Rev. J. C. Watson and Rev. D. F. Pelt.

The next session will convene with Traveler's Rest, one mile
North of Clarksville, October 3, 1958, Salem, Kynesville, Fla.,
October 4, 1958.

PROGRAM OF THE SIXTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Friday, October 3, 1958

10:00 A. M.—Devotional by Rev. I. O. Cook. Welcome by pastor, Rev. W. E. George. Response by Mrs. Morgan Peacock.

10:30 — Moderator message and enrollment of churches and delegates.

11:00 — Message by Rev. C. H. Pelt

12:00 — Noon

1:30 P. M. — Devotional by Rev. Rufus Hyman. Moderator renew the call for correspondent letters. Renew the call for visiting delegates. Report of Boards and Committees. Treasure report.

3:00 P. M. — Adjournment.

Friday Night Services to be Arranged.

Saturday, October 4, 1958

9:30 A. M. — Song Service by Junior Carr. Devotional by Rev. J. W. Roberts. Moderator renew the call for correspondents letters.

Report of Committees. Roll call of ministers.

10:40 — Testimonial Service

11:00 — Messengar to be supplied.

12:00 — Noon

1:30 P. M. — Devotional by Bernard Shutes. Appoint delegates.

Appoint standing Boards and Committee. Miscellaneous business. Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS

The 62nd Annual Session of The Salem Association held with Hickory Grove Church, Bascom, Fla., October 4 and 5, 1957.

Song service led by J. R. Long. Welcome address by Sis. Mildred Pelt. Response by C. L. Cook. After devotion the body was then called to order by the moderator, Rev. Walter Eldridge. At this time the clerk made a parcel report that 14 churches had represented by letter with 55 delegates. There was moved and second that the churches and delegates be seated. At this time there was a call for visitors from other associations.

From Liberty Association—Rev. W. E. George, Rev. Chester Huckleby, Rev. Wayne Hicks, Alvin Howell, and W. B. Hughes.

From Martin Association of Georgia—Rev. H. L. Catratte, W. R. Barber.

From State Line Association— Bro. and Sis. G. B. Nobles, Bro. Jordon.

From Midway Association, Ga.—Rev. Ralph Beall.

At this time renewed the call for corresponding letters. Received: Blountstown Church with three delegates. Oak Grove Church with two delegates. New Hope Church with two delegates. Cedar Grove Church with two delegates. Pine Grove Church with four delegates. Salem Church with five delegates.

At this time Bro. W. B. Hughes and Bro. C. A. Huckleby gave a report on the Youth Camp and its needs. After song and prayer, Bro. W. B. Hughes brought the eleven o'clock message from the 20th Chapter of John. Dismissed one hour for lunch.

At one o'clock the body resembled singing "Amazing Grace". Devotion led by Bro. C. A. Huckleby reading 149th Psalm. Renewed the call for corresponding letters, none. Renewed the call for visitors from other denominations, J. A. Bazell from Chipola Baptist Report of Ordaning Council by Bro. J. E. Nichols and received. There was a move and second to except Bro. Joe Cain's ordination and same was carried. Report on suggestions, Lovewood Church which was received.

At this time Bro. I. O. Cook ask the body to except his resignation as a member of the Ordaning Council which was excepted.

At this time Bro. J. F. Fillingin made an interesting talk on his 90th birthday which was enjoyed very much. There was a move and second that Bro. Driddgers bring the message for the evening service. Bro. J. E. Watson ask the body to renew his ordination papers as he had lost his and same was granted. At this time the moderator called off business and the body adjourned to meet back Saturday morning at 9:30.

SATURDAY A. M. — 9:30

At song service led by Rev. C. H. Pelt. Rev. J. C. Watson brought the devotion reading the 12th chapter of Romans. At this time the moderator declared the body in order for business.

The report of the District Auxiliary Convention by Mrs. B. M. Bailey which was received. Report of Standing of Churches and

Ministers and was excepted. The moderator appointed Program Committee, C. H. Pelt, W. E. George and L. L. Hill. There was a move and second that the minutes of the Sunday School Convention be printed in the minutes, received the report. There was a move and second the constitution be read at this time which was carried. There was also a move and second that the constitution be placed on the table until the afternoon session. The moderator called off business until 1:30 for the eleven o'clock service. Song "Wear A Crown" led by Rev. C. H. Pelt. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Roberts. Message by Bro. W. E. George. Scripture reading 14th chapter of Mark.

At 1:30 devotional service led by Rev. C. H. Pelt, scripture taken from 5th chapter of First Peter. Prayer by C. L. Cook. The Committee on Nomination made their report. See report:

There was a move and second to amend the report on nomination by adding Rev. Roy Bozeman name for moderator. There was a move and second that the constitution be taken from the table and reread which was approved.

There was also a move and second that the moderator and clerk's name be added to the ordaining council. At this time the moderator appointed delegates to the State Association. Those appointed were: Mrs. C. L. Cook, Mrs. Mildred Pelt, Mrs. Pauline Bozeman, Mrs. Thelma Grondon, Cecil Oswall, and Vander Shiver.

Delegates to Martin Association: Rev. J. C. Watson, Rev. I. O. Cook and Rev. J. E. Nichols.

Delegates to Liberty Association: Rev. Walter Eldridge, Rev. W. S. Driggers and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Cook.

There was a move and second that The Articles of Faith, that appear in the Treatise be placed in the minutes. There was a move and second that page 17 through 30 be left out that appeared in the old minutes.

There was a move and second to give a rising vote of thanks to Hickory Grove Church for the kind hospitality given this body during the session. The congregation sang "Bless Be The Tie That Binds" and received an offering for Cottdale Church. May the Lord bless and keep each of us until we meet again.

Rev. Walter Eldridge, Moderator
Chester L. Cook, Clerk

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Association Expense	\$157.00
Cooperative Program	292.28
Orphan Home	5.00
Foreign Mission	50.00
Youth Camp	50.00
TOTAL	\$554.28

W. W. Eiland

We your committee on Superannuation urge that each church in the association to support a Cooperative Program by sending to the quarterly meeting 10 percent of their offering thereby supporting all the state program.

Cottondale Church

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

We your Executive Committee beg to make the following report, that due to the frequency of the quarterly meetings of this association we have had no call or reason to conduct business during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Executive Committee

LIST OF MINISTERS

H. W. Keel	
J. W. Roberts	
J. C. Watson	Marianna, Fla.
D. F. Pelt	Marianna, Fla.
C. H. Pelt	Marianna Fla., % Chipola College
I. O. Cook	Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.
J. E. Nichols	Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.
Walter Eldridge	Cottondale, Fla.
Roy Bozeman	Blountstown, Fla.
Joe Cain	Blountstown, Fla.
Arnold Woodlief	Marianna, Fla.
W. S. Driggers	Cottondale, Fla.
John Carr	Marianna, Fla., Rt. 3
Jefferson D. Stephens	Marianna, Fla.
Trim Fench	Southport, Fla.
H. L. Stolnaker	Chipley, Fla.

