

MINUTES
OF THE
73rd Annual Session
OF THE
**SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

HELD WITH
Salem Church
OF KYNESVILLE, FLORIDA

— AND —

First F. W. B. Church
OF MALONE, FLORIDA

October 4th and 5th, 1968

OFFICERS

Rev. Daniel F. Pelt, Moderator Marianna, Florida
Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, Vice Moderator Chipley, Florida
Chester L. Cook, Clerk & Treas. Altha, Florida

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Rev. Harvey Ross, Bro. G. B. Scott, Bro. J. R. Long,
Rev. D. F. Pelt, and Bro. C. L. Cook

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Rev. Chester Huckaby, Rev. James Pelt, Rev. J. C. Watson

MISSION BOARD

Rev. J. E. Nichols, Rev. James Pelt, Rev. W. M. Compton

CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

Bro. Hubert Padgett 1973, Bro. Franklin Chafin 1972,
Bro. Earl Hill 1971, Bro. Chester Cook 1969.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Donald Waltsingham 1973, Rev. J. B. Lovering 1972,
Rev. J. E. Nichols 1971, Rev. C. H. Pelt 1970, Bro. John Phillips 1969.

The next session will convene with Traveler's Rest Church 1½ miles
North of Clarksville, Florida (Hwy. 73) Friday, October 3, 1969 and
Marvin Chapel (Hwy. 71) Southeast of Marianna, Fla. October 4, 1969.

**THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING
LOVEWOOD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1968**

The Salem Association First Quarterly Meeting opened with Bro. Chester Cook leading the congregation in song service. Welcome by Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, host pastor. Rev. W. W. Hall gave the response. After prayer Rev. C. L. Newsome brought the devotional from Rom. 5:9.

The Moderator welcomed the visitors, Rev. and Mrs. W. E. George of the Liberty Association.

The moderator called for report of Credential Committee. Reported there were 23 delegates, 14 deacons, 10 ministers, 13 churches and 2 visitors.

Rev. Donald Waltsingham made a move that Salem Association sponsor a radio program to be financed by the local churches. This move was amended to appoint a committee to investigate the possibility of such a program and the expense that would be incurred and to report back at the next quarterly meeting.

Recess.

The session reconvened with song service led by Rev. James Pelt. The morning message was brought by Rev. Walter Eldridge, scripture: Phillipians 3:14. Adjourned for lunch.

After song and prayer, Rev. John Reed brought the devotional from Acts 6:5,7.

Mission offering was received in the amount of \$28.71.

Special prayer was offered by Sis. Corene George for Sister Florence Cook who was seriously ill.

Moderator called for report of Credential Committee. Reported 17 churches, 26 delegates, 17 ministers.

Financial Committee made its report.

Moderator appointed a committee to investigate the Radio Program. They were Rev. Donald Waltsingham, Rev. J. B. Lovering and Rev. Chester.

(M.S.C.) To Give Lovewood Church a vote of thanks for their hospitality.

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

The second quarterly meeting of the Salem Association met with Hickory Grove Church April 6, 1968.

Congregation led in song service by Bro. J. R. Long singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm" and "Love Lifted Me." Prayer by Rev. McDuffy. Welcome by Rev. McDuffy, pastor of host church. Response by Rev. W. W. Hall.

The Devotional by Rev. W. A. Hansley, State Permonital Secretary. Scripture John 5:3.

The Credential Committee made a partial report at this time. Reported 12 churches, 18 delegates, 9 ministers and 8 deacons.

(M.S.C.) To receive report and seat delegates.

Business was called off for the morning worship hour. Message brought by Rev. James Pelt. Scripture Matthew 16:13, 23.

Mission offering in the amount of \$47.47 was received. Dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon song service was led by Rev. James Pelt. Devotional by Rev. C. A. Huckaby. Scripture I Samuel 1, 5.

Moderator called for final report of Credential Committee. The report was 14 churches, 24 delegates, 18 ministers and 10 deacons.

(M.S.C.) To receive report.

The State Permotional Secretary, Rev. W. A. Hansley, gave a report on the State Permotional work which was very encouraging. Also stating the financial needs of the work. An offering was taken in the amount of \$22.22.

(M.S.C.) To give 10 percent of our income to the Permotional work. Rev. Hansley brought to the attention of the body the needs of the Bible College, and stated that Rev. Jack Paramore would be at Sneads Church sometime in June in the interest of the college.

