

MINUTES
OF THE
69th ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
Cypress Creek and Traveler's Rest
Churches

Oct. 2nd and 3rd, 1964
ALFORD AND ALTHA, FLORIDA

OFFICERS

Rev. Walter Eldridge Cottondale, Fla.
Rev. I. O. Cook Cypress, Fla.
Chester Cook Rt. 1, Altha, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sam Benton, J. B. Scott and J. R. Long

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Walter Eldridge, Rev. J. C. Watson, Rev. Daniel Pelt

MISSION BOARD

Rev. Walter Eldridge, Rev. I. O. Cook, Rev. H. D. Shoemake

The next session will convene with Marvin Chapel Church
of Marianna Friday, Oct. 1, 1965 and Holly Grove of Marianna,
Fla. Saturday, Oct. 2, 1965.

— CALENDAR OF EVENTS —

First Quarterly Meeting — Malone Jan. 2, 1965
Sunday School Conv. — Damascus Jan. 31, 1965
Second Quarterly Meeting — Salem April 3, 1965
Salem Women's Auxiliary Conv. — Christian Home May 1, 1965
Third Quarterly Meeting — Christian Home July 3, 1965
Sunday School Conv. — Malone August 29, 1965
Annual Association — Marvin Chapel Oct. 1, 1965
Holly Grove Oct. 2, 1965

ITEMS OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Divine Service.
2. Inviting visiting brothers to seats with us.
3. Doors of the church opened for membership.
4. Call for absentees.
5. Acknowledgments.
6. Reference or deferred business.
7. New matters of dealings.
8. Miscellaneous.

If anyone has any Salem Association Minutes dated before 1929 or any of the following dates, I would like to have them: 1930, 1931, 1935, 1941, 1942, 1945, 1946, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1957.

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

PROCEEDINGS

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

The Salem Association met with Cypress Creek Church, Friday, October 2, 1964.

Song service was led by Rev. J. E. Nichols, and prayer by Rev. J. B. Lovering.

Welcome was given by Bro. Charlie Morris. Response by Rev. Jim Pelt.

At this time the Moderator, Rev. Walter Eldridge, gave the opening address - Scripture 133 Psalms.

The Devotional was by Rev. H. D. Shoemake.

The Call was made for Corresponding letter and moved and seconded to seat Churches and Delegates.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

DAMASCUS - Gerald Hill, Wayne Hill.

LOVEWOOD - Mae Johnson, Lovie Johnson, Adele Morris.

GAP POND - D. C. Finch.

NEW HOPE - Ida Hart, Polly Bennett.

ABES SPRINGS - Jessie Roberts, Ivey Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. V. L. Blackburn.

TRAVELER'S REST - Mae Weeks, Collis Weeks, Ella Grantham, Nella Mae
Melvin, Jessie Sewell, Edith Dawson.

BLOUNTSTOWN - Raymond Coxwell, Eddie Crockern.

SALEM - Eunice Hendrix, Sallie Barnes, Jewell Ellerbee, George Hendrix.

PINE GROVE - Mattie Brackins, Viola Dutton, Myrtle Adams, Roxie Nichols.

HOLLY GROVE - Bonnie McClain, Josie Mitchel, Willie Mitchell.

SNEADS - Tramel Taylor.

MIDWAY - Mr. & Mrs. Zelma Pitts.

MARVIN CHAPEL - Mary Eiland, Janice Sullivan, Pauline Grant, Myrtle Sapp,
Audrey Eiland, Brenda Fort.

CYPRESS CREEK - Amy Sexton, Jerry Corbin, Doris Corbin.

CHRISTIAN HOME - Mr. & Mrs. O. F. Bracewell, Annie Belle Taylor,
Mozell Holly.

MALONE - Sam Benton, Walter Calloway, Lucy Jan Havell, Irene Addie.

CEDAR GROVE - B. B. Thompson, Mae Thompson.

FAITH F.W.B. - Mary E. Shoemake, Burlie Freeman.

COTTONDALE - Evelyn Brannon, Sadie Peacock.

HICKORY GROVE - Joe Dickens, Cleveland Ditty, Claudice Ditty, G. W.
Hatcher, J. W. D. Stephens.

Called for visitors from other Associations - Union Association - Rev.
W. G. Turner.

Called for visitors from other denominations - The body welcomed Rev.
B. C. Givins from First Baptist Church, Round Lake.

