

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**64th ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**ASSOCIATION**

**HELD WITH**  
**Lovewood and Damascus Churches**  
**October 2nd and 3rd, 1959**  
**COTTONDALE AND MARIANNA, FLORIDA**

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**OFFICERS**

Rev. Roy Bozeman, Moderator ..... Tallahassee, Fla.  
Rev. J. C. Watson, Vice Moderator ..... Marianna, Fla.  
Chester L. Cook, Secretary and Treasurer ..... Rt. 1, Altha, Fla.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Rev. Roy Bozeman, Chester Cook, Rev. Walter Eldridge  
Rev. C. H. Pelt and Rev. W. C. Windham

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The next session will convene with Holley Grove Church,  
Friday, September 30, and Rocky Grove Church, Saturday, October  
1, 1960.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING ..... January 2, 1960  
Abes Springs Church, Message by Rev. W. Eldridge

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING ..... April 2, 1960  
Pine Grove Church, Message by Rev. W. E. George

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION ..... May 29, 1960  
Cypress Creek Church

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING ..... July 2, 1960  
Damascus Church, Message by Rev. Wayne Hicks

SALEM ASSOCIATION ..... Sept. 30 - Oct. 1, 1960  
Holley Grove, Message by Rev. Ralph Bell  
Rocky Grove, Message by Rev. J. C. Watson

DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION ..... Sat., 24 of Sept., 1960  
Travelers Rest Church

# PROCEEDINGS

Sixty-Fourth Annual Session of the Salem Free Will Baptist Association held with Lovewood Church October 2, 1959 and Damascus Church, October 3, 1959.

The Salem Association met with Lovewood Church. Bro. J. R. Long led the song service, singing, "There Is Power In The Blood." Prayer by Bro. C. H. Peacock. Devotion by Rev. W. S. Driggers. Scripture reading Matthew 19 chapter 16-22 verses. Welcome by Rev. Alvin Howell. Response by Rev. Clarence Windom. Moderator message and enroll delegates. At this time moderator asked for corresponding letters and asked Sister Louis Hill and Sister Alvin Howell to read the letters.

## CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

TRAVELERS REST—Florence Cook and Ella Grantham

LOVEWOOD—Mavis Mae Johnson.

HICKORY GROVE—J. W. Hatcher, Walter Baxter, J. I. Ditty, J. R. Long and J. J. Johnson.

DAMASCUS—J. W. Hill and B. T. Chattwood.

MARVIN CHAPEL—Myrtle Sapp and Dora Booth.

COTTONDALE—Mary Addison and Evelyn Brannon.

GREEN HEAD—Essie Taylor and Eula Gainer.

CYPRESS CREEK—Joe Thorpe, Charlie Morris, F. E. Locke.

MIDWAY—Bernice Beauchamp and Shanie L. Cooke.

ROCKY GROVE—Robert Elmore, Joe Conrad, Seab Robinson and Lizzie Robinson.

CHRISTIAN HOME—Hugh Peacock, Morgan Peacock, John Brown, Aletha Brown, Ada White, Lona Glisson, Gregory Burkett, Ruby Pelt, Gene Parrish, and Sidney White.

ABES SPRINGS—Ellis and Mattie Scally.

MALONE—Sam Benton and Donnie Bush.

SALEM—Lizzie Barnes, Evie Hendrix and Daisy Morris.

PINE GROVE—Lessie Adams and Myrtle Adams.

HOLLY GROVE—Nellie Lipford, Lena Ross, Willie Mae Hewett and Linda Ross.

CEDAR GROVE—W. H. Dunaway and Clara Dunaway.

BLOUNTSTOWN—W. B. Phillips and Albert Coxwell.

NEW HOPE—Rufus Neel, Ida Hart and Polly Bennett

At this time labor was called off for the eleven o'clock service Rev. W. E. George brought the message. Scripture reading taken from third chapter of Second Timothy. Meeting was called off for lunch hour.

At 1:30 the body was re-assembled. Song service led by J. R. Long. Prayer by Clyde Owen. Devotional by Rev. Wayne Hicks. The moderator renewed the call for corresponding letters. Received Rocky Grove. Moderator called for visitors from other association. Received Liberty: Rev. Wayne Hicks, Rev. W. E. George, Rev. John M. Rich. There was a move and second these visitors be seated.

