

MINUTES
OF THE
66th ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
Cypress Creek and Christian Home
Churches

Sept. 29th and 30th, 1961

ALFORD AND BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA

OFFICERS

Rev. J. E. Nichols, Moderator Altha, Florida
Rev. I. O. Cook, Vice Moderator Altha, Florida
Chester L. Cook, Secretary and Treasurer Altha, Florida

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. J. E. Nichols, Bros. C. L. Cook, C. E. Day,
Sam Benton and Charlie Bozeman

The next session will convene with The First Free Will Baptist Church of Sneads, Florida, Friday, October 5, 1962, and Midway Saturday, October 6, 1962.

ORDER OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Prayer (unless church has had devotional services)
2. Invite visiting brothers to set with us
3. Reading of minutes of last conference
4. Reference or deferred business
5. Miscellaneous business
6. Adjournment

ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

First Quarterly Meeting January 6, 1962 at Damascus Church.

- 9:30—Song Service
Devotional by Rev. M. H. Taylor
- 10:00—Report of Credential Committee by Damascus Church
Seating of Churches and delegates
Call for Corresponding Messengers
Report of Children's Home by Rev. I. O. Cook
- 11:00—Message by Rev. John M. Rich
- 12:00—Noon
- 1:15—Devotional by Rev. C. H. Pelt
Business Session
Adjournment

Second Quarterly Meeting April 7, 1962 at Travelers Rest Church.

- 10:00—Song Service
Devotional by Sister Ruby Pelt
Report of Credential Committee by Travelers Rest Church
Seating of delegates
Call for visiting ministers
Testimony time
Recess
- 11:00—Song Service
Message by Rev. Maddison Taylor
- 12:00—Noon
- 1:15—Song Service
Devotional by Rev. Arnold Woodleif
Business session
Adjourn

Third Quarterly Meeting July 7, 1962 at Hickory Grove Church.

- 10:00—Song Service
Devotional by Sister Audrey Eiland
Report of Credential Committee by Hickory Grove Church
Seating of Delegates
- 11:00—Message by Rev. H. D. Shuemake
- 12:00—Noon
- 1:15—Devotional by Rev. W. E. George
Testimonial time
Business session
Adjournment

The Annual Association meets with the First Free Will Baptist of Sneads, October 5, 1962 and Midway, October 6, 1962.

- 11:00—Message at Sneads by Rev. H. D. Harrison
- 11:00—Message at Midway by Rev. Bobby Register

PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-Sixth Annual Session of the Salem Free Will Baptist Association.

The Salem Association met with Cypress Creek Church Friday, September 29, 1961. Song service led by Rev. H. D. Shuemake.

Prayer by Rev. Chester Huckaby.

At this time there was a move made for Rev. W. E. George to give the welcome address. Response by Sister Mildred Pelt.

The Moderator, Rev. Clyde Owen, gave his address. Devotional by Rev. Walter Eldridge, scripture, Romans 8:28.

The Credential Committee gave a partial report at this time. They reported 13 churches and 27 delegates registered now. Moved and seconded that the partial report be accepted.

Call made for Partionary letter. Received a partionary letter from Sneads Church. Moved, seconded and carried to seat them.

Received the following churches with their delegates:

ABES SPRINGS—Bro. C. A. Bozeman, Sister Mattie Blackburn.

BLOUNTSTOWN F. W. B. First—Jimmy Wilks, Bro. and Sister Jasper Austin.

CEDAR GROVE—Bro. B. B. Thompson.

CHRISTIAN HOME—Bro. and Sister Walter Lamb, Bro. O. F. Bracewell, Bro. Grady Burkett.

COTTONDALE—Bro. R. Q. Addison, Sister Evelyn Shuemake.

CYPRESS CREEK—Bro. Joe Thorp, Bro. Charlie Morris, Sister Omev Sexton.

DAMASCUS—Bro. and Sister John W. Hill, Bro. and Sister B. T. Chattwood.

GREEN HEAD—Bro. D. C. Finch, Sisters Eula V. Gainer, Mildred Carol.

HICKORY GROVE—Cleveland and Claudis Ditty, Clarice Long, Gertrude Hatcher, Ralph Oswald, Mildred Pelt.

HOLLY GROVE—Bonnie McClain, Lena Ross, Willie and Josie Mitchell.

LOVEWOOD—Sisters Nell Howell, Lovie Johnson. Adele Morris.

MALONE—Sisters J. T. Hall, Jr. and Martha Corbitt.

MARVIS CHAPEL—Sisters Myrtle Sapp, Hattie Stephens, Dora Booth, Mrs. C. E. Day.