Rev. A. H. Howell from Liberty Association was also present.

At the eleven o'clock hour, the message was brought by Rev. C. A. Williams, Colquit, Georgia, pastor of Traveler's Rest Church. His Scripture was Job 34th Chapter.

Due to inclement weather, the Treasurer made his report and Holly Grove church made their report on Education. These reports were made before lunch.

The congregation was dismissed for lunch which was served by the host church.

Afternoon Session

The song service was led by Rev. J. E. Nichols and the devotional was by Rev. Burner, Pastor of Holly Grove Church, his scripture being Acts, Chapter 2.

The Moderator declared the Association in order for business and it was moved that the By-Laws be amended so that the Moderator be Chairman of the Executive Committee. He shall see that all action taken by this body is carried out unless otherwise designated.

At this time an offering was taken for Home Missions with \$27.84 being received.

It was moved to give Cypress Creek a vote of thanks for the splendid way they entertained the body

The session was adjourned to meet at Traveler's Rest Church Saturday morning October 3rd.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 3, 1964

The Salem Association in Session with Traveler's Rest Church.

The congregation was led in song service by Bro. C. L. Cook, with prayer led by Rev. W. H. Horn. The welcome was given by Rev. J. E. Nichols and the Response by Bro. Edward Baxter. The Devotional was given by Rev. James C. Pelt, his Scripture being Mark 10:45.

The Moderator asked Rev. J. O. Cook, the Vice Moderator, to take his place at this mornings session.

Called for letters I received Hickory Grove. Visitors, Liberty, Rev. Millard Sasser.

It was moved, seconded and carried to take Amendment Number 1 off the Table.

Called for report on Stewardship by Sneads Church. (see report).

After song and prayer service, Rev. Millard Sasser brought the eleven o'clock message using Scripture Rev. 2:1.

Adjourned for lunch served by host church.

Afternoon Session

Song service was led by Rev. Madison Taylor and the devotional was given by Rev. Harvey Ross, his Scripture being Matthew 13:24.

Called for Finance Committee Report by Holly Grove Church (see report).

Called for Report on Nominations by Salem Church (see report).
 Called for Report of Auxiliaries by Christian Home Church (see report).
 Called for Report on Resolutions by Hickory Grove Church (see report).
 An offering was taken for Home Missions and \$33.21 was received.
 Called for Report on Temperance by New Hope Church (see report).
 Called for Report of Mission Board (see report).
 Called for Report of Committee on Committies.

It was moved that the churches entertaining the Quarterly meetings be responsible for the registering of delegates at each meeting and furnish a ribbon for delegates, ministers and deacons. It was also moved that the proceedings of the Quarterly meetings, in condensed form, be put in the Minutes. It was moved that the Clerk be paid \$40.00 instead of \$25.00.

At this time the Delegates to the State Association were appointed:
 Sister Minnie Lee Sexton, Bro. O. F. Bracewell, Bro. J. E. Hitchcock,
 Sister Ella Grantham, Sister Nella Mae Melvin.

Delegates to other Associations were:

State Line Association - Rev. J. C. Watson, Rev. M. L. Taylor.

Liberty Association - Rev. I. O. Cook, Rev. J. C. Watson.

Martin Association, Rev. J. E. Nichols.

After a vote of thanks to Traveler's Rest Church for their hospitality,
 so ended the 69th Annual Association of the Salem Association.

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

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

A. J. CARR-----	Grand Ridge, Fla.
M. H. TAYLOR-----	Dothan, Ala.
WALTER ELDRIDGE-----	Cottdale, Fla.
JAMES W. ROBERTS-----	Marianna, Fla., Route 3
J. C. WATSON-----	Marianna, Fla.
I. O. COOK-----	Cypress, Fla.
J. E. NICHOLS-----	Altha, Fla.
D. F. PELT-----	Grand Ridge, Fla.
JAMES C. PELT-----	Blountstown, Fla.
H. D. SHOEMAKE-----	Marianna, Fla.
CHESTER H. PELT-----	Marianna, Fla.

LICENSED MINISTERS

C. L. NEWSOME-----	Panama City, Fla.
GENE DEAN-----	Blountstown, Fla.
DONALD HANNA-----	Petersburg, Va.
HARVEY ROSS-----	Marianna, Fla.
RICHARD WALLER-----	Marianna, Fla.