There was a move and second that the moderator appoint a committee on the standing of ministers and churches. The committee appointed were: Sister Lena Ross, Sister Polly Bennett and Bro. Sam Benton. There was a move and second and carried, to amend article 4 of the Constitution to read Saturday at 10:00 a.m. There was a move and second to table the ammendment until Saturday. The moderator called for the Treasure report. Read and adopted. There was a move and second to give a rising vote of thanks to Lovewood Church. At this time there was a special prayer given for Rev. I. O. Cook who was in the hospital very ill. Adjourned to meet with Damuscus at 9:30.

#### **SATURDAY A. M. OCTOBER 3, 1959**

The body re-assembled at Damuscus Church. Song service led by Rev. W. S. Driggers. Prayer by Rev. W. L. Eldridge. Devotional by Rev. J. C. Watson. Scripture taken from St. John 17 Chapter 11-18 verses. Report of Auxiliary by Malone. (see report)

At this time a testimony service was given which was enjoyed by everyone. Rev. W. S. Driggers brought the 11:00 o'clock message. Scripture taken from 17 chapter of Matthew verses 4 and 5. Adjourned for lunch hour.

## SATURDAY P. M.

Song service led by Rev. J. E. Nichols. Prayer by Rev. C. B. Craddock. Devotional by Rev. W. L. Eldridge. Special song by quartet. Call for report of Committee. Marvin Chapel—Temperance (see report). Christian Home—Resolution (see report). Committee on standing of churches and ministers. (see report). The ammendment of Article 4 be taken from the table and approved to change to read from Saturday afternoon and night to Saturday before the first Sunday in each quarter at 10:00 a.m. The moderator appointed delegates to the State Convention. They were Sister Ada Holley, A. H. Howell, Willie Mae Hewett, Audrey Eiland, and Bro. Jimmy Hitchcock. There was a move and second to give Damascus a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality given the body during the session. So ended the 64th session.

Rev. Roy Bozeman, Moderator  
Chester L. Cook, Treas. and Clerk

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. C. Watson	Marianna, Fla.
D. F. Pelt	Marianna, Fla.
C. H. Pelt	Marianna, Fla.
J. W. Roberts	
J. E. Nichols	Rt. 1, Altha, Fla.
I. O. Cook	Rt. 1, Altha, Fla.
W. L. Eldridge	Cottdondale, Fla.
Arnold Woodlief	Marianna, Fla.
W. C. Windham	Marianna, Fla.
Roy Bozeman	Tallahassee, Fla.
John Carr	Cottdondale, Fla.
Joe Cain	Blountstown, Fla.
W. S. Driggers	Cottdondale, Fla.
H. W. Keel	Sneads, Fla.



### LICENSED MINISTERS

Eugene Dean ..... Blountstown, Fla.  
Rev. Robert Waller ..... Marianna, Fla.

### GREETING FROM SALEM SUNDAY CONVENTION THE SALEM SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

On March 28, 1959, The Salem Sunday School Association met at Damascus Church. Since Easter Sunday fell on convention day, an Easter sermon was brought by Rev. Clarence Windham. We discussed revising the Point System. It was moved and seconded that the phrase "attending convention with a program" and "the best program at convention" be combined to mean the same thing since all the programs were best regardless of how long or short they were.

On August 30, 1959 the Salem Sunday School Association met at Travelers Rest Church. President Fred Sapp called for the election of a secretary since the secretary was not present. It was moved and seconded that the secretary elected serve for the coming year, as it was time for election of officers. Mrs. Jimmy Suggs was elected secretary. Nominations were then received for President for the coming year. Bro. Charlie Morris was elected President and Bro. Fred Sapp, Vice-President. The next convention will convene with Cypress Creek Church on the fifth Sunday in May.

Mr. Fred Sapp, President

Mrs. Jimmy Suggs, Secretary

### REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1959

Amount in Treasure October 2, 1958 .....	\$184.06
Received during Quarter and at Association .....	402.51
Received First Quarter .....	384.54
Received Second Quarter .....	403.91
Received Third Quarter .....	439.41
 TOTAL FOR YEAR—October 2, 1959 .....	 \$1814.43

## DISBURSEMENTS

Paid Moderator .....	\$25.00
Paid Clerk .....	35.00
Paid State Delegates (Fla.) .....	20.00
Paid Mount Olive .....	57.61
Houston Printing Company .....	208.00
Postage .....	6.85
State Treasure .....	\$1,329.76
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BALANCE IN TREAS.—October 2, 1959 .....	\$132.21

C. L. Cook, Treas.

## COMMITTEE ON AUXILIARIES

We your Committee on Auxiliaries report the following:

Sunday School — 14 .....	Enrollment 657
League — 5 .....	Enrollment 131
Ladies Auxiliary — 4 .....	Enrollment 55
Young People Auxiliary — 1 .....	Enrollment 16

RECOMMENDATIONS—We recommend that our churches which do not have Sunday School, League and other Auxiliary organize, in order to carry out Jesus command in Matt. 28:20.