TREASURY REPORT, OCT. 4, 1957

Received from Committee	\$151.00
Cooperative Program	15.00
Children Home	5.00
Superanuation	2.00
Ladies Auxiliary	5.00
Oak Grove Church	5.00
Delegate fees for Quarterly Meeting	87.00
Received from Rev. Walter Eldridge	161.01
Balance in Treasury	\$439.00

DISBURSEMENTS

For Minutes	\$137.70
Clerk	25.00
State Association	20.00
Cooperative Program	15.00
Children Home	5.00
Superanvation	2.00
Amt. Overdrawn	6.85
Postage	7.00
TOTAL	\$218.55
Money received during year for Cooperative Program	\$904.54
Paid State Treasurer	\$904.54

Chester L. Cook

REPORT ON THE STATE OF CHURCHES AND MINISTERS

After careful thought and as much inquiry as we were able to accomplish, we wish to report that our churches are all in harmony with the exception of the fact some are not cooperating with the associationally approved cooperative financial plan. May we hereby urge you to cooperate in this program next year. We also learned of some friction which grew out of the calling of pastors. In order to avoid the reoccurrence of this trouble, we recommend that the deacons of each church be responsible, as a group, for the recommendations of all pastors in the future. We also recommend longterm pastorate, with indefinite calls, when it is feasible.

So far we were able to ascertain, our ministers are in good standing. We believe that the meeting of the ministers and their wives on ever other fifth Sunday is doing much to improve under-

standing and workable relations between them. It is our sincere hope that these meetings will be continued and that all the ministers will attend.

We wish to express our appreciation to our pastors for their efforts and to pledge to them our cooperation, prayers and support. We humbly request them to always strive to meet Paul's lofty admonition to his son, Timothy, in the gospel. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15)

Submitted by Hickory Grove Church

GREETINGS FROM THE SALEM SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Sunday, October 20, 1957, Supt., Teachers, and visitors met with the president of the Salem Sunday School Convention, at Holly Grove for discussion of the laws and by-laws of the convention. After a song and prayer we entered into business session. Many suggestions were made and discussed for betterment of our Sunday Schools, and how to create more interest. It was made a move and carried that the Point System and the banner be dropped from the convention.

Each Sunday School is to bring a report to the convention for the purpose of showing progress of the Sunday School. Pointers on making progress will be discussed. Each Sunday School should be represented no matter how large or how small. The next convention will convene at Salem Free Will Baptist Church; 5th Sunday of March.

Mr. L. L. Hill, President

Miss Jeanette Cloud, Sec.-Treas.

REPORT ON NOMINATION

We nominate that Traveler's Rest Church have the first day of the Annual Association, and that Salem Church the second. We nominate Rev. C. H. Pelt preach the interductory message. We nominate Bro. I. O. Cook for moderator, Bro. J. C. Watson assistant moderator and Bro. Chester Cook, Clerk Treasurer.

The quarterly meeting will be at the following churches: First Session, Cypress Creek, Message by Rev. C. H. Pelt; Second Session, Cottdale, message by Rev. J. C. Watson; Third Session, Marvin Chapel, message by Rev. J. E. Nichols.

Salem Church

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We offer the following suggestions on education: In as much as it takes an education to best qualify our people for their duties as teachers we recommend that every reasonable effort be made to have a Sunday School in each Church with spiritual educated teachers to teach our children about God and His Work.

Respectfully, Holly Grove Church

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

To the Salem Free Will Baptist Churches and Salem Association in session at Hickory Grove Church.

We the Ordaining Council make the following report:

1. On July 6, 1957 Bro. Arnold Woodlief was duly ordained to the Gospel Ministry in our association at Midway F. W. B. Church.

2. Also Bro. Joe King was ordained at Abes Springs F. W. B. Church. We the Ordaining Council recommend that their names be placed on the regular list of ordained ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. W. Roberts, Chairman
J. E. Nichols, Clerk

COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS

We your Committee on Suggestions make the following report:

1. That each preacher in the Salem Association name and address be printed in each minute so that each church will know how to contact any preacher in the association.

2. We suggest that the association convene with two churches each time for the convenience of the ladies in preparing lunch.

Submitted by Lovewood

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We your Committee on Temperance beg to submit the following report:

From our observation we find a lot of our Free Will Baptist Church members are living more or less a life of intemperance, we also find that the interest of many of our church members is some other place rather than at the post of duty in their own church. We earnestly beg that we as Christians do our very best

at all times to show to all those about us that we stand whole heartedly for Temperance. We can do this by refusing to up hold the sale of any alcholic beverage in our grocery stores also by voting always against prohibition being abolished. We as Christians have a big responsibility to so live that others can see Christ within us for we are told in Gods word, If Christ be lifted up He will draw all men unto Him. Its our challenge and may God help us to meet that challenge.

Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist Church
Respectfully submitted by,

OUR LEAGUES

We the Committee on Leagues make the following report:

Our League is one of the most important auxiliaries of our churches. It is an auxiliary that should be in all churches. As it is the training service, of the church, for our young people in the work of our Savior. We should strive to have a league so that our young people will be inspired leaders of tomorrow and that they will ever keep our league motto alive and active in their hearts and lives. "The Kingdom of God First". May each church realize the need and make that need of having a league be effective.

Submitted by,
First Free Will Baptist Church of Malone

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

We your Committee on Obituaries submit to your honorable body the following report:

Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church—Bro. Ben Southwell and Sister Rosa Montford.

Blountstown F. W. B. Church—Sister Emma Ophelia Knight.

Salem Church—Sister Inez Mashburn Skipper.

They are gone but not forgotten. No one can ever fill their place in the homes or church. But God called and they had to answer.

Churches not reporting: New Hope, Travelers Rest, Rocky Grove, First F. W. B. Church of Malone, Cedar Grove, Marvin Chapel, Midway.

Humbly Submitted,
Midway F. W. B. Church

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOL

To the Salem Free Will Baptist Association. We your Committee on Sabbath School make the following report.

We find some churches do not have Sunday Schools. We urge that each church that does not have Sunday School organize one and watch their church grow. We also urge that each Sunday School take part in Sunday School Convention. Next convention will be held at Salem Church on fifth Sunday in March, 1958.

Damascus Church

COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

We your Committee on Woman's Auxiliaries realize that this work is an important part of the church program. It strengthens the members in devotion and ability to do their part in the church work and also knits them together in a closer fellowship. An auxiliary makes for a stronger and more active Church. Finally the work of the Auxiliary is attempting to fulfill the command of Jesus to spread the gospel.

We find three Auxiliaries in our Association. The Salem Auxiliary Convention would be happy to assist in organizing these Auxiliaries in the different Churches.

Respectively your Committee,
Christian Home Church

REPORT FROM AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Salem District Auxiliary Convention met with Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church September 21, 1957 with three auxiliaries representing.

The body was called to order by the auxiliary vice president, Miss Ada Holley. Congregation singing "Glory To His Name." Mrs. Annie Bell Taylor of Christian Home led the devotion which proved to be very inspiring. Welcome address given by the host church. Response by Marvin Chapel Church.

At this time the following committees were appointed:

1. Nomination Committee—Mrs. Falfa Clark, Mrs. Salon Bridges, Mrs. Florence Cook and Mrs. Irene Davis.

2. Plan Work—Mrs. Lona Glisson, Mrs. Mildred Pelt, Mrs. Mag Rabon and Mrs. Audrey Eiland.

3. Finance Committee—Mrs. Eron Bailey, Mrs. Ruby Pelt, Mrs. Nancy Bracewell, Mrs. Lucille Aultman and Miss Johnnie Williford.

Two of our Y. P. A's. from Christian Home brought at this time a piano and accordian solo.

Our guest speaker, Brother Chester Pelt, brought the 11:00 o'clock message.