GREETINGS FROM SALEM SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Salem Sunday School Convention convened with Cypress Creek Free Will Baptist Church March 29, 1964. There were six churches represented.

On August 30, 1964, the Salem Sunday School Convention met at Salem Free Will Baptist Church. There were nine churches represented.

The churches receiving Bibles this year were Cypress Creek, Damascus, and New Hope.

The next Convention will be held at Damascus on the first fifth Sunday in 1965 and at Malone the third fifth Sunday in 1965.

Jimmy Cloud, President
Judy Hill, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE F. W. B. CHILDREN'S HOME FOR 1963

Clothing, Food and Cash.

Hickory Grove-----	\$ 24.00
New Hope-----	13.60
Sneads-----	145.20
Cottdale-----	25.00
Marvin Chapel-----	14.00
Malone-----	35.00
Holly Grove-----	78.00
Damascus-----	51.00
Salem-----	30.50
Abe Spring-----	10.00
Traveler's Rest-----	20.00
Total	<u>\$422.30</u>

I want to thank every one who has had any part in making this trip a success. Thanks to Mr. Phillips, Manager of Holmes County Milling Company for furnishing a truck. Also Bro. W. E. George for his friendly spirit. Pray much for the staff and home.

Rev. I. O. Cook

MISSION BOARD REPORT

We, the Mission Board, make the following report:

We had a very good Mission Conference, although we did not receive the cooperation from all churches we feel we should, neither was the offering as good as this Association was capable of doing.

We recommend this Association sponsor another Mission Conference in the coming year, date to be set by Mission Board as can be arranged with the Missionary.

Salem Mission Board

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SALEM MISSION BOARD
Rev. D. W. Poole
Rev. Walter Eldridge
Rev. I. O. Cook.

COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

We the Committee on Stewardship believe each individual should give tithes according to what God has blessed him with, and each Christian should seek prayerfully his calling and apply himself to that particular field.

It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Therefore, it is our duty as Christians to support the cause of Christ with our time, and talents and material blessings.

First F. W. B. of Sneads.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received for Association-----	\$143.00
Received for Cooperative-----	282.31
Received for Foreign Mission Offering-----	143.04
Received for Home Missions-----	12.50
Received for Bible College-----	15.00
Received for Youth Camp-----	15.00
Received for Childrens Home-----	23.71
Received for Superannuation-----	7.00
Home Mission Offering-----	60.95
Total	<u>\$702.51</u>

Marvin Chapel Church

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Finance-----	Marvin Chapel
Auxiliary-----	Hickory Grove
Obituary-----	Damascus
Education-----	Salem
Nominations-----	Malone
Resolutions-----	Sneads
Stewardship-----	Faith F. W. B.
Temperance-----	Abe Springs

Rev. H. D. Shoemaker
W. F. Ditty
C. L. Cook

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Temperance, make the following report - that we urge all of our churches to take a firm stand against intoxication of any strong drink. We suggest that any member that be overtaken in strong drink be dealt with according to the Holy Scripture.

New Hope Church

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following report:

We want to urge our churches to study the Bible more in order that we might be able to separate the truth of God's Word. James 1:5 states: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not and it shall be given him." Therefore, let us ask God to give us understanding of His Blessed Word.

Let us go all out for our Sunday School Leagues and other Auxiliaries trying to teach our young folks about Jesus.

Holly Grove Church.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUXILIARIES

We, the Committee on Auxiliaries, make the following report:

Number of Churches reporting-----	20
Number of Churches with Sunday School-----	14
Number of Churches with Leagues-----	10
Number of Churches with Woman's Auxiliary-----	6
Number of Churches with G. T. A.-----	1
Number of Churches with Y. P. A.-----	3
Number of Churches with Prayer Meeting-----	8
Number of Churches with Masters Men-----	1

We wish to commend each Church on their splendid work in these auxiliaries and would encourage them to do greater service through the work of these auxiliaries. May each Church see the need for strong auxiliaries and resolve to organize new ones where needed.

Christian Home Church

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that all prospective ministers who become members of this Association shall be required to appear before the Ordaining Council for an examination. After said examination, the Council shall make its recommendation to the Association.

When a minister has been so examined and endorsed by a vote of the Association, he shall have all rights and privileges of the Association.

Be it resolved that the Association furnish each minister within the Association, who is in good standing, a card of recommendation.