Malone Church

## COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We your Committee on Temperance make the following report:

We find we need to be more temperance in many ways. We as Christians need to take a stand against any sale are using of acholic beverages.

Green Head Church and Pastor

### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Amount in Treasurer—October 2, 1959 .....	\$132.21
Amount Received for Association .....	142.00
Received for Cooperative Program .....	300.46
Received for Children Home .....	8.50
Received for Youth Camp .....	15.00
Received for Bible College .....	15.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$613.17</b>

Marvin Chapel Comm.

### REPORT ON EDUCATION

We, the members and delegates from Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church, submit the following:

(1) Since Mount Olive Junior College is not included in our state budget, be it resolved that those churches of the Salem Association that operate on a budget include said institution of learning in their budget and in those churches that do not use a budget be it resolved that they adopt a church budget or receive an offering each quarter for the above designated Church School.

(2) Be it resolved that a committee be appointed in each local Church to make a special study of what the Church is accomplishing. Be it further resolved that said committee make their findings known to their respective Churches in the form of a report.

Respectfully submitted,

Christian Home F. W. B. Church  
Mrs. Falfa Clark, Clerk

### COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

We your committee on Stewardship make the following report:

When we recall the earnestness of our Lord in his parable on stewardship, we shudder to think of His judgement upon those who waste their opportunities to be good stewards.



Although we are all aware of our responsibility as stewards of God's gifts to us of money, or material possessions, we are also aware that many of us fail to be faithful in tithing, or worshipful giving. On the other hand, we are not so aware of two other charges of stewardship: namely, talents and time.

Many thousands of Free Will Baptists are using their God given talents to selfish ends with little or no concern for the will of God and His need of our service.

We are told that ninety per cent of the American families own a TV, which amounts to more than 150 million sets. Multiply this figure by the hours spent each day viewing the shows and you will have a staggering figure of mostly wasted time. Just the hours spent viewing TV which should be spent at church, Sunday School, prayer meeting, family altar and Bible reading would be an unbelievable figure.

All such wasted time, wasted talents and selfish use of money must be accounted for to our Lord. Therefore, we recommend that Free Will Baptists take heed to these things.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hickory Grove and Pastor

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

We your Committee submit to your honorable body the following report.

Christian Home .....	2
Salem .....	1
Pine Grove .....	0
Hickory Grove .....	3
New Hope .....	1
Rocky Grove .....	1
Cedar Grove .....	1
Lovewood .....	1
Cottdondale .....	1

Humbly submitted,  
Salem Church

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Salem District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Malone on September 26, 1959, with five auxiliaries represented. The body was called to order by the auxiliary president, Mrs. Ruby Pelt. After congregational singing led by Mrs. Audrey Eiland and prayer by Mrs. Thelma Grondin, we had an inspirational devotion by Miss Glenda Barber, a Y P A of Christian Home Church. Welcome address given by Mrs. Thelma Grondin of the host church. Response by Mrs. Hugh Peacock of Christian Home Church. In the absence of the secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Eron Bailey, the president asked that Verlie Suggs serve as secretary pro-tem.

There was a move an second to seat delegates and visitors. Motion carried.

Reports of the Daily Vacation Bible School Clinic and the Workshop were read. Auxiliary reports were received from the following churches: Christian Home, Malone, Marvin Chapel, and Travelers Rest. At this time the following committees were appointed: Compiling Committee—Mrs. Florence Cook, Mrs. Thelma Grondin; Finance Committee—Mrs. Mae Weeks, Mrs. Lona Glisson; Plan of Work Committee—Mrs. Audrey Eiland, Mrs. Hugh Peacock, Mrs. Donie Bush; Food Committee—Mrs. Mildred Pelt, Mrs. Lillian Rodgers, Mrs. Verlie Suggs.