The body met back for the afternoon session at 1:30 o'clock. After song and pray the following committees reported:

Nominating Committee—President, Mrs. Ruby Pelt; Vice President, Mrs. Florence Cook; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Eron Bailey; Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Audrey Eiland.

Study Course Chairman—Mrs. M. B. Woodlief.

Stewardship Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Donie Bush.

Youth Chairman—Mrs. Mildred Pelt.

Personal Service Chairman—Mrs. Irene Davis.

Our 1958 Salem District Auxiliary will convene with Marvin Chapel Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September 1958.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. B. M. Bailey, Sec.-Treas.

OBITUARIES

SALEM CHURCH OBITUARY

God called from our midst sister Inez Mashburn Skipper on January 16, 1957. Of Salem Church, Cottondale, Fla. She was a faithful member and worker of her church for many years. She is sadly missed by her many friends and relatives and church. She was born November 12, 1932. Our loss is heaven gained.

Humbly Submitted
Salem Church
Nellie Morris (Church Clerk)

BLOUNTSTOWN F. W. B. CHURCH OBITUARY

Sister Emma Ophelia Knight born March 29th, 1879. Died March 8th, 1957. Making her stay on earth 79 years 11 months and 21 days. She was a member of Blountstown Free Will Baptist Church for many years, was a very active devoted Christian worker in the church. She will be missed by a host of relatives and friends. She is gone but not forgotten.

By Mrs. Mabel Phillips,
Church Clerk

CHRISTIAN HOME F. W. B. CHURCH OBITUARY

The Lord saw fit to call from our midst Bro. Ben Southwell and Sister Rosa Montford. They both are missed by relatives and a host of friends.

Humbly Submitted,
Christian Home Church

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Lovewood Church	Nomanation
Holley Grove	Sunday School
Traveler's Rest	Temperance
Damascus	Education
Abes Springs	Superanuation
Midway	Obituary
Malone	Standing of Churches and Ministers
Cottondale	Woman's Auxiliary
Christian Home	League
Hickory Grove	Church Finance

ITEMS OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Divine Service.
2. Inviting visiting brothers to seats with us.
3. Unfinished business.
4. Miscellaneous business.

We, the Free Will Baptist of the Salem Association, for the sake of the blessings which stem from unity and oneness of purpose; for a more cooperative attempt to advance the Cause of Christ; for the glory of God the Father and for the eternal good of mankind, do ordain and establish this constitution and by-laws.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SALEM ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

ARTICLE I. NAME AND COMPOSITION. This Association shall be known as the SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF WEST FLORIDA, and shall be composed of the following churches:

Abes Springs
Cedar Grove
Christian Home
Cottondale
Cypress Creek
Damascus

First Church of Blountstown
First Church of Malone
Green Head
Hickory Grove
Holly Grove
Lovewood
Marvin Chapel
Midway
New Hope
Oak Grove
Pine Grove
Rocky Grove
Salem
Traveler's Rest

and any other duly organized Free Will Baptist Church that may wish to unite with this Association.

ARTICLE II. REPRESENTATION. The sessions of this Association shall consist of delegates from the Churches of which it is composed, each Church being entitled to one (1) delegate for every twenty-five (25) members or fraction thereof.

All ordained ministers and deacons who are members and in good standing with the Association and the Churches to which they belong, shall be standing delegates. Ministers from sister Associations who are serving Churches in this Association shall have full delegative powers so long as they are in good standing with this body.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator and Clerk-Treasurer, who shall be elected every two (2) years.

The Standing Committees of this Association shall be: Executive, Finance, Obituary, Temperance, Stewardship, Auxiliaries, Resolutions and Nominations who shall make annual reports to the Association. Other committees shall be appointed as the need may arise.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of three (3) members elected for two (2) year terms and the Moderator and Clerk of the Association shall act as standing members of this Committee.

The Ordaining Council shall consist of three (3) members to be elected for two (2) year terms.

All elections shall take place on the odd years, except elections to fill vacancies.

ARTICLE IV. SESSIONS AND FINANCE. The sessions of this Association shall be held quarterly. These sessions will convene on Saturday afternoon and night before the first Sunday in each quarter with the exception of the fourth (4th) quarter. The fourth session in each year will meet on Friday and Saturday before the first (1st) Sunday in October. This particular session shall be known as the annual meeting of the Association, and all annual letters, reports and matters affecting the year's work shall be received in this session.

The general expense of the Association shall be provided by each Church according to the number of its delegates.

Each Church is urged to send at least ten percent (10%) of its income to the Treasurer of the Association quarterly for the Florida State Cooperative Program.

The Moderator and Clerk shall each receive twenty-five (\$25) dollars annually for their services.

ARTICLE V. DISCIPLINE. This Association shall have the power to discipline the Churches of which it is composed and to exclude them for disorderly conduct and for doctrine, or practices, which are contrary to accepted FREE WILL BAPTIST belief and custom.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the Association at any regular annual session, provided the suggested amendment is received by the Clerk in writing one day before the vote is taken.

BY-LAWS

1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order and submit all actions to the body. He shall have the same right of speech as any other member, but he must appoint someone else as Chairman while he speaks. He shall not have the right to vote except in the case of a tie.

2. The Vice-Moderator shall assume the duties, rights and privileges of the Moderator in his absence.

3. The delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk before they are seated in the body.

4. All business shall be brought before the body by a move and second and shall be disposed of according to Parliamentary usage. No person shall be allowed to speak more than three (3) times on the same subject, and not more than ten (10) minutes each time without special permission from the Moderator.

5. Only one person shall be allowed to speak at a time and he must rise to his feet and be recognized by the Moderator. No person

is to be disturbed while speaking so long as he keeps to the point in debate except by the Moderator, and then only to call him to order, unless he is willing to yield the floor to some one else temporarily.

6. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to act officially for the Association while it is not in session.

7. It shall be the duty of the Ordaining Council to ordain all candidates for the ministry in the Association. Applications for all ordination must be made to and approved by the Association. Said applications must come from the Church to which the persons involved belong.

8. No minister or deacon shall be considered in good standing with this body who drinks intoxicating beverages or fails to pay, or make proper satisfaction, of his just and honest debts and no minister shall preach in our Churches who cannot bring a clear record from his home Church.

9. Any minister who voluntarily gives up his calling shall immediately turn his credentials over to the Ordaining Council of the Association.

10. No Church shall be recognized in this body who does not commune and wash feet at least once annually. The pastor's salary, number of conferences and the number of communion services shall be contained in the Associational letter.

11. No Church shall be considered in order in this body that holds fellowship with a minister or deacon who does not conform with number eight (8) of these by-laws.

12. It shall be the duty of each minister who belongs to, or serves, Churches in this Association to attend all of its sessions. A roll call of the ministers shall be made in all sessions, and the minutes shall carry a list of those present and of those absent. If any minister is absent for two consecutive sessions, his Church, or Churches, shall be notified of said absences, in writing, by the Clerk of the Association.

13. No person shall be ordained as a minister or deacon who has more than one living wife until the National Association of Free Will Baptist makes a decision of this matter. Thereafter this body shall be governed on this question by the decision of the National Association.

14. All ministers must serve Churches as licentiates for a period of two (2) years, or do equivalent Church work under the supervision of a duly ordained pastor of the Association appointed by the Ordaining Council, before they are eligible for ordination.

