

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**74th ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**ASSOCIATION**

**HELD WITH**  
**Traveler's Rest Church**  
**CLARKSVILLE, FLORIDA**  
**Marvin Chapel Church**  
**MARIANNA, FLORIDA**  
**OCTOBER 3 and 4, 1969**

**OFFICERS**

Rev. D. F. Pelt, Moderator ..... Grand Ridge, Florida  
Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Vice Moderator ..... Chipley, Florida  
Chester L. Cook, Clerk & Treasurer ..... Rt. 1, Box 193, Altha, Florida

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Rev. Donald Walsingham, Rev. Harvey Ross, Bro. J. R. Long  
Rev. D. F. Pelt, Bro. Chester Cook

**ORDAINING COUNCIL**

Rev. Chester Huckaby, Rev. James Pelt, Rev. J. B. Lovering

**MISSION BOARD**

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

**CHURCH EXTENSION**

Bro. Chester Cook 1973, Bro. Hubert Padgett 1972  
Bro. Franklin Chafin 1971, Bro. Earl Hill 1970

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Bro. John Phillip 1974, Rev. Donald Walsingham 1973, Rev. J. B.  
Lovering 1972, Rev. J. E. Nichols 1971, Rev. Chester Pelt 1970

The next annual session will convene with Christian Home Church,  
Blountstown, Florida Friday, Oct. 1, 1970 and Hickory Grove Church,  
4 miles north of Bascom, Florida Saturday, October 2, 1970.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

First Quarterly Meeting — Malone ..... January 3, 1970  
Sunday School Convention — New Hope ..... March 29, 1970  
Second Quarterly Meeting — Pine Grove ..... April 4, 1970  
Salem Women's Auxiliary Convention  
Third Quarterly Meeting — Sneads ..... July 4, 1970  
Sunday School Convention — Cottondale ..... August 30, 1970  
Annual Association — Christian Home ..... Friday, Oct. 1, 1970  
Hickory Grove ..... Saturday, Oct, 2, 1970

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## PROCEEDINGS

January 4, 1969 — The First Quarterly meeting of the Salem Association was held at Holly Grove Church. Rev. James Pelt was in charge of the song service.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. Compton. Welcome by the host pastor, Rev. Donald Walsingham.

Devotional was brought by Rev. C. A. Huckaby. Scripture: II Corinthians 2:6.

At this time moderator recognized the visitors and Ministers and Deacons.

Moderator asked for the report of the Credential Committee. Reported that there were 14, 20 delegates, 11 Deacons and 12 Ministers (M.S.C.) to receive the report and seat the delegates.

At this time Rev. Walsingham moved to discuss the possibility of the association recognizing the man or woman or family of the year.

After song service Rev. Ralph Bell led the congregation in Prayer. Mission Offering received in the amount of \$29.74.

Special song rendered by Rev. James Pelt, also a group of young Ladies from Holly Grove Church rendered two Beautiful numbers titled "He Touched Me" and "On A Hill Far Away."

The eleven o'clock message was brought by the pastor of Damascus Church—Luke 37:22.

### AFTERNOON—

The Congregation was led in song service by Rev. James Pelt. Prayer by Bro. John Stewart. Devotional was brought by the pastor of Sneads Church, Rev. Ralph Bell from Psalm 37:5.

Moved that a committee be appointed to work out guide lines for the person or family of the year.

The Ordaining Council gave a report and asked that the churches that have new pastors from a sister association to meet with the ordaining council at the next quarterly meeting. The committee to work out the guidelines for "The Family or Person of the Year Award." Appointed were Sister Ruby Pelt, Sister Audrey Eiland, Sister Lillian Rodgers and Rev. Donald Walsingham.

The Moderator called for the final report of the Credential Committee. Reported: 15 Churches, 12 Ministers, 14 Deacons, 24 Delegates.

At this time the Mission Board, the Church Extension and the Clerk and Moderator met to review the work at Lovewood Church and Cottondale Church.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Holly Grove Church for their hospitality.

Rev. D. F. Pelt, Moderator  
Chester Cook, Clerk

## SECOND QUARTER

The Salem Association met with Sneads Church on April 5, 1969. Song service by Rev. James Pelt. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Hansley. Welcome was given by Rev. Ralph Bell. Response was given by the Moderator, Rev. D. F. Pelt. Devotional by Rev. Donald Walsingham. Scripture: Acts 1:8, St. Luke 24:49, Acts 4:33.

