

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**72nd ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**ASSOCIATION**

**HELD WITH**  
**First F.W.B. Church of Sneads and**  
**Pine Grove Church Sneads and**  
**Blountstown, Florida**  
**SEPTEMBER 29, and 30, 1967**

**OFFICERS**

Rev. Walter Eldridge, Moderator.....Cottdale, Florida  
Rev. Daniel Pelt, Vice Moderator.....Grand Ridge, Florida  
Chester L. Cook, Clerk and Treasure.....Altha, Florida

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

**ORDAINING COMMITTEE**

Rev. M. H. Taylor, Rev. James Pelt, Rev. J. C. Watson

**MISSION BOARD**

Rev. J. E. Nichols, Rev. W. L. Eldridge, Rev. James Pelt

**CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD**

Bro. Franklin Chafin, 1972, Bro. Earl Hill 1971, Bro. C. L. Cook, 1969  
Rev. M. H. Taylor, 1968.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Rev. J. B. Lovering, 1972, Rev. J. E. Nichols, 1971, Rev. C. H. Pelt,  
1970, Bro. John Phillips, 1969, Rev. W. F. McDuffy, 1968.

The next session will convene with Salem Church two miles West of  
Kynesville, Fla., East of Highway 231, Friday, Oct. 4, 1968, and Malone  
Church, Malone, Fla. Saturday, Oct. 5, 1968.

## PROCEEDINGS

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

The Salem Free Will Baptist Association met with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sneads, Friday September 29, 1967.

The congregation sang "Love Lifted Me." Prayer was led by Rev. W. M. Compton. The welcome was given by Rev. John H. Reed and the response by Rev. Donald Walsingham.

Rev. Robert Shockey, from the National Home Mission Board, Nashville, Tennessee, gave the devotional.

The Moderator called for the Credential Committee report. Sixteen churches were reported to be represented at this time. Motion was made, seconded and carried to seat churches and delegates.

Rev. W. M. Compton made a move that all deacons and pastors have cards of recommendation for which they would pay \$1.00. These cards to be issued by the clerk when receiving their name and their home church. Rev. James Pelt made a move to strike out the \$1.00 to be paid by the individual, and instead that it be paid by the church.

The Moderator called for the report of the Committee on Stewardship(see report.)

The Report on Temperance was called for (see report).

At this time, an offering was taken for Home Missions, and \$25.69 was received.

Business was called off at this time for the eleven o'clock message which was brought by Rev. W. A. Hansley. His Scriptures were 1st Corinthians 16:22, Matthew 15:18-20 and Galatians 5:21.

The congregation was dismissed for the lunch hour by Rev. James Pelt.

### Afternoon Session

After congregational singing, the devotional was brought by Rev. J. W. Roberts who used as his scripture Matthew 22:16.

At this time special prayer was given for Sister J. W. Roberts and Sister Florence Cook. Prayer was led by Rev. John Reed.

It was moved that a committee be appointed to make up an Association letter blank. The motion was seconded and carried. The Moderator appointed the following committee for this purpose: Rev. James Pelt, Chester Cook and W. W. Eiland.

A Bible was presented to New Hope Church by the Salem Sunday School Convention.

The motion was made, seconded and carried to give Sneads Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. The congregation was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Robert Shockey.

Saturday, September 30, 1967

The Salem Association met with Pine Grove Church, Saturday, September 30, 1967.

The meeting was opened with a song "What A Friend We Have In Jesus", which was led by Rev. J. C. Watson. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. B. Lovering and the welcome by Rev. J. C. Watson, pastor of the host church. Response was given by Rev. W. M. Compton. Rev. Pete Allen gave the devotional, using as his Scripture Matthew 28:20.

Visitors were recognized at this time. The Moderator called for report of Missions and Rev. James Pelt gave the report (see report).

The call was made for the report on Auxiliaries by Christian Home Church (see report).

The Moderator called for the final report of the Credentials Committee. It was reported that 21 delegates, 10 pastors, 9 deacons and 16 visitors present.