15. Since a call to the ministry and preparation for the same are inseparable, one who is not willing to prepare himself shall not be ordained.

TREATISE

Revision of the Treatise and the Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptists.

CHAPTER I

The Holy Scriptures

These are the Old and the New Testaments; they were written by holy men, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and are God's revealed Word to man. They are a sufficient and infallible rule and guide to Salvation and all Christian worship and service.

CHAPTER II

Being and Attributes of God

The Scriptures teach that there is only one true and living God,¹ who is Spirit,² self-existent,¹ eternal,² immutable,³ omnipresent,⁴ omniscient,⁵ omnipotent,⁶ independent,⁷ good,⁸ wise,⁹ holy,¹⁰ just,¹¹ and merciful,¹² the

¹ Deut. 6:4, The Lord our God is one Lord. 1 Cor. 8:4, There is none other God but one. Jer. 10:10, But the Lord is the true God, he is the living God. John 7:28; 2 Cor. 1:18; 1 John 5:20; 1 Tim. 6:17.
² John 4:24, God is a Spirit. 2 Cor. 3:17.
³ able,³ omnipresent,⁴ omniscient,⁵ omnipotent,⁶ independent,⁷ good,⁸ wise,⁹ holy,¹⁰ just,¹¹ and merciful,¹² the
¹ Exod. 3:14, And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM. Psa. 83:18; John 5:26; Rev. 1:4.

² Psa. 90:2; From everlasting to everlasting thou art God. Deut. 33:27; Isa. 57:15; Rom. 1:20; 1 Tim 1:17.

³ Mal. 3:6, For I am the Lord, I change not. Num. 23:19; James 1:17.

⁴ 1 Kings 8:27; But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee. Jer. 23:24; Psa. 139:7-10; Isa. 57:15; Acts 17:24.

⁵ Acts 15:18, Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. 1 Chron. 28:9; Psa. 94:9, 10; Acts 1:24.

⁶ Rev. 19:6, The Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Job. 42:2; Psa. 135:6; Matt. 19:26; Mark 14:36; Luke 18:27.

⁷ Eph. 4:6, One God and Father of all, who is above all. Job 9:12; Isa. 14:13, 14; Dan. 4: 35; Rom. 11:33-36.

⁸ Psa. 119:68, Thou art good, and doest good. Psa. 25:8; 106:1; 145:9; Matt. 19:17.

⁹ Rom. 16:27, To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Dan. 2:20; 1 Tim. 1:17; Jude 25.

¹⁰ Lev. 19:2, I the Lord your God am holy. Job. 6:10.

¹¹ Deut. 32:4, Just and right is he. Psa. 92:15; 119:137; Zeph. 3:5.

¹² Eph. 2:4, God, who is rich in mercy. Exo. 34:6; Neh. 9:17; Psa. 100:5.

Creator,¹ Preserver,² and Governor³ of the universe; the Redeemer,⁴ Savior,⁵ Sanctifier,⁶ and Judge⁷ of men; and the only proper object of worship.⁸

The mode of His existence, however, is a subject far above the understanding of man⁹—finite beings cannot comprehend Him.¹⁰ There is nothing in the universe that can justly represent Him, for there is none like him.¹¹ He is the fountain of all perfection and happiness. He is glorified by the whole inanimate creation, and is worthy to be loved and served by all intelligence.¹

¹ Gen. 1:1, In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Exo. 20:11. Psa. 33:6-9; Col. 1:16. Heb. 11:3.

² Neh. 9:6, Thou preservest them all. Job 7:20; Col. 1:17. Heb. 1:3.

³ Psa. 47:7, God is the King of all the earth 2 Chron. 20:6; Psa. 95:3.

⁴ Isa. 47:4, As for our Redeemer, the Lord of hosts is his name. Psa. 78:35; Prov. 23:11; Isa. 41:14; 59:20 Jer. 50:34.

⁵ Isa. 45:21, A just God and a Savior. Isa. 43:3-11; 49:26.

⁶ Exo. 31:13, I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. 1 Thess. 5:23; Jude 1.

⁷ Heb. 12:23, God the Judge of all. Gen. 18:25; Psa. 50:6; 2 Tim. 4:8.

⁸ Exo. 34:14, Thou shalt worship no other god. Exo. 20:4, 5; Matt. 4:10; Rev. 19:10.

⁹ Job 11:7, Canst thou by searching find out God? Isa. 40:28.

¹⁰ Rom. 11:33, How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! Job 26:14.

¹¹ Exo. 9:14, There is none other like me in all the earth. Exo. 8:10; 1 Chron. 17:20.

CHAPTER III.

Divine Government and Providence

1. God exercises a providential care and superintendence over all his creatures,² and governs the world in wisdom and mercy, according to the testimony of His Word.³

2. God has endowed man with power of free choice, and governs him by moral laws and motives; and this power of free choice is the exact measure of his responsibility.¹

¹ Psa. 19:1, 2, The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. Psa. 145:10, All thy works shall praise thee. Psa. 150:6, Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

² Acts 17:28, In Him we live, and move, and have our being. Matt. 10:30, The very hairs of your head are all numbered. Psa. 104:13, 14; Job. 14:5; Eph. 1:11.

³ Psa. 22:28, For the kingdom is the Lord's; and he is the Governor among the nations. Psa. 97:2, Righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne. Isa. 33:22; Exo. 34:6; Job 36:5.

3. All events are present with God from everlasting to everlasting; but His knowledge of them does not in any sense cause them, nor does He decree all events which He knows will occur.²

CHAPTER IV

Creation, Primitive State of Man, and His Fall

Section I.—Creation

1. **Of the World.** God created the world, and all things that it contains, for His own pleasure and glory and the enjoyment of His creatures.³

¹ Deut. 30:19, I have set before thee life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live. Isa. 1:18-20; John 5:40; Rom. 2:14, 15; Prov. 1:24-28.

² Ezek. 33:11, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Acts 15:18; 1 Sam. 2:30; Ezek. 18:20-25, 31; Jer. 44:4.

³ Rev. 4:11, Thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Isa. 43:7; 1 Tim. 6:17, The living God, who giveth us richly of all things to enjoy.

2. **Of the Angels.** The angels were created by God¹ to glorify Him² and obey His commandments.³ Those who have kept their first estate He employs in ministering blessings to the heirs of salvation⁴ and in executing His judgments upon the world.⁵

3. **Of Man.** God created man, consisting of a material body and a thinking, rational soul.⁶ He was made in the image of God, to glorify his Maker.⁷

¹ Col. 1:16, For by him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible.

² Rev. 7:11, And all the angels stood round about . . . and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God.

³ Psa. 103:20, Bless the Lord, ye his angels, . . . that do his commandments.

⁴ Heb. 1:14, Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? Jude 6.

⁵ 2 Sam. 24:16, The angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it. Rev. 16:1.

⁶ Gen. 2:7, And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

⁷ Gen. 1:27, So God created man in his own image; in the image of God created he him. 1 Cor. 6: 20.

Section II.—Primitive Man, and His Fall

Our first parents, in their original state of probation, were upright. They naturally preferred and desired to obey their Creator, and had no preference or desire to transgress His will¹ until they were influenced and inclined by the tempter to disobey God's commands! Previously to this, the only tendency of their nature was to do righteousness. In consequence of the first transgression, the state under which the posterity of Adam came into the world is so different from that of Adam that they have not that righteousness and purity which Adam had before the fall; they are not willing to obey God, but are inclined to evil.² Hence none, by virtue of any natural goodness and mere work of their own, can become the children of God;³ but they are all dependent for salvation

¹ Eccl. 7:29, God hath made man upright. Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10.