Be it further resolved that our Association program be planned by a Committee consisting of one member from each Church entertaining the Session along with the Moderator and Clerk.

Be it resolved that all Churches report the names of the deceased members.

Hickory Grove Church.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OCTOBER 2, 1964

Balance in treasury October 4, 1963 -----	\$ 152.64
Received from Committee and October, November, December-----	605.13
Received from First Quarter-----	726.02
Received from Second Quarter-----	539.30
Received from Third Quarter-----	616.56
Total	<u>\$2,639.65</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid Moderator -----	\$ 25.00
Paid Clerk -----	25.00
State Delegate Fee-----	20.00
Houston Printing Company-----	200.00
Pine Grove-----	21.65
Faith F. W. B.-----	21.65
MR&R Trucking Company-----	3.68
Rev. H. D. Shoemake-----	60.00
Postage-----	6.50
State Treasurer-----	<u>2,038.14</u>
Balance in Treasury October 2, 1964-----	\$ 216.73

Chester L. Cook, Clerk
Route 1, Box 192
Altha, Fla., 32421

OBITUARY REPORT

It is with the deepest regret that we your Obituary Committee report that God has taken from our midst twelve brothers and sisters since the last Association.

They are as follows:

Travelers Rest-----	1
New Hope-----	2
Malone-----	1
Holly Grove-----	1
Abes Springs-----	1
Christian Home-----	1
Hickory Grove-----	4
Marvin Chapel-----	1
Damascus-----	1
Total	<u>13</u>

Our loss has been Heavens gain.

Humbly submitted,
Midway Church.

TRAVELER'S REST CHURCH OBITUARY

In October 1964, God in His infinite wisdom, saw fit to call from our midst our beloved brother and servant, Reverend Rufus Hyman.

Brother Hyman was a faithful servant in the Lord's Work and a spiritual inspiration to those about him. During his years of ministry, he was pastor of many different churches.

We are unable to give his complete obituary, but we, Travelers Rest Church, whom he pastored at two different intervals, feel that there are many others whose hearts are also saddened by the loss of such a loyal laborer. We feel confident that our loss is Heavens gain.

Travelers Rest Church

NEW HOPE CHURCH OBITUARY

God saw fit to call Bro. Jerry Greer from our midst on August 30, 1964.

He was a member of New Hope Free Will Baptist Church; for about four years he was a pianist.

He was a good and faithful member.

We express sympathy to his kin.

New Hope Church

MALONE CHURCH OBITUARY

On August 12, 1964, our Lord saw fit to call another of his own, Brother Walter Jackson Bush. He was born December 14, 1899. He was one of the first

to unite with Malone Church when it was organized. In his passing his loved ones have lost a Consecrated father and companion. He will always be remembered and missed by his Church and many friends. We express to the family our heartfelt sympathy and pray that we all may ever find ourselves submissive to His will.

Malone Church.

CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH OBITUARY

On November 13, 1963 God called from our midst, Sister Lena Lee. She had been a member of Christian Home Church for many years. She left behind a large family and a host of friends.

Christian Home Church.

ABES SPRINGS CHURCH OBITUARY ABE SPRINGS CHURCH OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we have to report that our Lord saw fit to call from our midst our dearly beloved Bro. J. A. Sumner. He was a deacon and prominent and an ardent supporter of church work.

He was a member and attended Abes Springs Church over 40 years. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Abes Springs Church.

DAMASCUS CHURCH OBITUARY

On December 21, 1963 God called from us Bro. William Henry Carlton. He was born April 2, 1872.

Damascus Church.

NEW HOPE CHURCH OBITUARY

Mr. William Davis Glisson. It is with deep regret that we have to report that our Lord saw fit to call from our midst our beloved Bro. William Davis Glisson. Bro. Glisson was an active member for a good many years, but for a number of years he had been unable physically to do any going about. He is missed by all who knew him.

New Hope Church.

HOLLY GROVE CHURCH OBITUARY HOLLY GROVE CHURCH OBITUARY

We lost from our midst, Bro. S. E. Coullitte March 12, 1964.

Holly Grove Church.

MARVIN CHAPEL OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we have to report that our Lord called our dear Bro. Huey Ingram. Bro. Ingram was a retired deacon and a faithful member of our church for a number of years.

Although he was physically unable to attend regularly in his later days, his firmness of faith was strengthening and a great blessing to all who knew him. He will be missed by a host of relatives and friends.