The motion was made, seconded and carried to give Fridays offering to Rev. W. A. Hansley's account.

The motion was made, seconded and carried to give Saturdays offering to Rev. Robert Shockey to give to the National Home Mission Board.

At this time business was called off for the eleven o'clock message. The congregation sang "Stand Up For Jesus". A Mission offering was received in the amount of \$26.15. Rev. Compton introduced the speaker for the morning message, who was Rev. Robert Shockey from the National Home Mission Board in Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. Shockey's theme was "The Urgency of the Harvest", and as Scripture he used Luke 14:25-35.

The congregation was dismissed for lunch by Bro. G. B. Scott.

#### Afternoon Session

At the beginning of the afternoon session, the congregation was led in singing "At the Cross" by Rev. Pete Allen. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. Compton. The devotional was brought by Rev. Pete Allen, using as his Scripture John 14:6.

At this time, Rev. James Pelt gave the report of the Ordaining Council (see report).

Call was made for the Treasurer's report. In the absence of the clerk, Rev. John Reed read the report (see report).

The Obituary report by Damascus Church was called for (see report).

At this time there was a short memorial service. This service was led by Rev. Compton, using as his Scripture John 14:16, Thes. 4:13. A short time was given for silent prayer. Rev. Daniel Pelt gave the closing prayer.

The Moderator called for the report on Resolutions by Malone Church (see report).

The call was made for the Finance report by Marvin Chapel Church (see report).

Volunteers were called for to the National Association, and they were Mrs. W. M. Compton, Mrs. Lillian Rodgers, Mrs. Earl Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lamb.

The Moderator appointed delegates to the following Associations: Liberty - Bro. Finch; State Line - Mrs. Minnie Lee Sexton.



Rev. Compton made a motion that a resolution by the Salem Association Delegates to the State Association be made to retain our Promotional Secretary, Rev. W. A. Hansley. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Moderator called for the Report on Nominations by Traveler's Rest Church (see report). The report was accepted in full.

Rev. James Pelt made a move to give Pine Grove Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was closed by singing "Waiting Up There".

Rev. Walter Eldridge, Moderator  
Bro. Edward Baxter and  
Rev. John Reed, Acting Clerk  
for this Session.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

- PINE GROVE - Alvin C. Covin
- DAMASCUS - Herbert Paddgett, Minnie L. Sexton
- FIRST OF BLOUNTSTOWN - Ruby Barfield
- HOLLY GROVE - Roscue Hulbert
- MALONE - Mrs. J. R. Long
- SNEADS - Laville Jones, Clarke Caullitte, Hazel Leigh
- CYPRESS CREEK - Joe Thorpe
- MARVIN CHAPEL - Rose B. Gause, Allie Johnson, Dana Booth
- CHRISTIAN HOME - O. F. Bracewell, Mrs. O. F. Bracewell
- SALEM - Eva Hendrix, Lizzie Barnes, Alma Barnes, Jewel Ellerby
- LOVEWOOD - Adele Morris, Margrette Wise, Grace Huckleby
- MIDWAY - Zelma Pitts, Alvin Roberts
- HICKORY GROVE - Clyde Holleyway, Gertrude Hacker, Claudie Ditty, Mrs. C. B. Ditty
- NEW HOPE - Ora Lee Hodges, Hazel Mercer, Linda Green
- ABES SPRINGS - V. L. Blackburn
- TRAVELER'S REST - E. G. Suggs.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

James C. Pelt	Blountstown, Florida
Daniel F. Pelt	Grand Ridge, Florida
Chester H. Pelt	Marianna, Florida
James E. Nichols	Altha, Florida
Walter Eldridge	Cottondale, Florida
J. W. Roberts	Cypress, Florida
J. M. Holland	Bonifay, Florida
A. J. Carr	Grand Ridge, Florida
M. L. Taylor	Dothan, Alabama
Harvey Ross	Marianna, Florida
Pete Allen	Marianna, Florida
Donald Hanna	Nashville, Tennessee
W. M. Compton	Marianna, Florida
Donald Walsingham	Marianna, Florida
John Reed	Sneads, Florida
Wayne King	Bascom, Florida
J. C. Watson	Marianna, Florida
J. B. Lovering	Marianna, Florida

LICENSED MINISTERS

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

## GREETINGS FROM SALEM SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Salem Sunday School Convention convened with Damascus Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday January 29, 1967. There were four churches represented by programs, and the sessions were very enjoyable for all who attended.