² Psa. 51:5, Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Rom. 8:7, The carnal mind is enmity against God. Eph. 2:3, And were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. Psa. 58:3; Gen. 8:21; John 3:6; Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 5:12.

³ John 6:44, No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him. 1 Cor. 2:14, The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them.

upon the redemption effected through the blood of Christ, and upon being created anew unto obedience through the operation of the Spirit;¹ both of which are freely provided for every descendant of Adam.²

CHAPTER V

Of Christ

Section I.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, possesses all divine perfections. As He and the Father are one, He in His divine nature, filled all the offices and performed the works of God to His creatures that have been the subjects of revelations to us. As man, He performed all the duties toward God that we are required to perform, repentance of sin excepted.

His divinity is proved from His titles, His attributes, and His works.

¹ John 3:3, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:5; 1:13; Heb. 12:14, And holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Col. 1:14; Titus 3:5.

² See Atonement (Chapter VII)

1. **His Titles.** The Bible ascribes to Christ the titles of Savior,¹ Jehovah,² Lord of hosts,³ the first and the last,⁴ God,⁵ true God,⁶ great God,⁷ God over all,⁸ mighty

² Isa. 45:21, There is no God else beside me; a just God and a Savior; there is none beside me. Isa. 43:10, 11, Beside me there is no Savior. John 4:42, This is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world. Phil. 3:20; 2 Tim. 1:10; Titus 2:13.

² Psa. 83:18, Whose name alone is JEHOVAH. Isa. 40:3, The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord (Jehovah). Luke 1:76.

³ Isa. 8:13, 14, Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he shall be for a sanctuary: but for a stone of stumbling, and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel. 1 Peter 2:4-6; Isa. 6:5; John 12:41.

⁴ Rev. 22:13, I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Isa. 44:6; Rev. 1:1, 11.

⁵ 1 Tim. 3:16, God was manifest in the flesh. 1 John 3:16; John 1:1; Heb. 1:8; John 20:28, 29.

⁶ 1 John 5:20, We are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

⁷ Titus 2:13, Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God, and our Savior Jesus Christ.

⁸ Rom. 9:5, Of whom, as concerning the flesh, Christ came: who is over all, God blessed forever.

God, and the everlasting Father.¹

2. His Attributes. He is eternal,² unchangeable,³ omnipresent,⁴ omniscient,⁵ omnipotent,⁶ holy,⁷ and is entitled to divine worship.⁸

¹ Isa. 9:6, For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

² Col. 1:17, And he is before all things. Micah 5:2; Heb. 1:8.

³ Heb. 13:8, Jesus Christ, the name yesterday, and today, and forever. Heb. 1:12.

⁴ John 3:13, No man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. Matt. 18:20; 28:20; Eph. 1:23.

⁵ John 16:30, Thou knowest all things. John 2:24, 25; 21:17; Rev. 2:23.

⁶ Col. 2:8-10, Christ . . . is the head of all principality and power. Matt. 28:18; Heb. 1:8; Rev. 1:8.

⁷ Acts 3:14, But ye denied the Holy One. Luke 1:35; Heb. 7:26; Rev. 3:7.

⁸ Heb. 1:6, Let all the angels of God worship him. John 5:23, That all men should honor the Son even as they honor the Father. Phil. 2:10, 11; Matt. 28:9; Luke 24:52.

3. His Works. By Christ the world was created,¹ He preserves² and governs³ it; He has provided redemption for all men⁴ and He will be their final Judge.⁵

Section II—The Incarnation of Christ

The Word, which in the beginning was with God and which was God, by whom all things were made, condescended to a state of humiliation in being united with human nature and becoming like us, pollution and sin excepted.⁶ In this state, as a subject of the law, He was

¹ Heb. 1:8, 10, Unto the Son he saith . . . Thou, Lord in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands. John 1:3, 10, All things were made by him. The world was made by him. Col. 1:16.

² Heb. 1:3, Upholding all things by the word of his power. Col. 1:17.

³ Isa. 9:6, The government shall be upon his shoulder. 1 Peter 3:22; Eph. 1:21.

⁴ Eph. 1:7, In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins. Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; Isa. 44:6. 1 Peter 1:18, 19; Rev. 5:9.

⁵ 2 Tim. 4:1, The Lord Jesus Christ who shall judge the quick and the dead. Matt. 25:31-46; John 5:22.

⁶ John 1:14, And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. Phil. 2:6, 7, Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. 2 Cor. 8:9; Heb. 4:15.

liable to the infirmities of our nature;¹ was tempted as we are,² but lived our example,³ and rendered perfect obedience to the divine requirements.⁴ As Christ was made of the seed of David according to the flesh, He is called "the Son of man";⁵ and as the divine existence is the fountain from which He proceeded, and was the only agency by which He was begotten⁶ He is called "the Son of God",⁷ being the only begotten of the Father,⁸ and the only incarnation of the Divine Being.

¹ Heb. 2:17, Wherefore, in all things, it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren. Matt. 8:17; 4:2; 8:24; John 11:33, 35; 19:28; Isa. 53:3. Luke 22:44.

² Heb. 4:15, Was in all points tempted like as we are. Matt. 4:1-11.

³ 1 Peter 2:21, Leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps. John 13:15; 1 John 2:6.

⁴ Isa. 42:21, He will magnify the law, and make it honorable. Matt. 5:17; 3:15; Gal. 4:4.

⁵ Luke 19:10, For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

⁶ John 16:27, I came out from God. Matt. 1:18, 20.

⁷ Luke 1:35, That holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. Mark 1:1; John 1:34; 20:31.

⁸ John 3:16, God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son. John 1:18.

CHAPTER VI

The Holy Spirit

1. The Scriptures ascribe to the Holy Spirit the acts and attributes of an intelligent being. He is said to guide,¹ to know,² to move,³ to give information,⁴ to command,⁵ to forbid,⁶ to send forth,⁷ to reprove,⁸ and be sinned against.⁹

¹ John 16:13, Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.

² 1 Cor. 2:11, Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

³ Gen. 1:2, And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Acts 8:39.

⁴ Acts 10:19, While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. 1Cor. 2:13; Acts 21:11; John 14:26.

⁵ Acts 13:2, The Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

⁶ Acts 16:6, And were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia.

⁷ Acts 13:4, So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed into Seleucia.

⁸ John 16:8, and when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. Gen. 6:3.

⁹ Mark 3:29, But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness. Isa. 63:10; Acts 7:51; Eph. 4:30.

2. The attributes of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit; such as eternity,¹ omnipresence,² omniscience,³ goodness,⁴ truth.⁵

3. The works of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit; creation,⁶ inspiration,⁷ giving of life,⁸ and sanctification.⁹

¹ Heb. 9:14, Who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God.

² Psa. 139:7, Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

³ 1 Cor. 2:10, The Spirit searcheth all things yea, the deep things of God.

⁴ Neh. 9:20, Thou gavest also thy good Spirit to instruct them. Psa. 143:10.

⁵ John 14:17, Even the Spirit of truth.

⁶ Job 33:4, The Spirit of God hath made me. Job 26:13; Psa. 104:30.

⁷ 2 Peter 1:21, Prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

⁸ 1 Peter 3:18, Quickened by the Spirit. Rom. 8:11.

