

MINUTES
OF THE
71st ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
Damascus and Travelers Rest Churches
September 30th and October 1, 1965
Marianna and Altha, Florida

OFFICERS

Rev. Walter Eldridge, Moderator _____ Cottondale, Fla.
Rev. J. C. Watson, Vice-Moderator _____ Marianna, Fla.
Chester L. Cook, Clerk _____ Altha, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Harvey Ross, Bro. G. B. Scott, and Bro. J. R. Long

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. M. H. Taylor, Rev. James Pelt, and Rev. Daniel Pelt

MISSION BOARD

Rev. J. C. Watson, Rev. Walter Eldridge, and Rev. James Pelt

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

Earl Hill 1971, C. L. Cook 1970, Harvey Ross 1969, M. L. Taylor 1968,
Franklin Chafin 1967.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

J. E. Nichols 1971, Chester Pelt 1970, John Phillips 1969,
W. F. McDuffy 1968, J. B. Lovering 1967.

The next session will convene with Sneads Church, Sneads,
Florida, Friday September 29, 1967 and Pine Grove Church, Blounts-
town, Florida, September 30, 1967.

PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy-first Annual Session of the Salem Free Will Baptist Association.

The Salem Free Will Baptist Association met with Damascus Church, Friday September 30, 1966.

Rev. John M. Rich led the opening song service and Rev. J. B. Lovering led in prayer.

A welcome was extended to those present by the pastor of the host church. The morning devotional was brought by Rev. Donald Walsingham, using as his Scripture Timothy 2:2. At this time the Moderator read from Acts 11 and Acts 15:35 - 18:11.

Visitors from other Associations were recognized; Rev. Leo Curtis from State Line Association, Rev. Edd Cook from Liberty Association, also Rev. Wandell Wally and Bro. Ernest Owen.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was called for - their report being that 18 churches were represented with 22 delegates, 13 ministers and 18 deacons present.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

HOLLY GROVE - Sisters Bonnie Hewett, and Mrs. T. J. McClain.

MARVIN CHAPEL - Sisters Mrs. Myrtle Sapp, and Mrs. Frances Wright, Mrs. Arlie Johnson, Mrs. Pauline Grant, Mrs. Audrey Eiland and Miss Mary Eiland.

GAP POND - Sister Mrs. Bena Finch and Bro. D. C. Finch.

COTTONDALE - Sisters Evelyn Brannon and Mary Addison.

DAMASCUS - Bros. Olan Rehberg, Hubert Padgett, and Sisters Mrs. Olan Rehberg, Mrs. Minnie Lee Sexton, and Mrs. Earl Hill.

PINE GROVE - Sisters Salie Adams and Myrtle Adams.

CYPRESS CREEK - Bros. George Barnes, Jerry Corbin, and Sister Alma Morris.

FAITH - Bro. B. L. Freeman, and Sister Annie Jarmon.

TRAVELER'S REST - Sisters Vander Shiver, Jewell Shiver, Ruth Nichols, Ella Grantham, Minnie Melvin.

CHRISTIAN HOME - Sisters Lovie Burkett, Viola Bridges, Mag Bracewell and Falfa Clark.

SNEADS - Bro. Walter Lamb, and Sister Mrs. Walter Lamb.

MALONE - Sisters Lillian Rodgers, Ruby Benton and Clarice Long.

CEDAR GROVE - Bro. David K. Collins, and Rev. A. J. Carr.

HICKORY GROVE - Bro. Joseph Johnson, Sister Neta Johnson, Bro. G. W. Hatcher, Bro. J. D. King, Bro. Walter Baxter, Bro. Jimmy Ditty, Sisters Claudice Ditty and Celeta Ditty, and Sister Vaudine King.
MIDWAY - Sister Zelma R. Pitts.
SALEM - Sisters Jewell Ellerbee, Katie Powell, and Nellie Morris.
LOVEWOOD - Sisters Ruth Holland, Adele Morris, and Mae Johnson.
ABES SPRINGS - Bros. Ander Keel, V. L. Blackburn, and Sister Lois Blackburn.
NEW HOPE - Sisters Ida Hart and Dolly Bennett.
BLOUNTSTOWN - Sister Ruby Barefield.