At this time the Moderator recognized the Ministers and Deacons and visitors from other Associations. Ministers from other Associations were Rev. W. A. Hansley, Rev. Windel Walley and Rev. Robert Crawford. Rev. Robert Crawford made a statement how the Lord was dealing with the young people in the Chipley Church.

There was a Testimony Service at this time.

Moderator called for the report of the Credential Committee. Report was 14 churches, 20 delegates, 12 ministers and 10 deacons.

An offering in the amount of \$67.50 was taken for Rev. J. W. Roberts.

Recess for 15 minutes.

The congregation was led in song service by Rev. James Pelt. After a very inspiring message brought by Rev. J. E. Lovering the body was dismissed for lunch served by Sneads Church.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

The song service was led by Rev. Pete Allen. Devotional by Rev. W. A. Hansley from the 4th chapter of First Timothy.

At this time report was appointed to set guidelines for "The Family of the Year."

The Finance Committee gave their report.

As the Committee on Nomination had not been appointed the moderator appointed Sneads Church on this Committee.

The Committee on The Family of the Year was retained to do other work and report later.

Bro. Earl Hill made a good report on the progress of the Cottdondale Church.

A vote of thanks was given the Sneads Church.

Rev. D. F. Pelt, Moderator

Chester Cook, Clerk

### THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

On July 5, 1969 the Third Quarterly meeting of the Salem Association met with Cypress Creek Church. Rev. J. E. Nichols led the song service. Prayer was by Rev. W. E. George.

Welcome by Rev. J. E. Nichols, pastor of the host church. Devotion by Rev. James Pelt. Scripture: Romans 8:26, James 5:17.

Moderator called for report of the Credential Committee. Reported 13 Churches, 13 Delegates, 9 Ministers, and 11 Deacons. (M.S.C.) they be seated.

Recognize visitors from other Association. Rev. W. A. Hansley and Rev. W. E. George.

At this time the Moderator appointed Malone Church as a committee on Nomination.

Rev. Compton reported that Cottdale Church had called a pastor.

Business called off for the eleven o'clock message brought by Rev. C. A. Huckaby. Scripture Hebrew 3:12.

After the message a Home Mission offering was received in the amount of \$42.85.

Lunch served by the host church.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened by song led by Rev. James Pelt. Prayer by Rev. Pete Allen. The devotional was brought by Rev. Wayne Hicks, pastor of the Quincy Church. Scripture: Matthew 24:12.

At this time the Moderator called for the final report of the Credential Committee, reported 14 churches, 22 delegates.

Bro. Rhyberg was appointed to gather supplies for the Childrens Home with the help of others.

Rev. Compton will visit the following churches: Midway, Marvin Chapel, Holly Grove, Salem, Cypress Creek, Lovewood, Cottdale, Gap Pond, and Damascus. Bro. Beacham Sneads, New Hope, Cedar Grove, Hickory Grove, and Malone. Bro. Chester Cook, Christian Home, Pine Grove, Abes Springs, and Traveler's Rest in the interest of collecting for the Children's Home.

Moved to give a rising vote of thanks to Cypress Creek Church.

Rev. D. F. Pelt, Moderator

Chester Cook, Clerk

### ANNUAL SESSION

The 74th annual session of the Salem Free Will Baptist Association met with Traveler's Rest Church Friday, October 3, 1969.

Song service led by Bro. Chester Cook. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Hansley. The devotional was abely brought by Rev. W. A. Hansley, Florida State Promotional Director. Scripture: Psalm 37:3, 45; Prov. 3:5, 6.

Welcome by Bro. Chester Cook. Response by Rev. D. F. Pelt.

Moderator as for the number registered reported: 33 Delegates, 9 Deacons, 9 Ministers, also Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Payne our Missionary to the Ivory Coast of Africa. (M.S.C.) to seat delegates.



The Moderator appointed the following on the Compiling Committee: Sisters Annie Belle Taylor and Ruby Pelt and Bro. Olan Rehberg.

Business was called off for the eleven o'clock message. After song and prayer an offering was taken which amounted to \$50.85 (M.S.C.) that the offering be given to the Missionary Eddie and Sandra Payne. The morning message was brought by Rev. D. F. Pelt. Scripture: Luke 22:39, John 6:38, and Matthew 6:10.