⁹ 1 Cor. 6:11, But ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

4. The same acts which in one part of the Bible are attributed to the Holy Spirit are in other parts said to be performed by God.¹

5. The apostles assert that the Holy Spirit is Lord and God.²

From the foregoing the conclusion is that the Holy Spirit is in reality God, and one with the Father in all divine perfections. It has also been shown that Jesus Christ is God—one with the Father. Then these three, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are one God.

The truth of this doctrine is also proven from the fact that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are united in the authority by which believers are baptized and in the benedictions pronounced by the apostles,³ which are acts of the highest religious worship.

¹ Isa. 6:8, 9, I heard the voice of the Lord. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye, indeed, but understand not. Acts 28:25, 26, Well spake the Holy Ghost . . . Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand. Compare John 3:16 with Matt. 1:18.

² 2 Cor. 3:17, Now the Lord is that Spirit. Acts 5:3, 4, Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost? . . . Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

³ Matt. 28:19, Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. 2 Cor. 13:14, The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. 1 Peter 1:2.

CHAPTER VII

The Atonement and Mediation of Christ

1. **The Atonement.** As sin cannot be pardoned without a sacrifice, and the blood of beasts could never wash away sin, Christ gave Himself a sacrifice for the sins of the world,¹ and thus made salvation possible for all men.² He died for us, suffering in our stead, to make known the righteousness of God, that He might be just in justifying sinners who believe in His Son.³ Though the redemption effected by Christ, salvation is actually enjoyed in this world, and will be enjoyed in the next by all who do not in this life refuse obedience to the known re-

¹ John 2:2, And he is the propitiation of our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. Isa. 53:5; 10:11; Rom. 4:25; Matt. 20:28; 1 Peter 3:18; John 1:29; Heb. 9:26; Rom. 5:6, 8.

² Titus 2:11, For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Heb. 2:9, That he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. 1 Tim. 2:6; Isa. 45:22; 2 Peter 3:9; 2 Cor. 5:14, 15; 1 Tim. 4:10.

³ Rom. 3:25, 26, Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness; that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Rom. 5:9, 18; Matt. 26:28; Eph. 1:7; Rev. 5:9; 1 Peter 2:24.

quirements of God.¹ The atonement of sin was necessary,² For present and future obedience can no more blot out our past sins than past obedience can remove the guilt of present and future sins. Had God pardoned the sins of men without satisfaction for the violation of His law, it would follow that transgression might go on with impunity; government would be abrogated, and the obligation of obedience to God would be, in effect, removed.

2. Mediation of Christ. Our Lord not only died for our sins, but He arose for our justification,³ and ascended up to heaven,⁴ where, as Mediator between God and man, He will make intercession for men until the final Judgment.⁵

¹ Rom. 5:18, Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. Rom. 8:1, There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Mark 16:15; Rom. 2:14, 15.

² Heb. 9:22, Without shedding of blood is no remission. Eph. 1:7, In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

³ Rom. 4:25, Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. 1 Cor. 15:17.

⁴ Acts 1:11, This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven. Mark 16:19.

⁵ Heb. 7:25, He ever liveth to make intercession for them. Rom. 8:34; Heb. 9:24.

CHAPTER VIII

The Gospel Call

The call of the Gospel is co-extensive with the atonement to all men,¹ both by the word and strivings of the Spirit;² so that salvation is rendered equally possible to all;³ and, if any fail of eternal life, the fault is wholly his own.⁴

¹ Mark 16:15, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Isa. 45:22, Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth. Prov. 8:4; Isa. 55:1; Rev. 22:17.

² Joel 2:28, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh. John 16:8; John 1:9; Isa. 55:11; Luke 2:10.

³ 1 Tim. 2:4, Who will have all men to be saved, and come unto the knowledge of the truth. Acts 10:34, God is no respecter of persons. Ezek. 33:11; 2 Peter 3:9.

⁴ Hosea 13:9, O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself. Prov. 1:24-31; Isa. 65:12; Jer. 7:13, 14; Zech. 7:11-13; John 5:40, And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. Matt. 23:37.

CHAPTER IX

Repentance

The repentance which the Gospel requires includes a deep conviction, a penitential sorrow, an open confession, a decided hatred and an entire forsaking of all sin.¹ This repentance God has enjoined on all men; and without it in this life the sinner must perish eternally.²

CHAPTER X

Faith

Saving faith is an assent of the mind to the fundamental truths of revelation,² an acceptance of the Gospel,

¹ 2 Cor. 7:10, For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of. Psalms 51:17; Prov. 28:13, He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them, shall have mercy. Psalms 32:3, 5; Ezek. 36:31, Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. Psalms 51:3, 4; Ezek. 18:30, Repent, and turn yourself from all your transgressions so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

² Acts 17:30, But now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. Luke 13:5, but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Acts 3:19.

³ Heb. 11:6, He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb. 11:1, Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. John 5:46, 47; Rom. 10:9.

through the influence of the Holy Spirit;¹ and a firm confidence and trust in Christ.² The fruit of faith is obedience to the Gospel.³ The power to believe is the gift of God;⁴ but believing is an act of the creature, which is required as a condition of pardon, and without which the sinner cannot obtain salvation.⁵ All men are required to believe in Christ; and those who yield obedience to this requirement become the children of God by faith.⁶

¹ Rom. 10:10, With the heart man believeth unto righteousness. Gal. 5:22, But the fruit of the Spirit is . . . faith. 1 Cor 12:8, 9.

² Acts 16:31, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. John 3:16; Rom. 4:20-22; Eph. 3:12.

³ Jas. 2:17, Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Gal. 5:6; 1 Tim. 1:5.

⁴ Phil. 1:29, Unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ . . . to believe on him. 2 Peter 1:1; Eph. 2:8.

⁵ John 3:36, He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. Mark 16:16; John 8:21, 24; Heb. 11:6.

⁶ John 1:7, That all men through him might believe. Gal. 3:26, Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Acts 10:43; Rom. 5:1; John 3:15.

CHAPTER XI

Regeneration

As man is a fallen and sinful being, he must be regenerated, in order to obtain salvation.¹ This change is an instantaneous renewal of the heart by the Holy Spirit,² whereby the penitent sinner receives new life, becomes a child of God,³ and disposed to serve Him.⁴ This is called in Scripture being born again—born of the Spirit,⁵ being quickened,⁶ passing from death unto life,¹ and a partaking of the divine nature.²

¹ John 3:3, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Heb. 12:14; Rev. 21:27; Gal. 5:19-21.

² John 3:5, Except a man be born . . . of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. John 1:13; Ezek. 36:26, 27; Titus 3:5; Eph. 2:10.

³ Rom. 8:16, The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. John 1:12; 5:25; James 1:18; 2 Cor. 5:17.

⁴ Ezek. 11:19, 20, And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit with in you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh: that they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them. 1 Peter 2:5.

⁵ John 3:6, That which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John 3:5-8; 1 John 4:7; 5:1.

⁶ Eph. 2:1, You hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins. Psa. 119:50, 93; Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13.

CHAPTER XII

Justification and Sanctification

1. **Justification.** Personal justification implies that the person justified has been guilty before God; and, in consideration of the atonement of Christ, accepted by faith, the sinner is pardoned and absolved from the guilt of sin and restored to the divine favor.³ Through Christ's atonement is the foundation of the sinner's **redemption**, yet, without repentance and faith, it can never give him justification and peace with God.⁴

¹ John 5:24, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me . . . is passed from death unto life 1 John 3:14.