Rev. Ed Cook made a talk about the youth camp and made a plea for people to send in the name of children who wish to attend the camp.

(M.S.C.) To elect Rev. D. F. Pelt Moderator to fill the remaining term. Rev. John Reed elected vice moderator.

Rev. C. A. Huckaby was appointed to fill Rev. Madison Taylor's place on the Ordaining Council.

Bro. Hubert Padget was appointed to the church extension board.

(M.S.C.) To give Hickory Grove Church a rising vote of thanks.

Rev. D. F. Pelt, Moderator
Chester L. Cook, Secretary

The Third Quarterly Meeting of the Salem Association met with Christian Home Church, July 6, 1968.

Rev. James Pelt leading the song service. Prayer by Rev. John Reed. Welcome by Rev. James Pelt, pastor of host church. Rspnse by Bro. Roland Rahberg.

Rev. J. B. Lovering brought the devotional.

The Moderator extended a welcome to all visitors. Called for report of Credential Committee. Reported 13 churches, 25 delegates, 13 ministers and 13 delegates.

(M.S.C.) To seat delegates.

At the 11:00 o'clock hour the message was brought by Rev. C. A. Huckaby. The text taken from Rev. 13:10. Dismissed for lunch served by host church.

After congregation singing, prayer was offered by Rev. W. F. McDuffy.

Rev. John Reed brought the sermonette from Matthew 13:20, 28.

Mission offering was received. Sis. W. M. Compton was appointed delegate to National Association.

Rev. D. F. Pelt, Moderator
C. L. Cook, Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

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

The Salem Free Will Baptist Association met with Salem Church of Kynesville, Florida Friday, October 4, 1968.

Rev. James Pelt led the congregation in song service. Prayer by Rev. Ralph Bell.

Welcome by Rev. W. W. Hall, Response by Rev. Chester A. Huckaby. Devotional by Rev. Donald Walsingham. Scripture, Matt. 19:20.

At this time the moderator recognized the ministers and deacons present. There were 9 ministers and 12 deacons.

Call for Credential Committee report. Reported 14 churches and 24 delegates. (M.S.C.) to accept the report and seat the delegates.

The moderator read Psalm 100 and made his remarks, and declared the Association in order for business. Prayer by Rev. D. F. Pelt.

At this time a vice moderator was elected. Rev. Chester A. Huckaby.

Business was called off for the morning worship. Special song by Rev. James Pelt. Special offering for Home Mission was taken. Message was brought by Rev. W. W. Hall. Scripture, Matthew 24:3, Rev. 6:4, Isaiah 2:17.

Dismissed for lunch served by host church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After congregation singing led by Rev. James Pelt, prayer by Rev. O. F. Bracewell. Devotional by Rev. James Pelt. Scripture, Mark 12:41, 44.

At this time the moderator appointed the following committees: Temperance, Lovewood; Stewardship, Sneads; Obituary, Holly Grove; Nomination, Damascus; Education, Salem; Auxiliaries, Malone; Committee on Committees, Bro. Lafayette Beauchamp, Rev. C. L. Newsome, and Rev. J. B. Lovering.

The Treasurer made his report. (see report)

Memorial services was conducted at this time with Rev. James Pelt singing a most appropriate song "I Know He Cares." Rev. D. F. Pelt read scripture, Joshua 23:14.

At this time delegates were appointed to the State Association. Appointed were: Sister W. M. Compton, Sister Ralph Bell, Sister Joe Speare, Bro. and Sister O. F. Bracewell.

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(M.S.C.) To give Salem Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality shown us while in their midst.

Adjourned to meet with Malone Church tomorrow.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1968

The Salem Association met with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Malone Saturday, October 5, 1968.

The morning session opened with Rev. James Pelt leading the congregation in song service. Welcome by Rev. Chester A. Huckaby. Response by Rev. Gary A. Williams. Devotional was presented by Rev. J. B. Lovering using St. John 8:12.

The moderator welcomed all visitors.

Call for report of Credential Committee. Committee reported 17 churches, 30 delegates, 11 deacons and 13 ministers.

Called for report of Committee on Nomination by Damascus Church. Call for report on Auxiliaries by Malone Church. (see report)

Call for report on Obituary. (see report)

Report on Christian Education by Christian Home Church.