Business was called off at this time for the eleven o'clock message. After congregational singing and prayer by Rev. Leo Curtis, the Moderator Rev. John M. Rich introduced the speaker of the hour Rev. Windell Wally, who used as his Scripture 1 Peter 1:18, 2:1-9.

Bro. Ernest Owen dismissed the congregation for lunch.

Afternoon Session

After congregational singing and prayer by Rev. M. L. Taylor, the devotional was brought by Rev. Edd Cook who used as his Scripture Prov. 2:26.

Rev. Wendall Wally made the announcement that Rev. Freeman Edwards had suffered a heart attack and asked for special prayer for him.

Bro. Ernest Owen gave the Association a challenge on the Bible College and on Christian education.

The report of Committee on Resolutions by Traveler's Rest Church was called for. It was moved to table this report until tomorrow.

Treasurer, Bro. Chester Cook, made his report and it was adopted (see report).

The report on Education by Holly Grove Church was made and accepted (see report).

It was moved and carried to give Damascus Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

The first days session was adjourned to meet with Traveler's Rest Church Saturday at ten o'clock.

The Salem Free Will Baptist Association met with Traveler's Rest Church Saturday October 1, 1966.

After congregational singing, the welcome address was given by the host church pastor, Rev. C. A. Williams. The response was given by Bro. W. W. Eiland.

Visitors were recognized, among them being Rev. J. A. Nichols, Missionary Baptist Minister from Panama City, Florida, and Dr. L. C. Johnson, President of Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee.

It was moved that the Credential Committee report be received (see report).

The Report on Auxiliaries was given by Christian Home Church (see report).

Abes Springs Church gave the Report on Stewardship (see report).

At this time, Dr. L. C. Johnson made a report on the new building program at the Bible College.

Dr. L. C. Johnson brought the eleven o'clock message, giving the body a challenge on Christian Education. His scripture being the 8th Psalm.

An offering was taken for the Bible College and \$96.25 was received.

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

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened with the singing of Amazing Grace. Prayer was led by Rev. M. L. Taylor, The devotional was brought by Rev. C. H. Pelt and he used as his Scripture John 3:16.

At this time the Moderator called for the Report on Temperance which was given by Faith Church (see report).

Marvin Chapel church gave the Report on Finance (see report).

The Report of the Ordaining Council was given by Rev. Jim Pelt.

A request was made by the Holly Grove Church for the ordination of Bro. Harvey Ross.

The Report of the Mission Board was given (see report).

A call was made for the Report of Committee on Nominations which was given by Salem Church (see report).

It was moved that the Amendment about Article II of the Constitution be taken from the table. The vote was 9-34 to amend (see report).

A move was made to give the host church, Traveler's Rest, a rising vote of thanks.

So ended the Seventy-first Annual session of the Salem Free Will Baptist Association.

Rev. Walter Eldgridge, Moderator.
Bro. Chester L. Cook, Secretary.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

James C. Pelt	Route 1, Box 256, Blountstown, Fla.
Daniel F. Pelt	Grand Ridge, Florida
Chester H. Pelt	Marianna, Florida
James E. Nichols	Route 1, Altha, Florida
H. D. Shuemaker	Marianna, Florida
Walter Eldridge	Cottontale, Florida
J. W. Roberts	Cypress, Florida
J. M. Holland	Route 4, Bonifay, Florida
A. J. Carr	Grand Ridge, Florida
J. C. Watson	Marianna, Florida
M. L. Taylor	Dothan, Alabama
Harvey Ross	Marianna, Florida
Pete Allen	Marianna, Florida
Donald Hanna	Nashville, Tennessee

LINCENSED MINISTERS

C. L. Newsome	Panama City, Florida
Gene Dean	Blountstown, Florida

GREETINGS FROM SALEM
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Salem Sunday School Convention convened with Cypress Creek Free Will Baptist Church January 30, 1966. There were five churches represented.

Wayne Hill was elected as the new Vice President.

On July 31, 1966 the Salem Sunday School Convention met at New Hope Free Will Baptist Church. There were nine churches represented.

The next convention will be held at Damascus on the first fifth Sunday in 1967 and at Malone Free Will Baptist Church on the third fifth Sunday in 1967.