Mrs. Audrey Eiland gave the highlights of the 1958 state meeting which was held at Perry, Florida. Mrs. Mildred Pelt gave the interesting highlights of the National meeting which was held in Ashville, N. C. It was suggested by the president that the Plan of Work Committee make plans to set up a fund to send the state Declamation contest winner to the National Convention. After a song, Scripture reading, and prayer, the introduction to the theme of the program, "Evangelism", was given by Mrs. Ruby Pelt; Evangelism in missions by Mrs. Donie Bush; Evangelism in personal service by Mrs. Thelma Grondin; Child Evangelism by Mrs. Lillian Rodgers. We adjourned for lunch and committee meetings and reassembled at 1:30. After congregational singing, other inspirational talks were heard. Evangelism through youth auxiliary by Mrs. Florence Cook; Evangelism in reports by Mrs. Audrey Eiland; Evangelism in study by Mrs. Mildred Pelt. The following committees reported: Compiling Committee, Finance Committee, Plan of Work Committee, Food Committee. There was a move and a second that Mrs. Lillian Rodgers as a committee of one work with the trustees and executive committee of the Youth Camp to get an estimate of the cost of the material necessary to

do the screening at the Youth Camp and recommend that each local church donate its quota of that amount. Motion carried. Mrs. Lillian Rodgers and Mrs. Clyde Owens were appointed delegates to W S A C at Auburndale, Florida, October 24, 1959. The Ladies Auxiliary from Hickory Grove Church volunteered to furnish flowers for the State Association of Churches at Youth Camp.

The next district convention is to be held at Travelers Rest Church two miles north of Clarksville, Fla., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1960.

Respectfully submitted,

Verlie Suggs, Secretary pro-tem

Mrs. Ruby Pelt, Pres.

### **COTTONDALE CHURCH OBITUARY**

Cottdale F. W. B. Church registers the lost of Mrs. George Windsor. She died May 1, 1959. Age 59. She was a faithful member we miss her very much.

Cottdale Church

### **ROCKY GROVE OBITUARY**

On May 22, 1959 the Lord called from our mist Sister Lucy Richardson. She was our oldest member. She will be miss by a host of relatives and friends.

Humbly submitted,

Rocky Grove Church

### **NEW HOPE OBITUARY**

On July 4, 1959 our Lord called from our midst Sister Lottie Elizabeth Jordon. She had been a faithful worker as long as health permitted. She is greatly missed.

Respectfully,

New Hope Church

### **CHRISTIAN HOME OBITUARIES**

Bro. Buist Bryant was called from our midst on October 18, 1958. He was a member of Christian Home and is sadly missed.

Mrs. Rachel Ann Chellie Bracewell entered into life eternal

September 27, 1959. She was 56 years old September 8. A faithful, loyal, devoted member for many years. We will miss her presence very much for she took an active part in all church work as long as health permitted.

Humbly submitted,  
Christian Home

## **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 of this 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 10:00 A.M. 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 ammended by a majority vote of the Association at any regular annual session, provided the suggested ammendment 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. Application 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,<sup>1</sup> who is Spirit,<sup>2</sup> self-existent,<sup>1</sup> eternal,<sup>2</sup> immutable,<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> John 4:24, God is a Spirit. 2 Cor. 3:17.

able,<sup>3</sup> omnipresent,<sup>4</sup> omniscient,<sup>5</sup> omnipotent,<sup>6</sup> independent,<sup>7</sup> good,<sup>8</sup> wise,<sup>9</sup> holy,<sup>10</sup> just,<sup>11</sup> and merciful,<sup>12</sup> the . . . .

<sup>1</sup> Exod. 3:14, And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM. Psa. 83:18; John 5:26; Rev. 1:4.

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

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

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

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

<sup>7</sup> 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.

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

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

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

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

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

Creator,<sup>1</sup> Preserver,<sup>2</sup> and Governor<sup>3</sup> of the universe; the Redeemer,<sup>4</sup> Savior,<sup>5</sup> Sanctifier,<sup>6</sup> and Judge<sup>7</sup> of men; and the only proper object of worship.<sup>8</sup>

The mode of His existence, however, is a subject far above the understanding of man<sup>9</sup>—finite beings cannot comprehend Him.<sup>10</sup> There is nothing in the universe that can justly represent Him, for there is none like him.<sup>11</sup> 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.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

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

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>11</sup> 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,<sup>2</sup> and governs the world in wisdom and mercy, according to the testimony of His Word.<sup>3</sup>

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.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

## 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.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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 God<sup>1</sup> to glorify Him<sup>2</sup> and obey His commandments.<sup>3</sup> Those who have kept their first estate He employs in ministering blessings to the heirs of salvation<sup>4</sup> and in executing His judgments upon the world.<sup>5</sup>

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

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



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

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

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

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

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> 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 will<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> Hence none, by virtue of any natural goodness and mere work of their own, can become the child en of God;<sup>3</sup> but they are all dependent for salvation

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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;<sup>1</sup> both of which are freely provided for every descendant of Adam.<sup>2</sup>

## 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> See Atonement (Chapter VII)

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

<sup>6</sup> 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.