MIDWAY—Olan Roberts, Martha Roberts, Donnie Roberts, Vernice Edenfield.

NEW HOPE—Haley Neel, Polly Bennett.

PINE GROVE—Lessie Adams, Roxie Nichols.

ROCKY GROVE—Seab and Lizzie Robinson.

SALEM—Sister Evie Hendericks, Bro. Fred Sapp, Sister W. A. Barnes, Sister Jewell Ellebee.

SNEADS—Bernice Beauchamp, Hazel Leigh.

TRAVELERS REST—Carlos Weeks, Vander Shiver, Jimmy Hitchcock, Florence and Louise Cook, Edith Dawson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Lovewood Church—Stewardship (see report)

Travelers Rest—Auxiliary (see report)

Blountstown—Education (see report)

At this time business was called off for the eleven o'clock service. Rev. Rufus Hyman brought the message from Acts 8:5. Theme: "Phillip the Great Deacon."

Adjourned one hour for lunch.

At 1:30 the body re-assembled. Song service led by Bro. J. R. Long. Prayer by Rev. John Edwards.

Report on Temperance by Malone Church. Moved and seconded that the Treasurer give itemized report for all money received.

At this time the Moderator appointed a committee on committee, Sister Mildred Pelt. Bros. Fred Sapp and I. O. Cook.

Moved, seconded and carried to give Cypress Creek a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality shown us.

Adjourned to meet with Christian Home Church at 9:00 o'clock Saturday.

SATURDAY A. M.

The Salem Association met with Christian Home Saturday morning.

Song service by Sister Audrey Eiland. Prayer by Rev. Rufus Hyman. Welcome by Rev. D. F. Pelt. Response by Bro. W. W. Eiland.

Devotion by Rev. W. E. George. Scripture—Ephesians 4:30.

Move and second that all the visitors be welcomed.

At this time the Credential Committee made a full report—twenty churches represented.

Moderator appointed delegates to the State Association. Bro. and Sister Joe Spears, Bro. and Sister J. W. Hill and Danny Eiland.

Business called off for eleven o'clock message.

Song led by Sister Audrey Eiland. Prayer by Billy Raybon
Message by Rev. C. H. Pelt. Scripture — John 13:34-35. Subject:
"What Is Our Discipleship?"

Adjourned for lunch which was served in the Educational building and enjoyed by all.

Afternoon session was called to order. Song service led by Sister Audrey Eiland. Prayer by Rev. Madison Taylor. Devotion by Rev. I. O. Cook. Scripture—First Cor. 3:16.

Finance report by Christian Home Church (see report)

At this time Rev. C. H. Pelt was appointed Promotional Secretary for the Association.

The Moderator, Vice Moderator, and Secretary were appointed Program Committee.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint a Mission Board. Appointed were Rev. H. D. Shuemaker, Rev. W. L. Eldridge and Rev. I. O. Cook.

Called for a report on Nomination by Cypress Creek Church (see report).

Abes Springs Church gave report on Obituary (see report).

Moved and seconded that Salem Association have a Mission Conference Program—be arranged by Mission Board.

At this time the Moderator appointed delegates to other associations.

State Line—Sister Mildred Pelt and Rev. I. O. Cook.

Liberty—Rev. J. C. Watson, Rev. H. D. Shuemaker.

Martin—Rev. I. O. Cook.

Moved that the Nominating Committee be appointed by the Moderator and serve two years.

Moved and seconded that clerk be paid \$40.00 for his service.

At this time Rev. Rufus Hyman made an announcement that he was opening a Religious Book Store, with sheet music and other religious items in stock at Geneva, Alabama.

At this time there was a move and second that we take a love offering for Rev. D. W. Poole. Offering amounted to \$67.43.

Moved and seconded to give Christian Home Church a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality shown us while in their midst.

This brings to a close the 66th Session of The Salem Association. May the Lord Bless until we meet in another Session.

Rev. Clyde Owen—Mod.
Bro. Chester Cook—Sec.
Rt. 1, Box 192
Altha, Fla.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. W. Roberts	Marianna, Fla.
H. W. Keel	Chattahoochee, Fla.
J. C. Watson	Marianna, Fla.
C. H. Pelt	Marianna, Fla.
D. F. Pelt	Marianna, Fla.
W. C. Windham	Marianna, Fla.
W. L. Eldridge	Cottdondale, Fla.
J. E. Nichols	Altha, Fla.
I. O. Cook	Altha, Fla.
A. H. Howell	Marianna, Fla.
A. J. Carr	Sneads, Fla.
H. D. Shuemake	Chipley, Fla.