Marvin Chapel.

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH OBITUARY

Names of deceased members of Hickory Grove Church are:

Pinky Ross
Cynthia Holloway

James I. Ditty
Coy B. Green.

Hickory Grove Church.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

FIRST QUARTER

January 4, 1964, the Salem quarterly met with the First F. W. B. Church of Sneads and there were 13 churches represented with 34 delegates present.

The Churches and Delegates were seated as usual. There were 14 Ministers and 10 Deacons present.

The Devotional was brought by the Rev. H. D. Shoemake and at the eleven o'clock hour the message was brought by the Rev. Wayne Hicks. The body was then dismissed for lunch which was served by the host church.

At 1:30 PM the body was called to order by the Moderator.

The Moderator, Rev. I. O. Cook, gave a report of the Thanksgiving offering for the Childrens Home (see report). The Mission Board made a move that the Association take an offering each time it meets, the offering to be used for missions in the Salem Association and that ten percent of all Home Mission money be kept in the treasury for this purpose.

SECOND QUARTER

The Salem quarterly met April 4, 1964 with Damascus Church. There were 15 Churches present with 39 delegates. There were 12 Ministers present. All churches, delegates and ministers were seated.

At the eleven o'clock hour, Bro. W. E. George brought the message of the morning, using the 4th Chapter of James. His subject was "What Is Your Life? Lunch was served by the host church.

Afternoon service: After song service and prayer, the Moderator asked that the Clerk read Number 12 of the Constitution and that the Clerk write all

churches that are not living up to this to try and get their pastor to attend the Session of the Association.

The question of the Green Head Church Property was discussed and there was a Committee appointed to report at the next session.

THIRD QUARTER

On July 4, 1964, the Salem quarterly met with Pine Grove Church. Fater song and prayer, the Devotional was brought by Rev. I. O. Cook. Welcome by Rev. J. C. Watson. The Clerk reported that there were 14 Churches with 31 delegates present. There were 13 ministers present.

A move was made and seconded to seat the Churches and delegates.

At this time a call for petitionary letters was made. Received Faith F. W. B. of 1035 W. Lafayette Street, Marianna, Florida, which was received and seated; the eleven o'clock message was brought by Rev. D. W. Poole who used Romans, Chapter 13. Lunch was served by the host church.

Afternoon Service: The body reassembled and business was taken up and offering was received in the amount of \$43.30 and there was a move to divide the offering between Pine Grove and Faith F. W. B.

There was a move that the name of Green Head be taken off the list of churches of the Salem Association and that this Association give up any claim that this body might have over this property, and declare itself not responsible for liability. At this time a move was made to give Pine Grove Church a vote of thanks for the fine way they had taken care of the Session.

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, Hickory Grove, Pine Grove, Rocky Grove, Holly Grove, Lovewood, Marvin Chapel, Midway, New Hope, Oak 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 AM, before the first Sunday in each quarter with the exception of the fourth (4) quarter. The fourth session in each year will meet on Friday and Saturday before the first (1st) Sunday in October. This particular session shall be known as the annual meeting of the Association, and all annual letters, reports and matters affecting the year's work shall be received in this session.

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

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

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

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

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

BY-LAWS

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

(A) The Moderator shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

(B) He shall see that all action taken by this body is carried out, unless otherwise designated by the Association.

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 this 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 to 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. This body will not retain fellowship with any church in this Association who retains a pastor or Deacon who has more than one living wife or any pastor who is married to a woman with two living husbands.

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

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

TREATISE

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

CHAPTER I

The Holy Scriptures

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

CHAPTER II

Being and Attributes of God

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

¹ Deut. 6:4, The Lord our God is one Lord. 1 Cor. 8:4, There is none other God but one. Jer. 10:10, But the Lord is the true God, he is the living God. John 7:28; 2 Cor. 1:18; 1 John 5:20; 1 Tim. 6:17.

² John 4:24, God is a Spirit. 2 Cor. 3:17.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER III.