This brought us to the morning worship hour. Morning worship message brought by Rev. D. F. Pelt. Scripture: Rom. 7:24.

Offering received for Home Mission at this time.

A special message in song by Rev. James Pelt. Title "Others."

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by congregation singing led by Rev. James Pelt. Prayer by Rev. C. L. Newsom. Message in song by Rev. James Pelt.

Devotional was brought by Rev. Cary Williams. Hebrew II:1 was the scripture.

The Moderator called for the Finance Committee report. (see report)

(M.S.C.) To give Malone Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

So ends another session of the Salem Association of Free Will Baptists.

Rev. D. F. Pelt, Moderator
Chester L. Cook, Secretary

REPORTS

We the Obituary Committee make the following report:

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

Christian Home	1
Damascus	2
Midway	1
Salem	2
Marvin Chapel	2
Traveler's Rest	1
Gap Pond	1
Abe Springs	1
New Hope	1
Cottondale	1
Pine Grove	1
Cypress Creek	1
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TOTAL	15

—Holly Grove Church

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We your Committee on Education, submit the following report:

It is our duty to study God's word and teach it to our children and young people. We feel that this can best be done in our homes, and Sunday School and church worship services Also every church should make every effort to have a Daily Vacation Bible School and encourage their young people to attend youth conferences.

We recommend that each pastor, church leaders and Sunday School teacher teach the doctrine of Denomination especially to our young people who will be assuming the leadership of our association in the future.

—Christian Home Church

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We your Committee on Committees submit the following report:

Resolutions	Abe Springs
Christian Education	Christian Home
Auxiliaries	Hickory Grove
Temperance	Holly Grove
Stewardship	Traveler's Rest
Obituary	Damascus
Finance	Marvin Chapel

C. L. Beauchamp
C. L. Newsome
J. B. Lovering

COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

We the Committee on Stewardship, submit the following report:

Realizing the responsibilities of a Christian, we should truly support our home church with our time, talent, tithes and services. Whether our talents be great or small, we should use them, not bury them. God has a place and a duty for each individual and it is our Christian obligation and privilege to fulfill those duties.

May we leave you with this thought found in Luke 16:1-2: "And he said also into his disciples, there was a certain rich man, which had a steward: and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods, and he called him and said unto him How is it that I hear this of thee? Give an account of thy stewardship: for thou mayest be no longer steward."

—First Free Will Baptist Church of Sneads

REPORT ON AUXILIARIES

Since the different auxiliaries are another arm of the church, whereby the Gospel of Christ can be extended to the lost for which he died, we feel that each church in the Salem Association should endeavor to organize or strengthen these auxiliaries in the local church.

Since we do have Conventions annually by all the Auxiliaries with their officers listed in the Association minutes it will be easy to have any of them visit any local church for assistance in setting up any or all of these important departments of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
Malone Church

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount in Treasury Oct. 1, 1967	\$ 694.53
Received first quarter	1,249.60
Second quarter	862.27
Third quarter	935.59
Fourth quarter	767.20
TOTAL	\$4,509.19
BISBURSEMENTS:	
State Treasury	\$3,389.52
Houston Printing Company	230.00
Children's Home	65.00
Moderator	25.00
Clerk	40.00
Freight on Minutes	4.10
Postage	5.00
TOTAL	\$3,758.62
Balance in Treasury Oct. 1, 1968	\$ 750.57

—Chester L. Cook, Treasurer

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

Number of Churches	15
Church Membership	1080
Number of Parsonages	3
Ordained Ministers	12
Licensed Ministers	2
Ordained Deacons	42
Sunday School Enrollment	615
Average Attendance	425
C. T. S.	228
Average Attendance	136
Women's Auxiliary	66
Average Attendance	41
Master's Men	12
Average Attendance	8
Mid Week Service	137
Pastor's Salaries	\$ 21,777.69
Evangelistic Work	1,610.57
Building and Repairs	31,413.28
Literature and Song Books	2,206.82
Cooperative Plan	1,877.61
Foreign Mission	838.32
Home Mission	472.56
Education	838.32
Orphanage	1,306.17
Superannuation	27.50
Association Projects	110.70
State and National Projects	480.70
Total spent for outside causes	5,734.99
Total Expenditures	47,405.61
Value of Church Property	202,200.00
Parsonage Value	22,500.00

OBITUARY REPORTS

On March 31, 1968 the Lord called from us Sister Alma L. Morris. She was one of the most faithful members of Cypress Creek Church for many years. She will be missed by her family and many friends.