On July 30, 1967, the Sunday School Convention met at Malone Free Will Baptist Church with five churches represented by programs, all having a wonderful fellowship together. New officers were elected for the next term. They were: President - Donald Hussey, Vice President - Cecil Powell, Secretary - Myra Jean Smith.

The next convention will be at Sneads Free Will Baptist Church on the first fifth Sunday in 1968 and New Hope on the third fifth Sunday in 1968.

Respectfully yours,  
Salem Sunday School Convention  
Cecil Powell, President  
Myra Jean Smith, Secretary.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We your Committee on Resolutions, offer the following suggestions:

1. We especially urge all churches and pastors to support our promotional secretary since this work is so important.
2. Believing that we as Christians are supposed to enter every open door of service, we also urge that all churches and pastors wholeheartedly support our camp meeting - youth camp and youth rally.

Respectfully submitted,  
Malone Free Will Baptist Church.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, the Committee on Christian Education, submit the following:

We wish to encourage our church leaders and pastors to be zealous in giving church members instruction in the Scriptures, and Christian standards. We also believe that the younger church members should have instruction in the Scriptures and Christian standards. We also wish to emphasize the importance of family devotions and family altars. This is very important as it is no longer possible to have prayer or read the Bible in public schools.

We further encourage all church members to support our Bible College. It is one of the best sources of Christian education we have. The young people should be encouraged to attend the college. We feel that this type of Christian education would be valuable to boys and girls in any career that they might choose.

### REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We ordained one Minister, Rev. Harvey Ross of Holley Grove Church. Three deacons - two at Cypress Creek Church - Bro. J. W. Dilmore and Bro. Charlie Morris; one at Abes Springs from Damascus Church, Bro. Olan Rehburg.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. Pelt  
Madison Taylor  
James C. Pelt

## REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER OCTOBER 1, 1967

Amount in Treasury October 1, 1966 -----	\$ 515.69
Received October, November and December 1966 -----	1,004.28
Received January, February and March 1967 -----	664.41
Received April, May and June 1967 -----	994.41
Received July, August and September 1967 -----	812.98
Total Year	<u>\$3,992.28</u>

### DISBURSEMENTS

Paid Moderator - Rev. Walter Eldridge -----	\$ 25.00
Paid Clerk - Chester Cook -----	40.00
Children's Home -----	30.00
Houston Printing Company -----	230.00
Mrs. Earl Hill -----	25.00
Randell Book Store -----	2.35
Postage -----	4.00
State Treasurer-----	<u>2,941.50</u>
Total Year	<u>\$3,297.85</u>

Balance in Treasury October 1, 1967 -----	\$ 694.85
Of this balance, this amount is due for Missions -----	364.43
In Treasury for Association Expense -----	329.74

Chester L. Cook, Secretary-  
Treasurer

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUXILIARIES

We, your Committee on Auxiliaries make the following report:

Number of churches reporting -----	16
Number of churches with Sunday School -----	11
Number of churches with CTS and Leagues -----	7
Number of churches with youth auxiliary -----	1
Number of churches with Women's Auxiliary -----	6
Number of churches with Masters Men -----	1
Number of churches with prayer meeting -----	8

We commend each church for their work in these auxiliaries and would encourage them to do greater service during the coming year. May each church see the need for strong auxiliaries and resolve to organize new ones when needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Christian Home Church.