Dismissed for lunch served by the host church.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

After song service the Moderator asked Rev. Jake Scott, pastor of New Hope Church, to bring the devotional.

Abes Springs Church brought their report on Resulation. (see report)  
Traveler's Rest reported on Stewardship. (see report)

Damascus reported on Obituary. (see report)

M.S.C. to let Rev. W. A. Hansley give us a report on the State work. Treasurer gave his report at this time. (see report)

At this time our Missionary and his two small daughters sang us some courses in French that they use in their work.

The Association gave Traveler's Rest Church a rising vote of thanks.

Adjourned to meet at Marvin Chapel tomorrow.

### SATURDAY SESSION

The Salem Free Will Baptist Association met with Marvin Chapel Church Saturday, October 4, 1969.

Rev. Cary Williams led the song services. Prayer by Rev. Chester Huckaby. The devotional was given by Sister Annie Belle Taylor using as her scripture St. John 20:24, 28.

Welcome by Rev. J. P. Lovering, pastor of the host church. Response by Rev. D. F. Pelt.

Committee on Credentials reported 33 Delegates, 14 Ministers, 13 Deacons. M.S.C. to seat delegates.

Committee on Committee New Hope Church reported. (see report)

Report on Auxiliary by Hickory Grove Church. (see report)

Christian Education by Christian Home Church. (see report)

Report on Temperance by Holly Grove Church. (see report)

### RECESS

Returned for the eleven o'clock message. Rev. James Pelt led the congregation in song service. There was a special message in song by Marvin Chapel and Holly Grove Churches.

Mission offering received at this time in the amount of \$38.80.

Rev. Ralph Bell brought the message at this time using the following scripture: I King 13: 1, 3, 11, 26.

Dismissed for lunch.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. Cary Williams opened the afternoon session by leading the congregation in song services. Prayer by Rev. Bobbie Register. Devotional by Sister Lillian Rodgers. Scripture: Psalm 34.

At this time the Obituary report was given by Damascus Church. Rev. W. M. Compton led a short memorial service for our deceased members.

Committee on Committee by New Hope Church. (see report)

Report of the Nominating Committee by Malone Church (see report)

Rev. J. B. Lovering was elected to replace Rev. J. C. Watson on the Ordaining Council.

Bro. G. B. Scott asked that he be replaced on the Executive Committee because of ill health. Rev. Donald Walsingham was elected.

(M.S.C.) to appoint a committee to study the Constitution and to make a report on Friday of the next annual session. (No committee was reported)

(M.S.C.) to pay \$15.00 to delegates for expense to the State Association and also to pay 10c per mile (one way) to the moderator for expense to the National Association.

(M.S.C.) to give Marvin Chapel a vote of thanks for their hospitality.

So ended the Seventy-Fourth Annual Session of the Salem Free Will Baptist Association.

Rev. D. F. Pelt, Moderator

Bro. Chester Cook, Clerk

## REPORTS

Greetings from the brethren at Abe Springs to the Salem Association: As your committee on Resolutions for this year, we wish to make the following report:

Since our state association has an annual budget of \$20,000 which comes from the co-operative program, we have been able to hire a full time promotional secretary to work in behalf of Free Will Baptists throughout the state.

We, the Abe Springs Church, are glad to have a part in this work and would like to urge all churches in the Salem Association to join with us by supporting the co-operative program. To do so requires only ten percent of the regular church offering, part of which is also used to carry on our national and state projects.

Respectfully submitted,  
Abe Springs Church  
A. B. Keel, Clerk

We your committee on Stewardship make the following report:

Christ's earnestness in His parable on stewardship should make us shudder when we think of His judgement upon those who waste their opportunities to be good stewards.

All of us are aware of our responsibility as stewards of God's gifts to us of money or material possessions and we are also aware that many of us fail to be faithful in tithing or worshipful giving. On the other hand we are not so aware of two other charges of stewardship: namely, talents and time.

Many thousands of Free Will Baptists are using their God given talents to selfish ends with little or no concern for the will of God and His need of our service.

We are reminded of the story of a well-known U.S. Senator who during sugar rationing days was having a second cup of coffee in a cafeteria. He beckoned the young, shy waitress to his table and asked for a second spoonful of sugar. She explained timidly that he could not have the sugar because he had already had his ration for the time. He became very upset and asked harshly for a second spoonful which in turn upset her. She looked over his shoulder into the bottom of his cup and seeing the sugar that had settled there replied tartly, "Stir, stir what you got!"