Cecil Powell, President
Myra Jean Phillips, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that Article II of the Constitution and By-Laws be amended to read as follows: Ministers from sister associations who are serving churches in this association shall have the right to make suggestions, but the voting right shall be reserved for the delegates of the Salem Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Traveler's Rest Church Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We the Committee on Education submit the following report:

We want to continue to urge every pastor and leader in our Free Will Baptist Association to teach the Free Will Doctrine more. There are many members who do not know its meaning. This is especially true of our younger generation and it is vital that they be taught because they are the church leaders of tomorrow.

We urge each member to take every advantage possible in subscribing to and reading our Free Will Baptist papers, such as Contact, Heartbeat, Co-Laborers and others.

We recommend that every one obtain a copy of the Free Will Baptist treaties and to study it carefully.

It is our duty to study the Bible and teach God's Word to our children, especially now that public prayer in school is no longer allowed.

"I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work." John 9:4.

Therefore, let us each do our part in keeping God's words alive in the hearts and minds of young and old.

Holly Grove Church.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OCTOBER 1, 1966

Amount in Treasury October 2, 1965-----	\$ 438.42
Received October, November and December 1965 -----	854.42
Received January, February and March 1966 -----	654.60
Received April, May and June 1966 -----	651.32
Received July, August and September 1966 -----	756.95
Total Year	<u>\$3,355.71</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Mrs. T. Sullivan -----	\$ 27.00
Moderator -----	25.00
Clerk -----	40.00
Bible College -----	119.19
Children's Home -----	14.00
Houston Printing Company -----	230.00
Clendinens Store (Bible) -----	37.44
Postage and Stationery -----	650.00
Randall's Book Store -----	3.05
State Treasurer -----	<u>2,338.14</u>
Total Year	<u>\$2,840.32</u>

Balance in treasury October 1, 1966-----	\$ 515.69
Of this balance, this amount is due for Home Missions--	244.73
In Treasury for Association Expense -----	270.96

Chester L. Cook, Treasurer
Route 1, Box 192
Altha, Florida 32421

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUXILIARIES

We your Committee on Auxiliaries make the following report:

Number of churches reporting -----	20
Number of Sunday Schools -----	13
Number of Leagues or C. T. S. -----	8
Number of Women's Auxiliaries -----	6
Number of G. T. A. -----	1
Number of Y. P. A. -----	1

Christian Home Church.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We the Nominating Committee make the following report:

Ordaining Council to replace Rev. H. D. Shuemaker with Rev. Madison Taylor.

Mission Board to replace Rev. H. D. Shuemaker with Rev. J. C. Watson.

Church Extension Board to replace Rev. H. D. Shuemaker with Bro. Chester L. Cook.

Christian Education Board: Rev. J. E. Nichols (1971), and Bro. John Phillips (1969) replacing Rev. John M. Rich.

Nominating Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The Salem Free Will Baptist Association will convene at the following churches:

First Quarterly Meeting -----	Salem
Second Quarterly Meeting -----	Midway
Third Quarterly Meeting -----	Abes Springs
Annual Association - first day ----	Sneads
Annual Association - second day --	Pine Grove

Finance -----	Marvin Chapel
Auxiliary -----	Christian Home
Obituary -----	Damascus
Education -----	Sneads
Nominations -----	Traveler's Rest
Resolutions -----	Faith
Stewardship -----	Salem
Temperance -----	Holly Grove

Respectfully Submitted,
Salem Free Will Baptist Church.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We the Ordaining Council make the following report:

We ordained two deacons: one at Marvin Chapel, and one at Holly Grove Church.

We ordained two ministers; Donald Hanna, Nashville, Tennessee and Pete Allen, Marianna, Florida.

Respectfully submitted.
Ordaining Council.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Faith Free Will Baptist Church of Marianna respectfully submit the following report: We are temperate and believing that all other churches are temperate, may we continue to be so.

Respectfully submitted,
Faith Church.

COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

By comparing what we were by nature with what we are by grace, He declareth we are for good works.

By this good works, your Stewardship Committee believes all christians and all churches should tithe.

We see by last years records that all churches did not tithe. We also think of Hebrew 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another and much the more as you see the day approaching."

We, as christians, should let our unsaved friends see us with our Bible on the way to church each Lord's Day.