Submitted by
Cypress Creek Church

On May 25, 1968, Marvin Chapel Church suffered a great loss when our Heavenly Father called from our midst our dear Sister Mrs. Rosebud Evans, a faithful and devoted member of our church.

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.

On May 19, 1968, Our Lord saw fit to call from our midst Sister Dora Pelt. She had been a member of Marvin Chapel Church for several years and was a loyal member although circumstances prevented her from attending regularly. She will be missed by her many friends and church members but our loss is Heaven's gain.

—Marvin Chapel Church

Sister Wrennie Moody of Pine Grove Church was called from our midst in February, 1968. She left a host of friends as well as relatives who miss her very much. Her memories will linger on and on though we know our loss is heaven's gain.

—Pine Grove Church

On February 18, 1968, the Lord called from our midst Brother Donald Preston Land, age 29. He was a member of Midway Free Will Baptist Church. He lived at 1348 South Main Street, Chattahoochee, Fla. He died near Hosford as the result of an automobile wreck. Brother Land was born in Jackson County. He was the son of Joshua and Annie Land. He was a Veteran of the U. S. Army and was of the Free Will Baptist Faith. Survivors include his wife, Mamie, one sister, Mrs. Sally Dunham, One half sister, Miss Edna Land. Funeral services were held Monday at 4:00 p.m. in the Kynesville Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Nichols officiating. Interment in the Kynesville Cemetery. His church, loved ones, and friends will miss him, but we bow in humble submission to the one that doest all things well. We pray God's richest blessing on his loved ones in this sad hour.

—Midway Church

On September 8, 1968, the Lord called from our midst Sister Lula Barnes, who has been a faithful member of Salem Church far many years. She will be missed by many friends and family.

—Salem Church

On December 29, 1967 our Lord saw fit to call from our midst Bro. R. B. Jackson. He was born January 12, 1903. He has been a faithful member of the Free Will Baptist Faith for over forty years. He was an ordained deacon for many years and was faithful and punctual to his church. He is greatly missed by his church, loved ones and friends but we bow in humble submission to God for his will that he was shared with us as long as he was. We pray that each member of his family, loved ones and friends will be submissive to the will of Him who doest all things well.

—New Hope Church

It is with saddened hearts that we report this obituary, but on February 20, 1968, Our Heavenly Father saw fit to call home another of His own, our dear sister, friend, and loved one, Mrs. Florence N. Cook, who passed away at her home after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Cook was born November 12, 1895, and had been a faithful member of Traveler's Rest Church for many years. She always

showed a spiritual interest in any work connected with the church in any way and was always willing and ready to help those in need. She was a lover of gospel music and did much to encourage the youth with whom she came in contact.

Survivors include her husband, Chester L. Cook, three daughters, Mrs. Annie B. Davis, Port St. Joe, Florida, Mrs. Ruth Reeves, Columbus, Georgia, Mrs. Juanita Mazerac, Route 1, Altha, Florida, one son, Carlos Cook, Decatur, Alabama, and ten grandchildren. Also surviving her are one sister, Mrs. Ida Lindsey, and five brothers, Steve, Arthur, Perry, Jim, and Charlie Nichols all of Route 1, Altha, Florida, together with a host of relatives and friends. We know of no one who will be missed more than she. We extend our prayers and comforting words to the bereaved. May God bless in every way.

—Traveler's Rest Church

On April 10, 1968 our Lord, in His infinite wisdom and mercy called our brother, Tom Nelson unto Himself to dwell in the home not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, where peace, joy and happiness will be his reward.

He was born in Jackson County, Fla. April 17, 1920 and had lived in Blountstown several years. He numbered his friends by his acquaintances. Tom was a loyal and faithful member of Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church. He will be missed by his family and friends. His place is vacant in the church and will be missed there. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Jas. C. Pelt in Christian Home Church and burial following in Nettle Ridge Cemetery among a host of loved ones and friends where a wealth of beautiful floral offerings covered his last resting place, expressive of the esteem in which he was held by friends and loved ones.