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee make the following report:

### Officers:

Moderator -----	W. L. Eldridge
Vice Moderator -----	D. F. Pelt
Clerk and Treasurer -----	C. L. Cook

### Executive Committee:

Rev. Harvey Ross	G. B. Scott	J. R. Long
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### Ordaining Council:

Rev. M. H. Taylor	James Pelt	J. C. Watson
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Report of Committee on Nominations continued:

Mission Board:

J. E. Nichols

W. L. Eldridge

James Pelt

Church Extension Board:

Franklin Chaffin - 1972

Earl Hill - 1971

C. L. Cook - 1970

Harvey Ross - 1969

M. H. Taylor - 1968

Christian Education:

J. B. Lovering - 1972

J. E. Nichols - 1971

C. H. Pelt - 1970

John Phillips - 1969

W. F. McDuffy - 1968

REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD

We had one Mission Conference held with the following churches: Salem, Christian Home, Marvin Chapel, Sneads, Malone, Traveler's Rest, Damascus, Hickory Grove, and Holley Grove.

Our guest speaker for these services was Rev. Rufus Coffin.

Total income was ----- \$287.24

Payne Account ----- 202.00

General Account ----- 85.24

Total monthly pledges ----- \$ 52.00

Total for the year ----- 624.00

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Walter Eldridge

Rev. J. C. Watson

Rev. James C. Pelt

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance submit the following report:

Realizing that we need to set an example before the unsaved, we recommend that every Christian refrain as much as possible from entering or purchasing anything at any place where alcoholic beverages are sold. Furthermore, as loyal Free Will Baptists, we have covenanted not to sanction the sale of or use of intoxicating beverages.

We violate this solemn covenant by lending support to any business where alcoholic beverages are for sale, if we patronize them. We recommend that parents, ministers and teachers encourage our children not to read unwholesome literature.

Respectfully submitted,

Holley Grove Free Will

Baptist Church

Marianna, Florida.

COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

We, the Committee on Stewardship, realizing the responsibilities of a Christian should support our home church with our time, talents, tithes, and services. Though our talents may be large or small, we should not bury them.



God has a place and a duty for each individual, and it is our obligation to fulfill those duties.

"And the Lord said, who when is that faithful and wise steward, their portion shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

**Salem Church.**

Since our last annual meeting the following Brothers and Sisters have been called home to be with the Lord.

He was a member of Midway Free Will Bpatist Church for many years. He was loyal to his church, always ready to lend a helping hand in whatever he could. He will be missed in many ways. We pray God's richest blessings on those left to mourn his death.



Midway Church Obituary - continued

JOHN SAMUEL PITTS

He was ordained as a deacon to Midway Free Will Baptist Church on the night of July 11, 1960. Bro. Catrett led the ordination service. Besides his many friends and other close relatives, he left his wife, Zelma R. Pitts, one daughter, Effie P. Aroney; also two sisters, Mrs. Martha Roberts and Bettie Johnson. Also one brother, Stanley Pitts and two grandsons.

Respectfully submitted  
Midway Church.

ABE SPRINGS CHURCH OBITUARIES

EMMA CLARK

In January 1967, our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom and mercy called our Sister, Emma Clark, home to dwell with Him in Heaven where peace and joy, and happiness will be her reward.

CHARLIE A BOZEMAN.

On June 18, 1967, our Lord saw fit to call another one of His own home to Him. He was Charlie A. Bozeman. Bro. Bozeman was a faithful and loyal member and was always ready to do his duty in all things when he was able.

Uncle Charlie served as the Church Clerk for some eight or nine years. We know that our loss will be Heavens gain.

Respectfully,  
Abe Springs Church.

SALEM CHURCH OBITUARIES

DEE BROCK.

On December 31, 1966, the Lord called from our midst Sister Dee Brock. She was a lifelong member of Salem Church. She will be missed by her many friends and family.

ELMA KENT.

On May 31, 1967, the Lord called from our midst Sister Elma Kent, who has been a member for many years. She left behind her husband and many friends who will miss her.