So we as Free Will Baptists should stir what we have and in being good stewards we must ration our activities so that nothing is wasted. It is not what we have to offer, but that we offer what we have. As Christ was confronted with the feeding of the five thousand there were three significant statements to be considered: How many loaves have you? Bring it hither to me. Gather the fragments that remain.

Our wasted time, talents, and selfish use of money must be accounted for to our Lord. Therefore we recommend that Free Will Baptists take heed to these things.

Respectfully submitted,  
Travelers Rest Church

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT — OCTOBER 1, 1968**

In Treasury October 1, 1968 .....	\$ 750.57
Received for year .....	3,623.48
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>4,374.05</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Paid State .....	3,113.55
Paid Houston Printing Company .....	230.00
W. J. Roberts .....	67.50
Clerk .....	40.00
Moderator .....	25.00
West Florida District Association .....	10.00
Freight on Minutes .....	4.10
Postage .....	8.00
<b>TOTAL PAID OUT</b> .....	<b>3,498.15</b>
<b>BALANCE IN TREASURY</b> .....	<b>875.90</b>
For Home Missions (Local) .....	577.66
Association Expense .....	\$298.24

—Chester L. Cook, Sec.-Treas.

#### **REPORT ON AUXILIARIES**

The different auxiliaries of the Church are very valuable in helping to bring the lost to Christ, as well as a teaching and training service for Christians. The importance of all the different auxiliaries in the local churches of the Salem Association should be stressed by the members of each church. There are conventions of all the auxiliaries, and the officers



would be glad to visit local churches, to help and assist in any way possible to get any of the auxiliaries organized and going in the Church.

—Hickory Grove Church

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We your Nominating Committee, recommend that we retain:

Moderator .....	Rev. Daniel F. Pelt
Vice Moderator .....	Rev. Chester A. Huckaby
Clerk-Treasurer .....	Chester L. Cook
Church Extension Board .....	Bro. Chester L. Cook
Christian Education .....	John Phillips
First Quarter .....	Malone Church
Second Quarter .....	Pine Grove
Third Quarter .....	Sneads
Annual Association Meeting—	
1st Day .....	Christian Home
2nd Day .....	Hickory Grove

Respectfully,

Malone F.W.B. 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 house and Sunday Schools 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 and youth camps. We recommend that each pastor, church leader and Sunday School teacher teach the doctrine of our Denomination especially to our young people who will be assuming the leadership of our association in the future.

—Christian Home Church

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

We the Ordaining Council make the following report:

In January we ordained Rev. Collie Bastor at Malone Free Will Baptist Church as a minister, and Rev. George Griffin at Abe Springs Free Will Baptist Church. We ordained Bro. Johnny Roberts as Deacon of Abe Springs Free Will Baptist Church.

We request the churches to always include in letters granted to deacons or ministers the fact that they are deacons or ministers. It should be remembered that it is the Church's option as to whether they will receive deacons as members of the present board of deacons. It should be further remembered that an ordination is for life or for the duration of good behavior. We have examined Rev. Emerson and Register and recommend that they be received into our association. We ask that our moderator extend to them a welcome and the right hand of Christian fellowship for the Association.

## THURSDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 9

Rules for selection of the outstanding member or family of the year for Salem Association.

1. Must be born again Christian and member of F.W.B. Church in Salem Association.
2. Must be active participant in entire Church program.
3. Must be tither.
4. Must seek to win the lost by word and deed.
5. Must support missions.
6. Must support district, state and national programs.
7. Must have fixed program for daily devotion.

1. We recommend having 5 suppers, one per week beginning on the first Thursday night in August with three churches participating in each supper, for the purpose of honoring their local members of the three churches.

2. We recommend that a committee be appointed at this meeting to group the churches for these suppers and to decide on the date.

3. We recommend that a committee of all pastors of Salem Association be appointed to attend these suppers for the purpose of choosing the most outstanding member or family from the three churches.

4. We recommend that a \$100.00 fee per church accompany the nomination of outstanding member or family.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bro. Donald Walsingham  
Sister Audrey Eiland  
Sister Ruby Pelt  
Sister Lillian Rodgers  
New Hope Church

## OBITUARY

### NEW HOPE CHURCH

We the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church, do humbly submit the following obituaries of the four members we lost in the prior associational year.