Abes Springs Church.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee, see that God is still gathering His saints from our midst. We rejoice over the fact that through faith in God we can meet again. We find that seven have passed from our midst in the past year. They are as follows:

Christian Home -----	Charles Edward Clark
	Mrs. Bulah Kent
	Mrs. Lillie Holly

Traveler's Rest -----	Mrs. Mattie Belle Suggs Mrs. Hattie Smith
Abes Springs -----	Mrs. Mattie Blackburn
Gap Pond -----	Sister Ueanette Griffin
Damascus -----	Mrs. Annie Mae Cloud
New Hope -----	Mrs. Adda Meryer

*Hickory Grove - Carson Betty
Ida Brexton Betty*

Respectfully submitted,
Sneads Church.

CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH OBITUARIES

CHARLES EDWARD (SONNY) CLARK.

It is with real sorrow and a great sense of loss that we record the passing of our dear brother and true friend, Sonny Clark. He made the supreme sacrifice by giving his life for his country July 9, 1966 while in combat service in Viet Nam.

He was so young and only 20 years of age, the only son of Mr. & Mrs. Selman Clark. He united with Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church at an early age and had been a loyal, faithful member ever since. He was always found in his place at every service, ready and willing to be of service. He loved his church and his friends and loved ones with all the strength of his soul.

His gentle, loving and refined disposition, the twinkle in his eye and his radiant smile will long be remembered by his friends and loved ones. He was much loved by all who knew him; he numbered his friends by his acquaintances. He will be missed, his passing is a great loss to his church and his community.

He is survived by his parents and one sister, Glenda Clark.

Funeral services were conducted in Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church with his pastor, Rev. James C. Pelt officiating, assisted by a former pastor of many years, Rev. Dan F. Pelt. Burial followed in Nettle Ridge Cemetery with Military Services.

We sincerely sympathize with his loved ones and pray that they may have the love and comfort of Him who doeth all things well.

"There is an open gate at the end of the way
Thru which each must go alone;
And there is a light we cannot see,
Our Father has claimed His own."

MRS. BULAH KENT

On August 4, 1966 God saw fit to call from our midst our dearly beloved sister, friend and neighbor Mrs. Bulah Kent. She was 78 years old and had been in declining health for quite some time.

Mrs. Kent, affectionately known as "Miss Bulah", was a faithful and loyal member of Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church, and had been since her early youth; always ready to do her duty in all things when she was able. Mrs. Kent was a true and devoted wife, a patient and loving mother and a kind friend to every one. She was loved and esteemed by all who knew her and it can truly be said of her, she was a Christian.

During her illness, the humble manner in which she bore her afflictions and sufferings was evidence of her faith in a Supreme God.

Her absence will be felt by all who knew her, but she has left a pleasant memory that will not fade, and her Christian influence will be felt as time passes on.

She was married to Mr. John Kent 58 years ago and 4 sons and 4 daughters blessed their home.

Funeral services were conducted in Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church with her pastor, Rev. James C. Pelt officiating, assisted by Rev. Hyman of Marianna. Burial followed in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

MRS. LILLIE (MOZELLE) HOLLEY

On March 1, 1966, Our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and mercy called our Sister, Lillie (Mozelle) Holley unto Himself to dwell in a home not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, where peace, joy and happiness will be her reward.

She was born January 14, 1893 in Georgia, but moved to Calhoun County as a small child and lived here all her life.

Sister Mozelle was a devoted wife, a loving mother, a true friend and a most faithful member of Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church. Always loyal in all her undertakings, and her life was a noble example of Christian living. She loved her church and was always ready and willing to be of service any way she could. In her passing, our church has lost one of its most loved members.

Sister Mozelle was also a loyal member of the Eastern Star. In her passing to the Grand Chapter on High, she left to her family and friends the memory of a beautiful Christian life of love, service and devotion.

Her husband, Mr. Joe Holley preceded her in death several years ago. This union was blessed with one son, Henry of Panama City, two daughters, Mrs. Ora Dell Gurka of Lake City and Mrs. Lillie Joe Caraway of Blountstown.

Funeral services were conducted at Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church with her pastor Rev. James C. Pelt officiating, assisted by Rev. Bill Georgia, and burial followed in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

NEW HOPE CHURCH OBITUARY

On June 7, 1966 our Lord saw fit to call from our midst Sister Ada Mercer. She had been a member of New Hope Church for a number of years. We miss her as she attended as regularly as her condition would permit.