GEORGE HENDRIX.

On August 26, 1967, our Lord saw fit to call Bro. George Hendrix. He had been a member of Salem Church for many years, and was a very faithful member. He will always be remembered and missed by his church and family and friends.

HERBERT H. MORRIS.

On September 19, 1967, our Lord saw fit to call from our midst Bro. Herbert H. Morris, who had been a member for thirty years. He will be missed in many ways by his friends and family.

Respectfully submitted,  
Salem Church.

## CYPRESS CREEK CHURCH OBITUARY

### JAMES P. FINCH

On February 25, 1967, the Lord called from our midst Bro. James P. Finch. He will be missed in many ways. We pray God's richest blessings on those loved ones he left behind.

### ELOSIE BELL.

On September 16, 1967, our Lord saw fit to call from our midst another beautiful flower for His bouquet. Our dearly beloved Sister, Miss Eloise Bell, age 20, passed into eternity.

Eloise and her family had been advised four years ago that she could not live longer than four months because of cancer.

She will be greatly missed by her Church, loved ones and her many friends, but we bow in humble submission to God for His Will that she was shared with us for so long. We pray that each member of her family will be submissive to the Will of Him who doeth all things well.

### F. E. LOCKE.

On January 23, 1967, the Lord called from our midst Brother F. E. Locke. He was 63 years of age, and had lived in our community where he lived his entire lifetime.

"F. E.", as known in his Church, was a retired Clerk and a faithful member for many years. Funeral services were conducted from Cypress Creek Free Will Baptist Church by Reverend Bill George and Reverend Jim Nichols. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Brother Locke's family includes his wife, two children, and seven grandchildren. He was loved best by those who knew him best. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

### JESSIE RAMSEY.

On November 11, 1966, the Lord called from us Brother Jessie Ramsey, at age 75. He was a faithful member and a deacon of the Cypress Creek Free Will Baptist Church for many years. Although he was physically unable to attend Church in his later days, his faith was most strengthening and a blessing to all who knew him.

We express to his family our heartfelt sympathy and pray that we may ever find ourselves submissive to the will of our Heavenly Father.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miss Frances Finch,  
Church Clerk.

## QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the Association met with the Salem Church. Bro. Jim Pelt was asked to lead the congregation in song service, and Bro. J. B. Lovering led the body in prayer.

The welcome was given by the Rev. W. W. Hall, the pastor of the Salem Church. The response was given by Rev. Jim Pelt.

Quarterly meetings of the Association - continued:

At this time, the Moderator asked for the visitors from other Associations and we were glad to have Bro. W. E. George from Liberty Association. The Moderator then called for the report of the Committees. The Committee reported that there were 15 church, 10 delegates, and 10 deacons present. There was a motion made, seconded and carried to seat the churches and delegates. This move was to include others that might come in later.

The devotional was brought by Bro. J. W. Roberts from 1st John, Fifth Chapter. At this time, business was called off for the eleven o'clock message.

The Home Mission offering was received in the amount of \$25.12. At this time, Bro. Jim Pelt brought a message in song, titled, "I am Satisfied with Jesus." Rev. D. F. Pelt brought the message of the day from several different chapters. Then everyone was dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon session was begun with Bro. Jim Pelt leading the singing. Prayer was offered by Bro. Walter Patrick. The devotional was brought by Bro. J. B. Lovering. At this time, the Moderator called for the final report of the Credentials Committee.

They reported that there were 16 churches, 18 delegates, 12 ministers, and 11 deacons present. Then there was a call for the report of the Financial Committee. There was a motion seconded and carried for the Mission Board to arrange for the Mission Conference. There was a motion seconded and carried that the Salem Association would take part in the new Association - North Florida Association. It was moved to give a rising vote of thanks to the Salem Church.

Rev. Walter Eldridge  
Moderator.