On October 22, 1968 our Lord saw fit to call from our midst Brother Jefferson (Boss) Neel. He was born February 2, 1886. He is greatly missed by his family, friends and Church, but we bow in humble submission for His will must be done. We are thankful that our Brother was shared with us for so many years. We pray that each member of his family and loved one will be submissive to the will of Him who doest all things well.

On November 1, 1968 our Lord saw fit to call from our midst Sister Haley Green Neel. She was born March 1889. She had been a member of the Free Will Baptist Faith for many years. She is greatly missed by her Church, family, and friends. We bow in humble submission to the one who doest all things well. We pray God's richest blessings on her loved one in this hour.

On April 26, 1969, our Lord in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call Brother Henry Thomas Fowler from our midst. He had been a member of the Free Will Baptist Faith for many years. He leaves a host of relatives and friends who miss him greatly.

On March 18, 1969 our Lord saw fit to call from our midst Sister Helen Flowers who was a faithful member of our church although circumstances prevented her from attending regularly. She is missed by her church and friends. We pray God's richest blessings on each of her friends.

Humbly submitted,  
New Hope Church

### **MARVIN CHAPEL CHURCH**

The Lord has seen fit to call from our midst three members who were on the inactive roll of our church. These members were hindered by circumstances in attending but were true to their Lord. We mourn together with the families of Bro. Jim Grant, Bro. Felix Ingram, and Bro. Will Booth. We pray God's richest blessings on their loved ones.

On September 1, 1969, the Lord saw fit to call from our midst Brother Daniel L. Basford, who had been a faithful member of Marvin Chapel Church for several years. He was prevented from attending regularly the last several years because of ill health but will be missed by his many friends and church members. We will miss him but bow in humble submission to the one that doeth all things well. We pray God's blessings on his loved ones.

Humbly submitted,  
Marvin Chapel Church

### **SALEM CHURCH**

On April 13, 1969, the Lord called Brother John Swearingen, age 79. He will be missed by his family and all who knew him. He has been a member of our church for many years.

Submitted by  
Salem Church

### **HOLLY GROVE CHURCH**

B. T. Chatwood  
Wesley Adkins died July 1969  
S. E. Coulliette

Submitted by  
Holly Grove Church

### **PINE GROVE CHURCH**

In December, 1968 the Lord called from our midst Bro. Will Clark. He was a member of Pine Grove Church for many years. Although due to his health he was unable to attend church very often for the last several years.

Though he will be missed by loved ones and friends the Lord always knows best.

On May 9, 1969 the Lord called from us Sister Roxie Nichols. She was a faithful member of Pine Grove Church for many years. She will be missed by her loved ones and many friends.

On May 25, 1969 the Lord called from our midst Bro. Alvin C. Covin. He will be missed by his friends and loved ones. He was a member of Pine Grove Church for many years.

Submitted by  
Pine Grove Church

## **HICKORY GROVE CHURCH**

Mrs. Fannie Bell Hatcher died February 6, 1969

E. B. Vaughn died February 17, 1969

Marian W. Wilson died September 18, 1969

Hickory Grove Church

## **COTTONDALE CHURCH**

On June 19, 1969 the Lord called from our midst Brother Jackie Peacock. He was one of the charter members of Cottondale Church. He will be missed by his many friends and family.

Cottondale F. W. B. Church

## **DAMASCUS CHURCH**

Since the last annual meeting the Lord has called from our midst Brothers Hosea Skinner and Edward Porter. They will be greatly missed by their church, loved ones, friends and neighbors.

Damascus Church

## **CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH**

### **MRS. IRENE DAVIS**

The Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church has suffered a great loss in the passing from our midst, Sister Irene Davis August 5, 1969.

She accepted Christ at an early age, and was a faithful, active member of the church since early childhood. She was always willing and ready to do her duty in all things. She was an ardent worker in the church, Sunday School and Woman's Auxiliary, and for many years worked diligently with the young folks. At the time of her passing she was Study Course Chairman of Woman's Auxiliary.

She lived a beautiful, Christian life and her goodness overflowed and enriched the lives of others. Fellowship with her was an honor and a pleasure to enjoy. She loved her church and was faithful in all its activities, and in her passing the church has lost one of its most loved members.

Her daily life was an inspiration to all who knew her and her example of Christian living was a challenge and a blessing to those with whom she came in contact. Her friends and loved ones will always cherish with sincere love the memory of her.

She was a devoted wife, a most loving mother, and a good neighbor and a true friend to everyone.