² 2 Peter 1:4, That by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature. Heb. 3:14.

³ Rom. 5:1, Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:16, The free gift is of many offences unto justification. Acts 13:39; Isa. 53:11.

⁴ Acts 3:19, Repent ye, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out. Heb. 4:2; 11:6; Rom. 9:31, 32; Acts 13:38, 39.

2. **Sanctification** is a work of God's grace, by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It commences at regeneration, and the Christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life, constantly growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.²

CHAPTER XIII

Perseverance of the Saints

There are strong grounds to hope that truly regenerate will persevere unto the end, and be saved, through the

¹ 1 Cor. 6:11, And such were some of you; but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. Rom. 12:1, Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. 1 Thess. 4:3; John 17:17; Eph. 5:26; 1 Cor. 6:20.

² 1 Thess. 5:23, And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly: and I pray God that your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 7:1; 2 Peter 3:18, Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Heb. 6:1; 1 John 5:4; Col. 4:12; Prov. 4:18; 1 John 1:7, 9; 1 Peter 1:16; Gal. 2:20.

power of divine grace which is pledged for their support; but their future obedience and final salvation are neither determined nor certain, since through infirmity and manifold temptations they are in danger of falling; and they ought therefore to watch and pray, lest they make shipwreck of their faith and be lost.²

¹ Rom. 8:38, 39, For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. 1 Cor. 10:13, God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able: but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 2 Cor. 12:9, My grace is sufficient for thee. Job. 17:9; Matt. 16:18; John 10:27, 28; Phil. 1:6.

² 2 Chron. 15:2, The Lord is with you, while ye be with him . . . but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you. 2 Peter 1:10, Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if you do these things, ye shall never fall. Ezek. 33:18, When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby. John 15:6. 1 Cor. 10:12; Heb. 6:4-6; 12:15. 1 Chron. 28:9; Rev. 2:4; 1 Tim. 1:19; 2 Peter 2:20, 21; 1 Cor. 9:27; Matt. 21:12.

CHAPTER XIV

The Sabbath

This is one day in seven, which from the creation of the world God has set apart for sacred rest and holy

service.¹ Under the former dispensation, the seventh day of the week, as commemorative of the work of creation, was set apart for the Sabbath.² Under the Gospel, the first day of the week, in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ, and by authority of the apostles, is observed as the Christian Sabbath.³ On this day all men are

¹ Gen. 2:3, God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it. Mark 2:27, The Sabbath was made for man. Neh. 9:14.

² Exo. 20:8-11, Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

³ Luke 24:1-7. Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre . . . He is not here, but is risen. Luke 24:33-36; John 20:19, 26; Acts 2:1; 20:7, And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them. 1 Cor. 16:2; Rev. 1:10; Psalms 118:22-24.

required to refrain from secular labor, and devote themselves to the worship and service of God.¹

CHAPTER XV

The Church

A Christian Church is an organized body of believers in Christ, who statedly assemble to worship God, and who sustain the ordinances of the Gospel according to the Scriptures.² Believers in Christ are admitted to this church on giving evidence of faith in Christ, obtaining consent of the body, being baptized, and receiving the right hand of fellowship.³

¹ Isa. 58:13, 14, If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord. Isa. 56:2; Exo. 20:8-11.

² 1 Cor. 1:2, Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints. Acts 2:41, 47; 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2; Rev. 1:4.

³ Eph. 5:25, 27, Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it . . . that he might present it to himself a glorious church. Eph. 1:22, 23; 1 Cor. 12:27, 28; Col. 1:18, 24; 1 Peter 2:5; John 18:36; John 15:2, 6.

The Church of God, or members of the body of Christians throughout the whole world, and none but the regenerate are its members.¹

CHAPTER XVI

Tithing

Both the Old² and New Scriptures³ teach Tithing as God's financial plan for the support of His work.

¹ Acts 2:41, Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day were added unto them about three thousand souls. Acts 8:12; Gal. 3:27.

² Gen. 14:20, And he gave him tithes of all. Gen. 28:22, I will surely give the tenth unto Thee. Deut. 14:22, Thou shalt truly tithe. Malachi 3:8-10.

³ 1 Cor. 16:2, Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him. Matt. 23:23.

CHAPTER XVII

The Gospel Ministry

1. **Qualification of Ministers.** They must possess good natural and acquired abilities,¹ deep and ardent piety,² be especially called of God to the work,³ and ordained by the laying on of hands.⁴

2. **Duties of Ministers.** These are to preach the Word,⁵ administer the ordinances of the Gospel,⁶ visit their people

¹ 2 Tim. 2:15, Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 1 Tim. 4:13-16, Till I come give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee . . . Meditate upon these things, give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Titus 1:9; 2:7, 8; 2 Tim. 1:7; 2:2. 1 Tim. 3:2-7.

² Psa. 50:16, But unto the wicked, God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth? 2 Tim. 1:8-11, 14; 2:22; 3:5; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Cor. 2:12-16.

³ Acts 20:28, Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock . . . over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers. Heb. 5:4; 1 Cor. 9:16; Acts 13:2.

⁴ 1 Tim. 4:14, With the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.
2 Tim. 1:6; Acts 13: 3.

⁵ Mark 16:15, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 2 Tim. 4:2; 2 Cor. 4:5; Ezek. 33:7.

⁶ Matt. 28:19, Teach all nations, baptizing them. Luke 22:19, 20, This do in remembrance of me. Acts 20:11; 27:35; 1 Cor. 11:23-28; 10:16.

and otherwise perform the work of faithful pastors.¹

CHAPTER XVIII

Ordinances of the Gospel

1. **Christian Baptism.** This is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,² in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ, the death of Christians to the

¹ Heb. 13:17, They watch for your souls as they that must give account. 1 Peter 5:2, Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof. Acts 20:28; Jer. 3:15.

² Matt. 28:19, Baptizing (Greek, immersing) them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Col. 2:12, Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him. Acts 8:36-39; Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:5; John 3:23; Acts 16:32-34; 2:41.

world, the washing of their souls from the pollution of sin, their rising to newness of life, their engagement to serve God, and their resurrection at the last day.¹

2. **The Lord's Supper.** This is a commemoration of the death of Christ for our sins, in the use of bread which He made the emblem of His broken body, and the cup, the emblem of His shed blood,² and by it the believer expresses his love for Christ, his faith and hope in Him, and pledges to Him perpetual fidelity.³

¹ Rom. 6:4, Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Col. 3:3; 2:12; Titus 3:5; Gal. 3:27; 1 Cor. 15:29.

² 1 Cor. 11:23-26, For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you. That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the New Testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Matt. 26:26-28.

³ 1 Cor. 10:16, The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the

communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? 1 Cor. 10:21; 11:27-29.

It is the privilege and duty of all who have spiritual union with Christ to commemorate His death; and no man has a right to forbid these tokens to the least of His disciples.¹

3. Washing the Saint's Fee.—This is a sacred ordinance, which teaches humility, and reminds the believer of the necessity of a daily cleansing from all sin. It was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ, and called an "example" on the night of His betrayal, and in connection with the institution of the Lord's Supper. It is the duty and happy prerogative of every believer to observe this sacred ordinance.²

CHAPTER XIX

Death, and the Intermediate State

1. Death. As a result of sin, all mankind, are subject to the death of the body.³

¹ 1 Cor. 10:17, For we being many are one bread and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread. Matt. 26:27, Drink ye all of it. Rom. 14:1, 10; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Acts 2:42; 20:7.