LICENSE

Gene Dean	Blountstown, Fla.
Robert Waller	Marianna, Fla.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY

We your Committee on Obituary make the following report:

The Lord has called from our midst the following:

Christian Home	1
New Hope	1
Salem	2
Rocky Grove	1
Cypress Creek	4
Lovewood	1
Blountstown First	1
Damascus	2
Hickory Grove	4
Travelers Rest	1
Malone	1
TOTAL	19

Respectfully submitted,
Abes Springs Church

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION

We your Committee on Nomination made the following report:

That the first quarterly meeting be held with the Damascas Church on Saturday before the first Sunday in January, 1962. Speaker, Rev. John M. Rich.

Second quarter meet with Travelers Rest Saturday before the first Sunday in April. Speaker, Rev. Madison Taylor.

Third quarter meet with Hickory Grove Church Saturday before the first Sunday in July. Speaker, Rev. H. D. Shumake.

The Salem Association meet with Snead Church the first day. Message by Rev. H. D. Harrison. The second day with Midway. Message by Rev. Bobby Register.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—

C. A. Boyman, Sam Benten, C. A. Day

ORDAINING COUNCIL—

W. L. Eldridge, D. F. Pelt, Alvin Howell

J. E. Nichols, Moderator
I. D. Cook, Vice-Moderator
C. L. Cook, Clerk & Treasurer
Cypress Creek Church

Committee

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We your Committee on Education make the following report:

We wish to encourage our people to study the Bible and teach it to our children. We are taught in the word to study to show ourselves a workman that need not be ashamed. We also would like to encourage everyone that can to attend the Bible Institute, especially our Sunday School Superintendent and Teachers.

Blountstown First

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount in treasury October 1, 1960	\$ 137.19
Received from Committee at Association	520.32
Received first quarter	451.71
Received second quarter	541.83
Received third quarter	466.46
TOTAL	\$ 2,117.51

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Rec. by Baptism	Other Ways	Dismissed by Letter	Dead	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Cooperative	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Children's Home	Mt. Olive Bible College	Bible College	Youth Camp	Bible Institute Cottondale	Miami Chapel	Cuban	Value of Church Prop.
Abes Springs	W. C. Windham, Marianna, Fla.	V. L. Blackburn, Box 736, B'town, Fla.	6	3	3		47	\$ 217.89	\$ 75.00	52.61										1,000.00
Blountstown 1st	J. E. Nichols, Rt. 1, Altha, Fla.	Eva Austin, Blountstown, Fla.		1		1	21	216.00												
Cedar Grove	W. S. Driggers, Cottondale, Fla.	Grace Rathel, Bascom, Fla.		2	2		22	211.70		19.90	5.00	7.55			5.00					3,000.00
Christian Home	D. F. Pelt, Grand Ridge, Fla.	Falfa Clark, P. O. Box 163, Blountstown		1		1	161	1,200.00	229.24	400.00	16.47	20.69	25.00	175.00				50.00		30,000.00
Cottondale 1st	H. D. Shumake, Chipley, Fla.	Mary Addison, Box 53, Cottondale, Fla.	7	4	4		67	580.00	54.00	25.00	3.00	3.00	5.00		3.00					35,000.00
Cypress Creek	J. E. Nichols, Rt. 1, Altha, Fla.	F. E. Locke, Rt. 4, Marianna, Fla.			2	4	51	300.00	50.04											3,000.00
Damascus	M. H. Taylor, Rt., Dothan, Ala.	John Hill, 215 S. St., Marianna, Fla.	13	2	2	2	63	639.30	185.00											9,000.00
Green Head	Burket Bollen, Slocomb, Ala.	Mildred Carrol, Rt. 4, Chipley, Fla.	1		3		28	150.00												5,000.00
Hickory Grove		J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	3		1	4	158	1,141.00	100.00	156.00			20.00	90.00						12,000.00
Holly Grove	W. G. Turner, Cairo, Ga.	Harvy Ross, 606 Caledonia, Marianna	3	1	1		73	170.73	163.08		5.00									5,000.00
Lovewood	Alvin Howell, Marianna, Fla.	Mae Johnson, Cottondale, Fla.	1		1	1	52	352.41	70.00	54.40	30.76	33.41	18.77				24.00			8,000.00
Malone 1st		Sam Benton, Malone, Fla.	2	5		1	76	1,592.01	175.00	268.83	131.38	180.20			60.00					5,000.00
Marvin Chapel	Chas. B. Craddock, Dothan, Ala.	Audrey Eiland, Rt. 1, Box 14A, Marianna			2		90	1,200.00	50.00	240.00			103.20		60.00	60.00		76.00		10,000.00
Midway	J. E. Nichols, Rt. 1, Altha, Fla.	Zelma Pitts, Rt. 1, Box 49, Marianna		1	9		24	100.00	61.50				5.00							2,000.00
New Hope	W. H. Horn, Donalsonville, Ga.	Middridge Mears, Rt. 2, Grand Ridge	2	3	3	1	50	416.69	18.04											3,400.00
Pine Grove	J. C. Watson, Marianna, Fla.	Judy Dykes, Blountstown, Fla.		1			25	161.50	33.00											1,500.00
Rocky Grove	W. H. Horn, Donalsonville, Ga.	Alice Robinson, Rt. 1, Greenwood				1	59		12.50											2,000.00
Salem	W. E. George, Bonifay, Fla.	Nellie Morris, Rt. 2, Cottondale			2	2	142	840.00	75.00	40.00										12,000.00
Sneads First	Walter Eldridge, Cottondale, Fla.	John Roberts, Rt. 1, Grand Ridge	3	12			16		50.00	10.00										3,000.00
Travelers Rest	John M. Rich, Chipley, Fla.	Verlie Suggs, Rt. 1, Box 219, Altha, Fla.	13		1	1	105	1,070.00	85.00	180.94	144.00		105.00		18.12					10,000.00
TOTAL	20		54	39	33	19	1,330	10,724.33	1,486.40	1,447.68	335.61	244.85	281.97	265.00	146.12	60.00	24.00	76.00	50.00	169,900.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid Moderator	\$ 25.00
Paid Clerk	25.00
State Delegate fee	20.00
Houston Printing Company	208.00
Sneads Church	141.00
Free Will Baptist Institute	37.00
State Treasury	1,579.52
Postage	6.75
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TOTAL	\$ 2,042.27
Balance in Treasury 9/30/61	\$ 75.24