She left a host of friends and relatives who miss her very much.

Respectfully submitted.
Mildridge Mears, Church Clerk.

DAMASCUS CHURCH OBITUARY

On April 24, 1966, the Lord called from our midst the dearly beloved Sister Annie Mae Cloud. She was born 74 years ago near the place where she died.

She dedicated her life to the Lord, and has been a life long member and worker in Damascus Church.

We at the Church, her family, and her many friends will miss her greatly. With hearts of love we say: A wonderful Mother has gone to her reward.

GAP POND CHURCH OBITUARY

On August 24, 1966 the Lord called from our midst Sister Vianetta Griffin, age 55. She left behind her family and a host of friends.

TRAVELER'S REST CHURCH OBITUARIES

On November 14, 1965, our Lord saw fit to call another of our sisters, Mrs. Mattie Belle Suggs, from the activities of this world. Prior to an extended illness, she was loyal to her church, always ready to lend a helping hand in whatever way she could.

She will be missed in many ways. We pray God's richest blessings on those left to mourn her death.

Besides her many friends and other close relatives, she left her husband, C. T. Suggs, two children, Mrs. Eunice Jernigan of Marianna, Florida, and Billy Suggs of Tampa, Florida, and two grandchildren.

Again on January 9, 1966, death's Angel knocked on our door and called away another of our beloved sisters, Mrs. Hettie Smith. Her death came as a shock to every one. Another loyal sister to church and community; one that was always willing and ready.

Again we ask the Master's blessings on those who are left to mourn her death.

In addition to her many friends and close relatives, she left four children. They are George Dewey, J. B., Mrs. Estelle Jones of Route 1, Altha, Florida, and Mrs. Valeta McFarlan of Montgomery, Alabama. Also fifteen grandchildren.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

FIRST QUARTER

The first quarterly meeting of the Salem Association met with Faith Free Will Baptist Church of Marianna, Florida.

The congregation was led in song service by the host church pastor, Rev. H. D. Shuemake. Prayer was by Bro. G. B. Scott. The welcome was given by Rev. H. D. Shuemake and the response by Rev. M. L. Taylor.

The devotional was brought by Rev. Billie Buster, using as Scripture Luke 2:49.

At this time the Moderator recognized the visitors. We had Rev. W. E. George from the Liberty Association, and Rev. Homer Willie the Promotion Secretary of the National Home Mission Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

The Moderator called for a report of the Credentials Committee. They reported 15 churches represented with 23 delegates, 13 ministers and 16 deacons present. It was moved, seconded and carried to seat the delegates.

At the eleven o'clock hour, Rev. Homer Willis brought the message and made a most encouraging report on our Home Mission work in the United States.

Lunch was served by the host church.

The afternoon devotional was brought by Rev. John M. Rich.

The Moderator called for the report of the Finance Committee.

There was a move and second and carried to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

It was moved to adjourn to meet at Salem on April 2, 1966.

Rev. Walter Eldridge,
Moderator.
Bro. Chester L. Cook,
Secretary.

SECOND QUARTER

The second quarterly meeting of the Salem Association met in session with Salem Free Will Baptist Church on April 2, 1966.

The host church was in charge of song service. Rev. W. E. George offered prayer. The welcome was brought by Bro. John Phillips and the response by Rev. John M. Rich.

Rev. J. C. Watson brought the devotional. The Moderator gave the visitors a welcome.

The Moderator called for the report of the Credentials Committee. The Committee reported that there were 16 churches represented with 26 delegates, 14 deacons and 22 visitors present.

It was moved that the churches and delegates be seated.

At this time, the Moderator asked the clerk to read the Constitution and By-Laws and at eleven o'clock the message was brought by Rev. H. D. Shuemaker. A Mission offering was received in the amount of \$22.45.

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

The afternoon devotional was brought by Rev. W. W. Hall, and he used as his Scripture Isaiah 2:12.

The Finance Committee made its report at this time and the same was received.

There was a move, seconded and carried that the churches who do not have Eddie Payes (Sandra Dawson) in their budget to please receive an offering each quarter for them as this is our responsibility to help finance them.