She is survived by her husband, her mother, step-father, one daughter, one brother and a foster sister.

Funeral services were conducted at Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church, which she loved so well, by her pastor, Rev. James C. Pelt and burial was in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

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



## CHARLIE B. HOLLEY

On September 1, 1969 our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and mercy called our brother Charlie B. Holley unto Himself to dwell in a home not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, where peace, joy and happiness will be his reward.

He was born July 9, 1880 in Calhoun County near Christian Home Church and lived in the same community all his life until he became ill and went to live with his daughter in Pensacola. He accepted Christ and united with Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church at an early age, and was a devout member as long as he lived.

"Uncle Charlie," as he was affectionately known, was loved and adored by all who knew him, and he will be missed greatly by his church, loved ones, friends, and neighbors.

Funeral services were conducted at Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church by his pastor, Rev. James C. Pelt, and burial followed in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

Survivors are his widow, one son, three daughters and seventeen grandchildren.

The memory he left his loved one is an inspiration for them to follow in his footsteps and live a noble life for the Master.

We have suffered a great loss in his passing, but we bow reverently to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

## ARIE WEATHERS BOZEMAN

On August 22, 1969 Mrs. Arie Weathers Bozeman quietly and peacefully slipped away into the presence of her Heavenly Father.

She became a Christian early in life, lived a beautiful Christian life and was a faithful and devout member of Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church. In her passing the church suffered the loss of one of its most loyal members. Her family a devoted wife, a loving mother and her loved ones and friends a warm hearted friend and a good neighbor.

Hers was a life full of service for her Lord and for mankind. For many years she taught school, then entered the nursing profession, and administered for several year to suffering humanity until her health failed. She found great joy in the service of her Lord and in mankind. Her daily life exemplified the virtues of true Christian womanhood. A remarkable woman and one who could cope with almost any situation. Although we shall miss her we are resigned to the Will of Him who doeth all things well.

All who knew her will remember her for the Spirit of Christ, which radiated from her personality.

Besides her husband, she leaves to mour her loss one daughter, two grand children, three great grand children, two brothers, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral was conducted at Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church by her pastor, Rev. James C. Pelt among a host of sorrowing relatives and friends, burial followed in the family plot in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

Somewhere beyond the sunset,  
Where loveliness never dies  
She dwells in a land of Glory,  
With a Saviour Crucified.

Christian Home Church

## **SALEM SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION**

**The Salem Sunday School Convention submits the following report:**

A convention was held March 30, 1969 at Salem Free Will Baptist Church. A record number of churches were represented and seven churches presented programs.

The second convention of the year was held at Damascus Church. Seven Churches were represented and four presented programs.

New officers were elected for the next two years. They were: Rev. Darrel Everson, President, Rev. Gerald Hill, Vice President, Myra Smith, Secretary and Frances Brock, Assistant Secretary.

Host Churches for the following year will be New Hope on March 29, 1970 and Cottondale on the third fifth Sunday.

Salem Sunday School Convention,  
Myra Smith, Secretary

### **LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS**

Rev. Pete Allen  
Darrel Everson  
Gerald Wayne King  
Trim Finch  
J. E. Nichols  
George Griffen  
Daniel Pelt  
James Pelt  
D. W. Poole  
W. M. Compton  
Bobbie Register  
Donald Walsingham  
Harvey Ross  
A. J. Carr  
James Roberts  
C. A. Huckaby  
J. C. Watson

### **LIST OF LICENSED MINISTERS**

James Carr  
Gene Dean  
Cola Baxter  
Eelias Hurst

### **LIST OF DELEGATES**

Abes Springs Church—Alma Griffin  
Christian Home Church—Annie Belle Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Bracewell,  
Lona Davis, and Glenda Clark  
Cypress Creek—Doris Corbin, Willie Belle Locke, Debra Carr, Brenda Corbin  
Damascus—Hubert Padgett, Ollie Vee Rehberg, Gerald Hill  
Gap Pond—Eliad Hurst, Roberta Hurst, D. C. Finch, Leonard Russell  
Hickory Grove—Clyde Holloway, Lillie Maud Vaughn, Lavada Ditty  
Lovewood—Adele Morris  
Malone—Sam Benton, Ruby Benton, Lillian Rodgers, Barbara Register  
Marvin Chapel—Myrtle Sapp, Dora Booth, Audrey Eiland, Brenda Shirey  
Midway—Zelma Pitts