Chester L. Cook
Treasurer
Route 1, Box 192
Altha, Florida

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We your Committee on Finance, make the following report:

In treasury September 29, 1961	\$ 75.24
Received from Committee for Association expense	190.49
For Cooperative Program	297.55
For Children's Home	15.00
Youth Camp	15.00
Foreign Mission	61.10
Home Mission	11.50
F.W.B. Bible College	15.00
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TOTAL SEPTEMBER 30, 1961	\$680.88

Respectfully,
Christian Home Church

COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

We your Committee On Woman's Auxiliary wish to submit the following report:

Out of Salem District's twenty churches we find that only four have active auxiliaries. Since the definite purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary is to help the churches teach and support mission, we feel that we should strive to foster the spreading of the gospel throughout the whole world.

We recommend the Woman's Auxiliary to every church and prayerfully urge each church to put forth a spiritual effort to begin an Auxiliary during the next year.

Christians have no alternative—they must be at work!

Respectfully submitted,

Travelers Rest Church

COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

We your Committee on Stewardship find that only 53% of our churches support the cooperative program according to the last minute. We also find in our minutes that Free Will Baptists believe that all scripture is inspired both old and new Testament. We find in Malachi 3:10 that we're to bring our tithes into the house of the Lord. We feel that if it's right for the individual to tithe then it's also right for the churches to tithe. United we can do more for God than any one church alone.

Since stewardship means more than money but also time and talents, we urge also that each person support the Lord's work with their time and talents.

We respectfully urge each church to support the following:

1. Our home church whatever the job might be, our time, talent or service.
2. Our Association, quarterly and annual meetings with our presence.
3. Our Cooperative program with at least 10% of our offerings.

Humbly submitted,

Lovewood Church

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We your Committee on Committees would like to make the following report:

1. Auxiliaries (Sunday School, League, Women's Auxiliaries, Masters Men) Sneads First F.W.B.
2. Education Hickory Grove
3. Finance Cedar Grove
4. Nominating New Hope
5. Obituary Holly Grove
6. Resolution Salem
7. Stewardship Pine Grove
8. Temperance Green Head

Rev. I. O. Cook

Bro. Sapp

Sis. Mildred Pelt

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We your Committee on Temperance wish to submit the following admonition:

T—emperance is habitual restraint and

E—very Christian is called upon to be temperate in all things as they strive for

M—astery in this life, and a crown of life to come.