Rev. H. D. Shuemaker asked that he be released from the different commitments that he was on, as he was planning on leaving the Association. A rising vote of thanks was given the host church for the fine way they had taken care of the Association.

Rev. Walter Eldridge,
Moderator.
Bro. Chester L. Cook,
Secretary.

THIRD QUARTER

On July 2, 1966 the third quarterly meeting of the Salem Association met with Pine Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

After congregational singing, prayer was offered by Rev. C. L. Newsome. Bro. Harvey Ross brought the devotional, using as Scripture Psalm 133. The welcome was given by Bro. Cornelius Adams.

The Moderator called for the Credentials Committee Report. They reported 13 churches represented with 26 delegates, 12 ministers and 11 deacons present.

There was a move that the churches and delegates be seated.

Traveler's Rest Church requested that Rev. Donald Hanna be ordained as a minister. There was a request from Faith Church that Rev. Allen be ordained.

At eleven o'clock Rev. Billie Buster brought the message from the 16th Chapter of Matthew.

The congregation was dismissed for lunch which was served by Pine Grove Church.

At 1:30 the body was led in congregational singing by Hubert Potter and Rev. John Carr brought the devotional from the 3rd Chapter of Malachi.

The Moderator called for the Finance Committee Report.

At this time, the Ordaining Council proceeded to ordain Rev. Donald Hanna and Rev. Pete Allen.

It was moved that the Ordaining Council be given a 30 days notice when there is some one to be ordained. There was a move and second that the Council purchase a good Bible for each Minister that is ordained; the price not to be more than \$15.00 or \$20.00.

It was moved to give Pine Grove Church a rising vote of thanks.

Rev. Walter Eldridge,
Moderator.
Bro. Chester L. Cook,
Secretary.

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 the right to make suggestions, but the voting right shall be reserved for the delegates of the Salem Association.

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT SEPT. 30 & OCT 1, 1966

Name of Church	Assoc. Dues	Cooperative	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Children's Home	Education	Superannuation	Youth Camp	Total
Abes Springs	6.00	63.33							69.33
Bountstown	5.00								5.00
Cedar Grove	5.00								5.00
Christian Home	10.00			25.00 (Paynes)					35.00
Cottondale	4.00			25.00 (Paynes)					29.00
Cypress Creek	6.00								6.00
Damascus	7.00	112.89							119.89
Faith	5.00			22.71 (Wilkerson)					27.71
Gap Pond	10.00								10.00
Hickory Grove	12.00						6.00		18.00
Holly Grove	8.00								8.00
Lovewood	6.00	65.58							71.58
Malone	10.00	66.75		58.35 (Paynes)					135.10
Marvin Chapel	4.00	60.00			31.46	15.00		15.00	125.46
Midway	6.00				4.00	5.00			15.00
New Hope	4.00								4.00
Pine Grove	5.00						2.00		7.00
Salem	10.00								10.00
Sneads	12.00	61.00				96.25 Sp. Offering			73.00
Traveler's Rest	10.00	38.24		38.55 (Paynes)					76.79
Total	145.00	467.79	42.84 Sp. Offering	134.61	35.46	116.25	8.00	15.00	964.95