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

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

God, and the everlasting Father.<sup>1</sup>

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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

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

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

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

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

<sup>8</sup> 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,<sup>1</sup> He preserves<sup>2</sup> and governs<sup>3</sup> it; He has provided redemption for all men<sup>4</sup> and He will be their final Judge.<sup>5</sup>

## 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.<sup>6</sup> In this state, as a subject of the law, He was

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

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



<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

<sup>6</sup> 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;<sup>1</sup> was tempted as we are,<sup>2</sup> but lived our example,<sup>3</sup> and rendered perfect obedience to the divine requirements.<sup>4</sup> As Christ was made of the seed of David according to the flesh, He is called "the Son of man";<sup>5</sup> and as the divine existence is the fountain from which He proceeded, and was the only agency by which He was begotten<sup>6</sup> He is called "the Son of God",<sup>7</sup> being the only begotten of the Father,<sup>8</sup> and the only incarnation of the Divine Being.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> 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,<sup>1</sup> to know,<sup>2</sup> to move,<sup>3</sup> to give information,<sup>4</sup> to command,<sup>5</sup> to forbid,<sup>6</sup> to send forth,<sup>7</sup> to reprove,<sup>8</sup> and be sinned against.<sup>9</sup>

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

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

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

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

<sup>9</sup> 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,<sup>1</sup> omnipresence,<sup>2</sup> omniscience,<sup>3</sup> goodness,<sup>4</sup> truth.<sup>5</sup>

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup> John 14:17, Even the Spirit of truth.

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

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> 1 Peter 3:18, Quickened by the Spirit. Rom. 8:11.

<sup>9</sup> 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.<sup>1</sup>

5. The apostles assert that the Holy Spirit is Lord and God.<sup>2</sup>

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,<sup>3</sup> which are acts of the highest religious worship.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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,<sup>1</sup> and thus made salvation possible for all men.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> 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-

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>1</sup> The atonement of sin was necessary,<sup>2</sup> 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,<sup>3</sup> and ascended up to heaven,<sup>4</sup> where, as Mediator between God and man, He will make intercession for men until the final Judgment.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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

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

<sup>5</sup> 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,<sup>1</sup> both by the word and strivings of the Spirit;<sup>2</sup> so that salvation is rendered equally possible to all;<sup>3</sup> and, if any fail of eternal life, the fault is wholly his own.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.<sup>1</sup> This repentance God has enjoined on all men; and without it in this life the sinner must perish eternally.<sup>2</sup>

## CHAPTER X

### Faith

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

<sup>1</sup> 2 Cor. 7:10, For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of. Psa. 51:17; Prov. 28:13, He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them, shall have mercy. Psa. 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. Psa. 51:3, 4; Ezek. 18:30, Repent, and turn yourself from all your transgressions so iniquity shall not be your ruin.



<sup>2</sup> 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.

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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.<sup>1</sup> This change is an instantaneous renewal of the heart by the Holy Spirit,<sup>2</sup> whereby the penitent sinner receives new life, becomes a child of God,<sup>3</sup> and disposed to serve Him.<sup>4</sup> This is called in Scripture being born again—born of the Spirit,<sup>5</sup> being quickened,<sup>6</sup> passing from death unto life,<sup>7</sup> and a partaking of the divine nature.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

<sup>6</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>



## 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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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;<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>1</sup> Under the former dispensation, the seventh day of the week, as commemorative of the work of creation, was set apart for the Sabbath.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> On this day all men are

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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; Psa. 118:22-24.

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

## 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.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>1</sup>

## CHAPTER XVI

### Tithing

Both the Old<sup>2</sup> and New Scriptures<sup>3</sup> teach Tithing as God's financial plan for the support of His work.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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,<sup>1</sup> deep and ardent piety,<sup>2</sup> be especially called of God to the work,<sup>3</sup> and ordained by the laying on of hands.<sup>4</sup>

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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.