—Christian Home Church

From Damascus Free Will Baptist Church the Lord has called Sister Avie Sexton and Brother Barney Brodgen.

—Damascus Church

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to call from our midst our beloved brother and earnest worker, Rev. Walter Eldridge on March 13, 1968 to come up higher and dwell eternally in His presence we bow in humble submission to His will, who doest all things well; and express to the family our heartfelt sympathy in this their great sorrow.

In the passing of Rev. Eldridge his loved ones have lost a loving and consecrated companion and father, and the church and Association a true and proven friend, a loyal citizen, a spiritual leader and a faithful, hardworking for the higher and nobler things in life, and a loyal supporter of his denomination. His life will ever be a guiding light to his friends and loved ones. His passing leaves a vacancy in our hearts, our home and our church and Association and we shall greatly miss his fine spirit and wise council.

While we miss the gentle presence of the gracious personality, the ever ready spirit of helpfulness of this dear friend whom we have "loved and lost awhile" we know that in our loss Heaven has gained another spirit of love and light and is richer because of his presence.

Bro. Eldridge was born February 9, 1909. He lived a fine and noble Christian life. His Christian life has been a shining example to Christians everywhere. The sermons that men live are greater than those they preach. We feel his life was his greatest sermon. He will always be an inspiration to those of us who knew him.

To his wife, Sister Bernice Eldridge, and his two sons and other relatives we extend the deepest sympathy. In your bereavement may you be able to lean on the mercies of our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well for our good and to His glory.

LIST OF DELEGATES

Abe Springs — Burdett Keel, C. J. Roberts, and Jessie Roberts.

Holly Grove — Nathaniel Lipford, J. W. Lipford, Nellie Lipford, and Willie Mae Hewett.

New Hope — Lillie Shiver, Mildred Mears and Lenna Green, Mrs. A. D. Hart.

Salem — Alma Barnes, Jewel Ellerbee, Evie Hendrix and Mrs. Essie Barnes.

Christian Home — Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Bracewell, Mrs. Joe Spears, Lovie Burkett, Mildred Kent.

Gap Pond — Mr. and Mrs. Leon Finch.

Malone — Mrs. Ruby Benton, Lillian Rodgers, Grace Huckaby.

Traveler's Rest — Mrs. Edith Dawson, Juanita Mazerac.

Midway — Mrs. Zelma Pitts

Damascus — Dean Compton, Mrs. R. O. Rehberg, Herbert Padgett, Sis. Dee Compton.

Sneads — Mrs. Charles Jones, Mr. Charles Jones.

Hickory Grove — Clyde Holloway, Nita Johnson, Jean Ditty, Mrs. Cleave Ditty, Mrs. Joe Johnson, Leroy Ditty.

Marvin Chapel — W. B. Sellers, Donna Booth.

New Hope — Ronnie Hand, Richie Wise.

Cypress Creek — Charlie Morris, Debra Carr, Doris Corbin, Ann Bell.

Cedar Grove — Pastor Rev. John Carr.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Chester A. Huckaby

Rev. J. C. Watson

Rev. Donald Walsingham

Rev. D. F. Pelt

Rev. James C. Pelt

Rev. W. M. Compton

Rev. C. L. Newsome

Rev. Gerald Wayne King

Rev. J. W. Roberts

Rev. J. E. Nichols

Rev. Pete Allen

LICENSED MINISTER

Rev. Gene Dean

TREATISE

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

CHAPTER I

The Holy Scriptures

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

CHAPTER II

Being and Attributes of God

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER III.

Divine Government and Providence

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER IV

Creation, Primitive State of Man, and His Fall

Section I.—Creation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section II.—Primitive Man, and His Fall

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER V

Of Christ

Section I.