			Rec'd by Baptism	Other Ways	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Cooperative	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Children's Home	Education	Youth Camp	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonages
CHURCHES	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	CLERKS & ADDRESSES													
ABES SPRINGS	J. E. Nichols Route 1, Altha, Fla.	V. L. Blackburn, PO Box 736 Blountstown, Fla.	1	1	56	508.00	80.00	69.33	10.00		10.00			8,000.00	
BLOUNTSTOWN FIRST	J. C. Watson Marianna, Fla.				20									5,000.00	
CEDAR GROVE	A. J. Carr, Rt. 2, Box 148 Grand Ridge, Fla.	Mary Collins, Gen. Delivery Grand Ridge, Fla.												4,000.00	
CHRISTIAN HOME	James Pelt, Rt. 1, Box 256 B Blountstown, Fla.	Falfa Clark, PO Box 163 Blountstown, Fla.	7	5	185	4,257.50	125.00		50.00	50.00	164.17	240.00		50,000.00	10,000.00
COTTONDALE		Mary Addison, PO Box 57 Cottondale, Fla.			31	534.00	433.51							30,000.00	
CYPRESS CREEK	J. E. Nichols Altha, Fla.	Doris Corbin R. F.D. Chipley, Fla.			57	480.00	80.00							7,000.00	
DAMASCUS	John M. Rich Chipley, Fla.	Earl Hill, Rt. 4, Box 625 Marianna, Fla.			68	1,875.00	218.00	398.16	100.41	103.20	140.75			5,000.00	
GAP POND	J. C. Watson Marianna, Fla.	Frances Finch, Rt. 4, Box 258 Chipley, Fla.			18	120.75			4.00					5,000.00	
HICKORY GROVE	W. F. McDuffie Blakely, Ga.	J. W. D. Stephens Bascom, Fla.	2		144	1,010.00	116.00				60.00	185.00		20,000.00	
LOVEWOOD	J. M. Holland Rt. 4, Bonifay, Fla.	Mae Johnson, Rt. 1, Box 17 Cottondale, Fla.			71	1,170.00	100.00	176.70			29.07			8,000.00	
MALONE	Walter Eldridge Cottondale, Fla.	Thelma Gordin, PO Box 282 Malone Fla.			76	1,530.00	100.00	282.20	44.00	71.33	25.00	45.00	19.00	15,000.00	
MARVIN CHAPEL	J. B. Lovering Marianna, Fla.	Audrey Eiland, Rt. 1, Box 54 Marianna, Fla.			101	2,400.00	100.00	240.00			76.46	120.00		20,500.00	7,500.00
MIDWAY	A. J. Carr Grand Ridge, Fla.	Zelma Pitts Rt. 1, Marianna, Fla.			27	75.00	65.45				4.00	5.00		2,100.00	
NEW HOPE	Forrest Sellars Camilla, Ga.	Mildred Mears, Rt. 1, Grand Ridge, Fla.			42	338.20	48.50				13.00			5,500.00	
PINE GROVE	J. C. Watson Marianna, Fla.	Myrtle Adams Blountstown, Fla.			25										
SALEM	W. W. Hall Dothan, Ala.	Nellie Morris Cottondale, Fla.			138	1,300.00	125.00			25.00				15,000.00	
TRAVELER'S REST	C. A. Williams Rt. 5, Colquitt, Ga.	Verlie Suggs, Rt. 1, Box 119 Altha, Fla.			107	965.00	116.30	108.84	50.00	175.65	50.00	64.19		10,000.00	
FAITH	Pete Allen Marianna, Fla.	Eulene Brogdon, 214 Edgewood Marianna, Fla.			42	275.00	75.57	4.00		22.71		24.91		15,000.00	
SNEADS	John H. Reed Sneads, Fla.	Bececca Coullittee Rt. 1, Box 12, Sneads, Fla.			106	2,320.00	111.00	80.00	60.00	110.00	240.00			12,000.00	10,000.00
HOLLY GROVE	Donal Walsingham	Bonnie Hewett 508 2nd Ave., Marianna, Fla.		3	81	635.71	75.00							5,000.00	
TOTAL - 20 CHURCHES			10	9	1,471	19,794.16	1,969.33	1,359.23	318.41	557.89	811.45	684.10	19.00	242,100.00	27,500.00

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 v̄ery 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.

* 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.

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. 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,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 Christ¹ 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;¹ but their future obedience and final salvation are neither determined nor certain, since through infirmity and manifold temptations they are in danger of falling; and they ought therefore to watch and pray, lest they make shipwreck of their faith and be lost.²

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

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

CHAPTER XIV

The Sabbath

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER XV

The Church

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER XVI

Tithing

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER XVII

The Gospel Ministry

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

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

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

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

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

* 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.

— CALENDAR OF EVENTS —

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Sunday School Convention — Damascus January 29, 1967
Second Quarterly Meeting — Midway April 1, 1967
Salem Women's Aux. Conv. — Marvin Chapel May 6, 1967
Third Quarterly Meeting — Abe Springs July 1, 1967
Sunday School Convention — Malone July 30, 1967
Annual Association — Sneads Friday, Sept. 29, 1967
Pine Grove Saturday, Sept. 30, 1967

ITEMS OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Divine Service
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6. Reference or deferred business
7. New matters of dealings
8. Miscellaneous

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