P—arents teach your children restraint while they are young,

R—eason with your fellow Christians and with sinners

A—nd be thou an example of the believers in all things

N—ot forsaking the assembling of ourselves together while earnestly

C—ontending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

E—ven though we live in a world of evil temptation and hate, God's word promises that "when a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Prov. 16:7. This promise should call us to consecration and temperance which there is no law.

Respectfully submitted

Malone First F.W.B.

The Salem Sunday School Association convened with Lovewood Freewill Baptist Church, Sunday, April 29, 1961. Sunday Schools represented with letters and programs were Cypress Creek, Salem, Travelers Rest, Lovewood, Damascus, New Hope and Holly Grove. The Sunday School lesson devotion was given by Mrs. Alvin Howell from Lovewood Church. Damascus won the Bible for having 100%.

The Salem Sunday School Association met with Malone First Freewill Baptist Church, Sunday, October 29, 1961. Sunday Schools present with letters and programs were Damascus, Salem, Malone, Cypress Creek, Travelers Rest, Holly Grove, New Hope, and Abes Springs. Cypress Creek was presented the Bible.

Officers for the coming year were elected and they are: Bro. E. G. Suggs, President; Vice President, Bro. Harvey Ross; Secretary, Judy Hill.

The next Sunday School Conventions will be at Damascus Church April 29, 1962 and New Hope Freewill Baptist Church, September 29, 1962.

CYPRESS CREEK OBITUARY

On August 27, 1961 our Lord called from our midst Sister Ella Rudd. She was 76 years old, a faithful member of our church for 50 years.

On September 18, 1961, our Lord called Sister Annie Bell Grissitt. She will be missed by a host of relatives and friends. She was 46 years old.

Cypress Creek Church registers the loss of M. L. Melvin. He died May 15, 1961, age 55.

B. C. Pope, age 84, was called from our midst July 4, 1961. He will be greatly missed.

Humbly submitted
Cypress Creek Church

DAMASCUS CHURCH OBITUARY

On April 2, 1961 God called from us Sister Minnie Wright. She was loved by all. She was born November 16, 1880. She was a member of our church for a number of years. We miss her very much.

On June 4, 1961 God called Bro. Lewis Hill from us. He was conducting Sunday School when the Lord called him. He had served as Superintendent of Damascus Sunday School for 21 years. He was loved by all. He was born October 1889.

TRAVELERS REST CHURCH OBITUARY

On September 25, 1961, our Lord saw fit to call another of His own, our dearly beloved Brother John Wesley Parham, who was born February 26, 1882. He united with Travelers Rest Church many

years ago and was an earnest worker, serving as the church's clerk for a number of years—from the time that he was appointed until his health would no longer permit. To know him was to love him and in his passing his loved ones have lost a loving and consecrated father and companion. His church and community have lost a faithful worker, a loyal citizen, a true friend, and a spiritual leader. We express to the family our heartfelt sympathy and pray that we all may ever find ourselves submissive to His will.

Respectfully submitted,
Travelers Rest Church

CHRISTIAN HOME OBITUARY

Mr. Joseph E. Holley passed away on June 3, 1961. He was born on November 4, 1878 and was a life long resident of Calhoun County.

"Uncle Joe" as he was fondly known, had been a member of the Free Will Baptist Church for 52 years and served on the Board of Deacons for 15 years.

On November 21, 1909 Mr. Holly and the former Mozelle Wingate were married. To this union were born three children: Henry of Panama City, Fla., Ora Dell Gurka, Biloxi, Miss., and Lillie Joe Carraway of Dothan, Ala.

CHURCH

MEETING DAYS

Abes Springs	First and third Sunday and Sunday night
First F.W.B. Blountstown	Fourth Sat. night and Sun.
Cedar Grove	Second and Fourth Sunday
Christian Home	First and Third Sunday
Cottondale	Full time
Cypress Creek	First & Third Sun. (Sat. night before 3rd Sun.)
Damascus	Full time
Green Head	First and Third Sunday
Hickory Grove	Second and Fourth Sunday
Holly Grove	Second and Fourth Sunday
Lovewood	Full time
Malone	First and Third Sun.
Marvin Chapel	First and Third Sun.
Midway	Sat. night and Second Sunday
New Hope	First & Third Sun. (Sat. night before 3rd Sun.)
Pine Grove	Second and Fourth Sunday
Rocky Grove	Fourth Sunday
Salem	Second and Fourth Sun.
First F.W.B. Sneads	First and Third Sundays
Travelers Rest	Second and fourth Sun and Sat. night before

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. 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.

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.³

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; Psa. 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.

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

* 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.

* 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.'

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.'

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.