\* 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.<sup>1</sup>

## 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,<sup>2</sup> in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ, the death of Christians to the

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>1</sup>

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,<sup>2</sup> and by it the believer expresses his love for Christ, his faith and hope in Him, and pledges to Him perpetual fidelity.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>1</sup>

**3. Washing the Saint's Feet.**—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.<sup>2</sup>

## CHAPTER XIX

### Death, and the Intermediate State

**1. Death.** As a result of sin, all mankind, are subject to the death of the body.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>1</sup>

## 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.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>1</sup>

## 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.<sup>2</sup> Then all men will be judged according to their works.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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 ADDRESS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Rec. by Baptism	Otherway	Dismissed by Letter	Dead	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Value of Church Property	Cooperative	Meeting Days
bes Springs	W. C. Windham, Marianna, Fla.	Mittie Scully, Blountstown, Fla.	3	5			68	224.00	31.00	1000.00	48.00	1st & 3rd Sun.
blountstown, 1st	J. E. Nichols, Rt. 1, Altha, Fla.	Mable Phillips, P.O. Box 603, Blts.		1	3		18	275.00	65.00	5000.00		4th Sun.
cedar Grove	W. S. Driggers, Cottondale, Fla.	Grace Rathel, Bascom, Fla.		1			20	239.66		3000.00		
christian Home	D. F. Pelt, Marianna, Fla.	Falfa Clark, Blountstown, Fla.	9		5		164	1200.00	250.00	34529.00	400.00	1st & 3rd Sun.
cottondale	W. S. Driggers, Cottondale	Mary Addison, P.O. Box 53, C'dale.	1		1		58	1050.00	80.00	35000.00		Every Sun.
ypress Creek	J. E. Nichols, Altha, Fla.	F. E. Locke, Rt. 4, Marianna, Fla.		3			57	153.47	50.00	2500.00		3rd Sun.
amascus	Roy Bozeman, Tallahassee, Fla.	John W. Hill, 215 5th St., Marianna					49	168.00	70.00	5000.00		2nd & 4th Sun.
reen Head	J. E. Nichols, Altha, Fla.	Douglas Finch, Rt. 4, Chipley, Fla.	6	2			31	144.69	45.00	3000.00		1st Sat. Night & Sun.
ickory Grove	Chester Pelt, Marianna, Fla.	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.		2		3	150	865.00	110.00	18000.00	156.00	1st & 3rd Sun.
olly Grove	W. C. Windham, Marianna, Fla.	Harvy Ross, 606 S. Caledonia, Marianna	1	2	1		73	135.18	39.87	5000.00		2nd & 4th Sun.
ovewood	Alvin Howell, Marianna, Fla.	Mae Johnson, Cottondale		4	1	2	47	506.79	60.00		57.86	Full Time
alone, 1st	Clyde Owen, Malone, Fla.	Sam Benton, Malone, Fla.	9	1	1		59	1091.72	175.00	7000.00	221.27	1st & 3rd Sun.
arvin Chaple	Chas. B. Craddock, Dothan, Ala.	Audrey Elland, Rt. 1, Marianna	1	1	3		92	965.00		8000.00	240.00	1st & 3rd Sun.
idway	J. E. Nichols, Rt. 1, Altha, Fla.	Shanie L. Cooke, Grandridge		2			33	210.00	66.00	2500.00	2.00	2nd Sun. & Sat. Night
ew Hope	W. H. Horne, Donaldsonville, Ga.	Mildridge Mears, Rt. 2, Grandridge		4	2	1	53	455.95	21.85	3400.00		1st & 3rd Sun.
ne Grove	J. C. Watson, Marianna, Fla.	Judy Dykes, Blountstown, Fla.					25	165.22	15.00	1000.00		2nd & 4th Sun.
ocky Grove	W. H. Horn, Donaldsonville, Ga.	Alice Robinson, Greenwood, Fla.				1	64	80.50	35.45	2000.00		4th Sun. & Sat. Night
alem	Chas. B. Craddock, Dothan, Ala.	Nellie Morris, Cottondale, Fla.	17	1		1	144	560.00	75.00	11000.00	40.00	2nd & 4th Sun.
raveler's Rest	W. E. George, Rt. 1, Bonifay, Fla.	Verlie Suggs, Rt. 1, Altha, Fla.	5		1		75	850.00	135.00	9000.00	163.94	2nd & 4th Sun.
TOTAL			52	28	18	8	1280	9330.18	1314.17	155929.00	1329.07	

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 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31