Divine Government and Providence

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER IV

Creation, Primitive State of Man, and His Fall

Section I.—Creation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section II.—Primitive Man, and His Fall

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCHES	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	CLERKS & ADDRESSES	Rec'd by Baptism	Other Ways	Dismissed by Letter	Dead	Total Membership	Paid Evangelist	Cooperative	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Childrens Home	Education	Youth Camp	Value of Church Property
ABES SPRINGS	C. L. Williams Colquitt, Ga.	V. L. Blackburn Blountstown, Fla.		2		1	60	75.00	77.02		30.50	10.00			1,500.00
BLOUNTSTOWN FIRST	J. E. Nichols Route 1, Altha, Fla.	Myrtle Coxwell Blountstown					20	60.00							5,000.00
CEDAR GROVE	John Carr Grand Ridge, Fla.	B. B. Thompson Bascom, Fla.					12								3,000.00
CHRISTIAN HOME	James Pelt Blountstown, Fla.	Falk Clark Box 163, Blountstown	7	1		1	183	125.00		100.00			236.00	10.00	40,000.00 Parsonage 10,000.00
COTTONDALE FIRST	M. H. Taylor Dothan, Ala.	Mary Addison Box 53, Cottondale		2	10		65			32.00	9.00	25.00		10.00	30,000.00
CYPRESS CREEK	J. E. Nichols Route 1, Altha, Fla.	Beatrice Kent Rt. 1, Box 90, Cottondale	2				52	60.00							5,000.00
DAMASCUS	John M. Rich Chipley, Fla.	Earl Hill Rt. 4, Box 315, Marianna	4	1	2	1	69	120.40	71.09		229.16	51.00		25.00	5,000.00
GAP POND	J. C. Watson Marianna, Fla.	Minnie F. Finch Rt. 4, Box 258, Chipley	1				19	20.00							5,000.00
HICKORY GROVE	Chester Pelt Marianna, Fla.	J. W. D. Stephens Bascom, Fla.				4	148	100.00		151.43		86.00	120.00		12,000.00
HOLLY GROVE	W. G. Turner Cairo, Ga.	Bonnie Hewett 508 2nd Ave., Marianna	3		2	1	76	80.00	58.55			96.00			5,000.00
LOVEWOOD	J. M. Holland Rt. 4, Bonifay	Mae Johnson Rt. 1, Box 17, Cottondale		1	7	3	52	75.00	50.05			77.17			8,000.00
MALONE FIRST	W. W. Hall 1203 Zigar, Dothan	Sam Benton Box 15, Malone			4	1	72	150.00	271.17	64.48	17.65		60.00		7,500.00
MARVIN CHAPEL	J. B. Lovernig Rt 1, Marianna	Audrey Eiland Rt 1, Box 54, Marianna	5	1	1	1	98	215.00	240.00			60.00	60.00	60.00	10,000.00
MIDWAY	J. E. Nichols Rt. 1, Altha	Zelma R. Pitts Rt. 1, Box 255, Marianna			1		25	45.35		2.00	2.00	2.00		2.00	2,100.00
NEW HOPE	W. H. Horn Rt. 2, Box 213 Donaldsonville, Fla.	Mildridge Mears Rt. 2, Box 66, Grand Ridge			4	1	42	27.50				14.60			5,500.00
PINE GROVE	J. C. Watson Marianna, Fla.	Myrtle Adams Rt. 2, Box 145, Blountstown, Fla	3	2			30	19.40							1,500.00
SALEM	W. E. George Bonifay, Fla.	Nellis Morris Rt. 2, Box 47, Cottondale			2		139	75.00			25.00				12,000.00
TRAVELER'S REST	C. A. Williams Colquitt, Ga.	Verlie Suggs Rt. 1, Box 219, Altha		1	1		103	75.00	124.38	153.00	135.02	25.00			10,000.00
SNEADS FIRST		Franklin Nelson Sneads, Fla.	6	4			58	150.00	80.00	50.00	110.00	90.00			10,400.00
FAITH F. W. B.	H. D. Shoemake 1035 W. Lafayette Marianna	Eulene Brogdon 214 Edgewood Dr. Marianna		20			20		86.01						200.00
Total	20		31	35	34	14	1,316	1,472.65	927.01	388.43	1,040.68	536.77	476.00	107.00	\$188,300.00

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.

* 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.

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

* 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.

* 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.

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

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

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

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

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

* 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.

* 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. Psal. 51:17; Prov. 28:13, He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them, shall have mercy. Psal. 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. Psal. 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,⁷ and a partaking of the divine nature.²

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER XII

Justification and Sanctification

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER XIII

Perseverance of the Saints

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER XIV

The Sabbath

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER XVIII

Ordinances of the Gospel

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. Washing the Saint's 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.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.