SECOND QUARTER

The Salem Quarterly assembled with Midway Church. Bro. Jim Pelt was in charge of the song service. Prayer was offered by Rev. Compton and the welcome was given by J. W. Roberts. Bro. W. W. Hall gave the response. Bro. J. B. Lovering brought the devotional. Next on the program Bro. Eldridge called for a partial report of the Credentials Committee. The Committee reported that there were 14 churches with 28 delegates and 8 ministers, 9 deacons and 2 visitors present. There was a move made, seconded and carried to seat the delegates and churches.

At this time business was called off for the eleven o'clock message. Bro. Chester Pelt brought the message from the First Chapter of Acts.

The afternoon was begun by song services led by Bro. Jim Pelt and prayer was offered by Leo Curtis. Bro. Coley Baxter brought the devotional. The Moderator called for the final report of the Credentials Committee.

The Committee reported that there were 15 churches with 31 delegates. At this time, the Clerk presented a letter from Faith Church that was sent by Bro. H. D. Shuemaker asking that their name be dropped from the list of churches. After some discussion, the body voted not to accept the request and asked the Executive Committee, along with the Ordaining Committee Council to meet with the church. At this time Bro. Jim Pelt gave the report of the Mission Conference.

It was moved to give Midway Church a rising vote of thanks for their fine hospitality.

W. L. Eldridge  
Moderator  
C. L. Cook, Secretary.



### THIRD QUARTER.

The Salem Association met with Abes Springs Church for the third quarterly meeting July 1, 1967. The congregation was led in singing by Bro. Compton.

Prayer was offered by Bro. Earl Hill and the welcome was given by Bro. V. L. Blackburn, and the response by Bro. G. E. Scott. Bro. D. W. Pool brought the devotional from Ezekiel 46. A call for visitors was made and Bro. Leo Curtis reported from State Line Association.

The Moderator called for the report of the Credentials Committee, and they reported that there were 15 churches with 20 delegates present. Motion was made, seconded and carried to seat churches and delegates.

At this time business was called off for the eleven o'clock message of the day brought by Rev. Jim Pelt from the 2nd Chapter of Titus.

#### Afternoon Session.

Rev. Jim Pelt was in charge of the song service. Prayer was led by Rev. John Reid. The devotional was brought by Rev. Compton.

The Moderator called for the final report of the Credentials Committee. The report was that there were 15 churches, 23 delegates, 12 deacons and 12 ministers present.

The Moderator appointed Mrs. Earl Hill as a delegate to the National Association and that she be given \$25.00 to help pay her expenses.

The Moderator called for a report of the Finance Committee. At this time Damascus Church asked for the Ordaining Council to meet with them to ordain Rev. Rhyfield as a deacon.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to give Abes Springs Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Adjourned.

Rev. Walter Eldridge  
Moderator  
Chester Cook, Clerk.

### 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 Association 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. This 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 delegated 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.

OCTOBER 1, 1901

Name of Church	Assoc. Dues	Cooperative	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Children's Home	Education	Superannuation	Youth Camp	Hill Fund	Total
Abes Springs	4.00	42.20			15.00					61.20
Blountstown	2.00									2.00
Cedar Grove	3.00									3.00
Christian Home	10.00			25.00 (Payne)						35.00
Cottondale										
Cypress Creek	6.00									6.00
Damascus	7.00	119.97		66.00 (Payne)					44.00	236.97
Gap Pond	6.00									6.00
Hickory Grove	12.00						6.00			18.00
Holly Grove	8.00	81.21		20.00 (Payne)						109.21
Lovewood	6.00	144.98								150.98
Malone	10.00	86.27		77.14 (Payne)						173.41
Marvin Chapel	4.00	60.00			15.00	15.00		15.00		109.00
Midway	4.00	10.00					4.00			18.00
New Hope	5.00									5.00
Pine Grove	5.00									5.00
Salem	10.00					65.00				10.00
Sneads	3.00	17.50	12.50	30.00 (Payne)						63.00
Traveler's Rest	10.00	56.90		41.80 (Payne)					6.00	114.70
Salem SS. Conv.	10.00			21.44 (Payne)						31.44
Total	125.00	619.03	64.34 Sp. off. 25.69 S. off. 20.15	281.38	95.00	15.00	10.00	15.00	50.00	1,249.06