² Cf. St. John 13:4-8, and 1 Tim. 5:1-10.

³ Rom. 5:12, As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. Heb. 9:27, It is appointed unto men once to die. 1 Cor. 15:22; Psa. 89:48; Eccl. 8:8.

2. The Intermediate State. The soul does not die with the body; but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the moral character here possessed.¹

CHAPTER XX

Second Coming of Christ

The Lord Jesus, who ascended on high, and sits at the right hand of God, will come again, to close the Gospel dispensation, glorify His saints, and judge the world.²

¹ Eccl. 12:7, Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. Phil. 1:23, Having a desire to depart, and be with Christ, which is far better. Luke 23:43; Matt. 17:3; 22:32; Acts 7:59; Matt. 10:28; 2 Cor. 5:8; Luke 16:22-26; Rev. 6:9.

² Acts 1:11, This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Matt. 25:31; 1 Cor. 15:24-28; 1 Thess. 4:15-17; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; 2 Peter 3:3-13; Matt. 24:42-44.

CHAPTER XXI

The Resurrection

The Scriptures teach the resurrection of the bodies of all men at the last day, each in its own order; they that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation.¹

CHAPTER XXII

The General Judgment and Future Retribution

1. **The General Judgment.** There will be a general judgment, when time and man's probation will close forever.² Then all men will be judged according to their works.³

¹ John 5:28, 29, The hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. Acts 24:15; 1 Cor. 15:22, 23; 2 Tim. 2:18; Phil. 3:21; 1 Cor. 15:35-44; Dan. 12:2.

² Acts 17:31, Because he hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness. 1 Cor. 15:24; Rev. 10:6; 22:11; 2 Peter 3:11, 12; Eccl. 9:10.

³ 2 Cor. 5:10, For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Eccl. 12:14, For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. Matt. 12:36; Rev. 20:12; Rom. 2:16.

2. **Future Retribution.** Immediately after the general judgment, the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked will go into a state of endless punishment.¹

¹ Matt. 25:46, And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal. 2 Thess. 1:8-10, Taking vengeance on them that know not God, and they that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints. Rom. 6:23; 2 Peter 1:11; Mark 3:29; 9:43, 44; Jude 7; Rev. 14:11; 21:7, 8, 27; Matt. 13:41-43; Rom 2:6-10.

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Rec. By Baptism	Otherwise	Dis. By Letter	Dead	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Helper	Value Of Church Property	State Budget	Church Meeting Day
Midway _____	J. E. Nichols, Rte. 2., Altha, Fla. _____	Shanie L. Cooke, Grandridge, Fla. _____	0	0	0	0	34	\$ 143.30	\$ 50.00	\$ 1500.00	0	2nd Sunday
Damascus _____	Roy Bozeman, Blountstown, Fla. _____	John W. Hill, Marianna, Fla. _____	0	0	0	1	105	350.00	30.00	5000.00	0	2nd & 4th Sunday
Hickory Grove _____	C. H. Pelt, Marianna, Fla. _____	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla. _____	1	0	3	7	246	823.00	100.00	15000.00	156.00	1st & 3rd Sunday
Salem _____	C. B. Craddock, 511 Madison Ave., Dothan	Mrs. Nellie Morris, Rt. 2, Cottondale, Fla.	0	0	0	1	122	632.23	80.00	9000.00	48.48	2nd & 4th Sunday
Pine Ridge _____	W. C. Windom, Rte. 4, Marianna, Fla. _____	Judy Dykes, Blountstown, Fla. _____	0	0	0	0	12	121.65	41.37	1000.00	0	2nd & 4th Sunday
Cedar Grove _____	A. H. Rutherford, Chipley, Fla. _____	Grace Rathel, Greenwood, Fla. _____	0	0	5	0	21	307.65	50.50	3000.00	0	2nd & 4th Sunday
Cottondale _____	W. S. Driggers, Cottondale, Fla. _____	Mrs. Mary Addison, P.O. Box 53 Cot'dale.	0	0	5	0	59	480.50	200.00	35000.00	26.80	Every Sunday
Abes Springs _____	James L. Cain, Blountstown, Fla. _____	C. A. Bozeman, Rt. 1, Blountstown, Fla. _	5	3	0	2	64	198.13	78.00	1000.00	46.77	1st & 3rd Sunday
New Hope _____	W. H. Horne, Donaldsonville, Ga. _____	Mildridge Mears, Rt. 1, Grandridge, Fla.	0	2	0	0	53	260.00	58.21	3400.00	0	1st & 3rd Sunday
Christian Home _____	D. F. Pelt, Marianna, Fla. _____	Falfa Clark, Blountstown, Fla. _____	6	10	0	2	163	1200.00	150.00	30500.00	384.00	1st & 3rd Sunday
Marvin Chapel _____	C. B. Craddock, 511 Madison Ave., Dothan	Mrs. Audrey Eiland, Rt. 1, Marianna, Fla.	1	4	3	0	80	991.03	100.00	8000.00	180.00	1st & 3rd Sunday
Cypress Creek _____	J. E. Nichols, Rte. 2., Altha, Fla. _____	F. E. Locke, Rt. 4, Marianna, Fla. _____	0	0	1	0	57	156.64	40.00	1500.00	0	3rd Sunday
st F.W.B., Malone	Clyde Owens, Chipley, Fla. _____	Thelma Grondin, Malone, Fla. _____	0	3	1	0	57	437.15	104.31	6000.00	83.02	3rd Sunday
Traveler's Rest _____	W. E. George, Rte. 1, Bonifay, Fla. _____	Mrs. Verlie Suggs, Rt. 2, Altha, Fla. _____	6	1	2	0	64	630.00	135.00	7500.00	155.59	2nd & 4th Sunday
st F.W.B., Blts. _	Roy Bozeman, Blountstown, Fla. _____	W. B. Phillips, P. O. Box 603 B'town, Fla.	0	0	1	1	25	200.00	50.00	5000.00	0	2nd & 4th Sunday
Lovewood _____	Alvin Howell, P.O. Box 377, Bonifay, Fla.	W. T. Justice, Cottondale, Fla. _____	11	0	0	0	58	377.33	55.00	8000.00	17.08	Every Sunday
Rocky Grove _____	J. C. Watson, Marianna, Fla. _____	Alice Robinson, Greenwood, Fla. _____	0	3	0	2	65	61.61	20.00	1500.00	0	2nd & 4th Sunday
Green Head _____	H. E. Stalnaker, Chipley, Fla. _____	Douglas Finch, Rt. 4, Chipley, Fla. _____	0	0	0	0	26	185.00		3000.00	0	1st Sunday
Holley Grove _____	J. C. Watson, Rte. 1, Marianna, Fla. _____	Harvey Ross, 606 S. Caledonia St., Ma'na.	0	0	1	0	69	109.17	62.75	3000.00	5.00	1st & 3rd Sunday
Oak Grove _____	J. E. Nichols, Rte. 2., Altha, Fla. _____	Charles Cox, Sneads, Fla. _____	0	0	0	0	35	70.00		1500.00	0	4th Sunday
20		TOTAL	30	26	22	16	1423	\$7721.39	\$1405.14	\$149400.00	\$1102.74	