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

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

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

² See Atonement (Chapter VII)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

God, and the everlasting Father.⁹

			Rec. by Baptism	Other ways	Dead	Dismissed by Letter	Total Membership	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelist	Cooperative	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Children's Home	Education	Youth Camp	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage	Building and Repair	Misc. Spending	Church Day
Churches	Pastor & Address	Clerk & Address																		
Abes Springs	George Griffin Tallahassee, Fla.	V. L. Blackburn P. O. Box 736 Blountstown, Fla.			1		56	358.85	100.00	60.00		20.00				8,500.00		654.00	93.40	2nd & 4th Sun.
Christian Home	James Pelt Rt. 1, Box 256B Blountstown, Fla.	Mrs. Falfa Clark P. O. Box 163 Tallahassee, Fla.	1	4	1	1	178	4,705.00	125.00			110.15	565.29	240.00		50,000.00	10,000.00	3,230.00	1,015.07	Full Time Every Sunday
Cypress Creek	J. E. Nichols Rt. 1, Altha, Fla.	Beatrice Kent Route 1 Cottondale, Fla.	1		1		57	580.00	90.00							8,000.00			38.00	1st & 3rd Sun.
Damascus	W. M. Compton P. O. Box 734 Marianna, Fla.	Hubert Padgett Rt. 1, Box 318 Marianna, Fla.	1		1	1	74	1,870.00	107.77	529.21	234.00	179.50	88.00	100.00		5,000.00		2,004.75	197.28	Full Time
Gap Pond	A. J. Carr Rt. 2, Box 148 Grand Ridge, Fla.	Faye Finch 600 Boulevard St. Dothan, Ala.	5		1	1	23	150.00								5,000.00				1st & 3rd Sun.
Hickory Grove	W. F. McDuffy Blakely, Ga.	J. W. D. Stephens Bascom, Fla.	1			1	134	1,010.00	123.00		100.00		98.00	175.00		20,000.00			425.48	2nd & 4th Sun.
Lovewood																				
First F.W.B. of Malone	C. A. Huckaby Chipley, Fla.	Mrs. Thelma Gradin P. O. Box 282 Malone, Fla.		3		3	70	1,965.00	410.00	264.67		202.37	25.00	60.00		18,000.00		2,064.81	523.10	Full Time
Marvin Chapel	J. B. Lovering Route 3 Marianna, Fla.	Mrs. Audrey Eiland Rt. 1, Box 54 Marianna, Fla.	6		2	1	103	2,400.00		240.00			95.00	152.00		22,500.00	7,500.00		594.30	Full Time
Midway	Pete Allen McCory's Drive Marianna, Fla.	Zelma Pitts Rt. 1, Box 255 Marianna, Fla.		1	1	3	34	72.04		2.00	2.00	2.00				2,200.00			31.00	2nd & 4th Sun.
New Hope		Mildridge Mears Rt. 2, Box 66 Grand Ridge, Fla.	5	3	1	1	55	652.01	59.80							6,000.00			6.00	2nd, 4th & 5th Sun.
Pine Grove	J. C. Watson Marianna, Fla.	Myrtle Adams Rt. 1, Box 145 Blountstown, Fla.	9		2		36	300.00												Full Time
Salem	Pete Allen Marianna, Fla.	Nellie Morris Rt. 2, Box 72 Cottondale, Fla.		3	1	1	108	1,560.00	110.00			10.00	65.00			15,000.00		2,055.97	612.76	
Traveler's Rest	C. A. Williams Route 5 Colquitt, Ga.	Verlie Suggs Rt. 1, Box 220B Altha, Fla.			1	1	105	1,685.00	200.00	215.21	36.70	239.43	98.00			10,000.00		12.30		Every Sunday Except 5th
Sneads	Ralph Belle Sneads, Fla.	Rebecca Coullitte Rt. 1, Box 12 Sneads, Fla.	3	1		2	71	2,500.00	100.00	80.00	89.86	110.00	240.00	46.32		12,000.00	5,000.00	725.00	474.91	Full Time
Holly Grove	Donald Walsingham Route 2 Marianna, Fla.	Donald Hussey Rt. 1, Box 292 Marianna, Fla.	7	7			107	2,269.79	185.00	486.57	10.00	20.00	16.98	15.00		20,000.00		4,100.00		Full Time
Cedar Grove	John Carr Rt. 2, Box 148 Grand Ridge, Fla.	B. B. Thomason Bascom, Fla.																		
TOTAL: 16			39	22	16	17	1,181	21,777.69	1,616.57	1,877.61	472.56	893.45	1,301.27	838.32		202,200.00	22,500.00	31,413.28	2,206.82	

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,⁷ and a partaking of the divine nature.⁸

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.'

CHAPTER XVIII

Ordinances of the Gospel

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. Washing the Saint's 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 Church	Aug. 31, 1969
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