CHURCHES	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	CLERKS & ADDRESSES	Rec'd by Baptism	Other Ways	Dead	Dismissed by letter	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Cooperative	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Children's Home	Education	Youth Camp	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage
ABES SPRINGS	Rev. J. E. Nichols Rt. 1, Altha, Fla.	V. L. Blackburn P. O. Box 736 Blountstown, Fla.	2	2	2		588.53	85.00	68.20	10.00	10.00	15.00			8,000.00	
BLOUNTSTOWN FIRST	Rev. J. C. Watson Rt. 1, Box 344 Marianna, Fla.	Kathleen Brackins Rt. 1, Box 191 Blountstown, Fla.													5,000.00	
CHRISTIAN HOME	Rev. James C. Pelt Rt. 1, Box 256B Blountstown, Fla.	Mrs. Falfa Clark P. O. Box 163 Blountstown, Fla.					1912.50				140.00	411.72	240.00		50,000.00	10,000.00
CYPRESS CREEK	Rev. Jim Nichols Rt. 1, Altha, Fla.	Mrs. Rudolph Kent Rt. 1, Cottondale, Fla.	1		4	4									7,000.00	
DAMASCUS	Rev. W. M. Compton Marianna, Fla.	Earl Hill, Rt. 4, Box 625 Marianna, Fla.		14			7670.00		397.64	65.60	162.00	73.00	25.00		5,000.00	
GAP POND	Rev. J. A. Carr Cypress, Fla.	Frances Finch, Rt. 4, Chipley, Fla.		1	1		2150.00								5,000.00	
HICKORY GROVE	Rev. W. F. McDuffie Blakely, Ga.	J. W. D. Stephens Bascom, Fla.			2		1780.00	125.00		62.00		100.00	240.00		20,000.00	
LOVEWOOD	Rev. C. A. Huckaley Rt. #, Chipley, Fla.	Mrs. Mae Johnson Rt. 1, Box 17 Cottondale, Fla.		2	2	6	6687.50	75.00	144.98			43.34				
MALONE	Rev. W. L. Eldridge Cottondale, Fla.	Mrs. Thelma Geodin Malone, Fla.					7610.00	100.00	346.20	135.00	267.02	25.00	60.00		15,000.00	
MARVIN CHAPEL	Rev. J. B. Lovering Rt. 3, Marianna, Fla.	Mrs. Audrey Eiland Rt. 1, Marianna, Fla.					10400.00	125.00	240.00	54.75	55.50	60.00	60.00	60.00	20,500.00	7,500.00
MIDWAY	Rev. Pete Atten Marianna, Fla.	Zelma R. Pitts Rt. 1, Marianna, Fla.	4	6	1	2	397.32	21.44	10.00	2.00	2.00	7.00	43.25		2,200.00	
NEW HOPE	Rev. F. W. Sellars Camilla, Ga.	Mrs. Mildred Mears Rt. 2, Box 66 Grand Ridge, Fla.	8	1		1	4324.00	61.83				22.00			6,000.00	
PINE GROVE	Rev. J. C. Watson Rt. Marianna, Fla.	Myrtle Adams Rt. 1, Box 145 Blountstown, Fla.					2279.00									
SALEM	Rev. W. W. Hall Dothan, Ala.	Nellis Morris Rt. 2, Cottondale, Fla.	1		5	3	19340.00	100.00		25.00		30.00			15,000.00	
TRAVELER'S REST	Rev. C. A. Williams Rt. 5, Colquitt, Ga.	Mrs. Verlie Suggs Rt. 1, Box 220 B Altha, Fla.					10365.00	80.00	228.39	20.00	196.75	50.00	5.00		10,000.00	
SNEADS	Rev. John Reed P. O. Box 145 Sneads, Fla.	Rebecca Coullitte Rt. 1, Box 12 Sneads, Fla.					7400.00	90.00	80.00	50.00	110.00	220.00	90.00		12,000.00	
HOLLY GROVE	Rev. Donald Walsingham Marianna, Fla.	Mrs. Donald Hussey Rt. 1, Box 292 Marianna, Fla.	15	4			10434.11	204.49	208.36	81.55	62.00	5.00	32.00		5,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL 17 CHURCHES			31	30	17	16	1,32747.96	1,067.76	1,843.77	449.15	927.27	1,012.06	850.00	60.00	186,500.00	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,<sup>1</sup> who is Spirit,<sup>2</sup> self-existent,<sup>1</sup> eternal,<sup>2</sup> immutable,<sup>3</sup> omnipresent,<sup>4</sup> omniscient,<sup>5</sup> omnipotent,<sup>6</sup> independent,<sup>7</sup> good,<sup>8</sup> wise,<sup>9</sup> holy,<sup>10</sup> just,<sup>11</sup> and merciful,<sup>12</sup> the . . . .

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The mode of His existence, however, is a subject far above the understanding of man<sup>9</sup>—finite beings cannot comprehend Him.<sup>10</sup> There is nothing in the universe that can justly represent Him, for there is none like him.<sup>11</sup> He is the fountain of all perfection and happiness. He is glorified by the whole inanimate creation, and is worthy to be loved and served by all intelligence.<sup>1</sup>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### CHAPTER III.

#### Divine Government and Providence

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

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



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

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

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

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

## CHAPTER IV

### Creation, Primitive State of Man, and His Fall

#### Section I.—Creation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Section II.—Primitive Man, and His Fall

Our first parents, in their original state of probation, were upright. They naturally preferred and desired to obey their Creator, and had no preference or desire to transgress His will<sup>1</sup> until they were influenced and inclined by the tempter to disobey God's commands. Previously to this, the only tendency of their nature was to do righteousness. In consequence of the first transgression, the state under which the posterity of Adam came into the world is so different from that of Adam that they have not that righteousness and purity which Adam had before the fall; they are not willing to obey God, but are inclined to evil.<sup>2</sup> Hence none, by virtue of any natural goodness and mere work of their own, can become the children of God;<sup>3</sup> but they are all dependent for salvation

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

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

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

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

## CHAPTER V

### Of Christ

#### Section I.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. **His Works.** By Christ the world was created,<sup>1</sup> He preserves<sup>2</sup> and governs<sup>3</sup> it; He has provided redemption for all men<sup>4</sup> and He will be their final Judge.<sup>5</sup>

## Section II—The Incarnation of Christ

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CHAPTER VI

### The Holy Spirit

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CHAPTER VII

### The Atonement and Mediation of Christ

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CHAPTER VIII

### The Gospel Call

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

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

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

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

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

## CHAPTER IX

### Repentance

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

## CHAPTER X

### Faith

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

<sup>1</sup> 2 Cor. 7:10, For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CHAPTER XI

### Regeneration

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CHAPTER XII

### Justification and Sanctification

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

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

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

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

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

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



## CHAPTER XIII

### Perseverance of the Saints

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

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.<sup>2</sup>

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

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

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

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

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

## CHAPTER XV

### The Church

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

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

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

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

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

## CHAPTER XVI

### Tithing

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

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

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

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

## CHAPTER XVII

### The Gospel Ministry

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

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

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

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

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



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

\* 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.<sup>1</sup>

## CHAPTER XVIII

### Ordinances of the Gospel

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CHAPTER XIX

### Death, and the Intermediate State

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

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

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

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

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

## CHAPTER XX

### Second Coming of Christ

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

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

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

## CHAPTER XXI

### The Resurrection

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

## CHAPTER XXII

### The General Judgment and Future Retribution

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

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

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

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

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

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



## CALENDER OF EVENTS

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