New Hope—Thomas Green, Susan Jackson, George Wright  
Pine Grove—Sallie and Myrtle Adams  
Salem—Jewell Ellebee, Lizzie Barnes, Nellie Morris  
Traveler's Rest—Jimmie Hitchcock, Carlos Weeks, Edith Dawson  
Sneads—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis, Mrs. G. B. Scott, Mrs. Laura Lamb  
Holly Grove—Wayne Miller, Tosca Miller, Ann Miller, Sue Stewart, Betty  
Hussey, Mike Boyette  
Cottondale — Berniece Eldridge, Floy Hill, Harvey Turner, Mack Glass  
Cedar Grove—Rev. A. J. Carr

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE**

Cottondale .....	Resolution
Damascus .....	Christian Education
Traveler's Rest .....	Auxiliary
Salem .....	Temperance
Hickory Grove .....	Stewardship
Malone .....	Obituary
Marvin Chapel .....	Finance
Sneads .....	Committee on Committee
	New Hope Church

**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 Assocation.

ARTICLE II. REPRESENTATION. The sessions of this Association shall consist of delegates from the Churches of which it is composed, each Church being entitled to one (1) delegate for every twenty-five (25) members or fraction thereof.

All ordained ministers and deacons who are members and in good standing with the Association and the Churches to which they belong, shall be standing delegates. Ministers from sister Associations who are serving Churches in this Association, shall have the right to make suggestions, but the voting right shall be reserved for the delegates of the Salem Associattion.

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 and Clerk of this 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 a.m., 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.



Churches	Cooper.	Assoc. Dues	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Education	Orphanage	Super- annuation	Payne Fund	Project 24	Total
Abes Springs	57.60	2.00								59.60
Christian Home		10.00						25.00		35.00
Cypress Creek		6.00								6.00
Damascus	126.33	7.00								133.33
Gap Pond		5.00								5.00
Hickory Grove		12.00					6.00			18.00
Lovewood	24.72	4.00								28.72
Malone	109.83	10.00						54.92		174.75
Marvin Chapel	60.00	4.00			15.00	15.00		28.20		122.20
Midway		4.00	2.00				2.00			8.00
New Hope		6.00								6.00
Pine Grove		6.00								6.00
Salem		10.00								10.00
Sneads	19.00	4.00								23.00
Traveler's Rest	61.40	10.00						27.40	6.00	104.80
Holly Grove	194.90	12.00								206.90
Cottdondale	126.40	4.00								130.40
Salem S. S. Conv.		10.00								10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>780.18</b>	<b>128.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>		<b>15.00</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>135.52</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>1,183.35</b>

CHURCHES	CLERKS & ADDRESSES	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	Received by Baptism	Other Ways	Dead	Dis. by Letter	Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evang.	Cooper.	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Children's Home	Education	Value of Property	Value of Parsonage
Abes Springs	A. B. Keel, Rt. 1, Box 44 Blountstown, Fla.	Geo. Griffin, Rt. 4, Box 365B Tallahassee, Fla.		3			22	380.25	141.50	57.60					8,500.00	
Cedar Grove	B. B. Thompson Bascom, Fla.	A. J. Carr, Rt. 2, Grand Ridge, Fla.														
Christian Home	Falfa Clark, P. O. Box 163 Blountstown, Fla.	James Pelt, Rt. 1, Box 256B Blountstown, Fla.	7	2	3	1	182	4,450.00	125.00			100.00	528.56	320.00	50,000.00	10,000
Cottondale	Ann Brannon, P. O. Box 5 Cottondale, Fla.	Darrell Everson Cottondale, Fla.	6	10	1		47	420.00		243.25					35,000.00	
Cypress Creek	Grady Bell, Rt. 4, Box 447 Marianna, Fla.	J. E. Nichols, Rt. 1 Altha, Fla.	4	2			65	650.00	75.00						6,500.00	
Damascus	Herbert Padgett, Rt. 1, Box 318, Marianna, Fla.	W. M. Compton, P. O. Box 734, Marianna, Fla.			2	8	72	2,144.00	335.00	686.99	30.00	58.00	50.00		10,000.00	
Gap Pond	Faye Finch, 600 Boulevard Dothan, Ala.	Trim Finch, 600 Boulevard, Dothan, Ala.	2	3			28	119.42							10,000.00	
Hickory Grove	J. W. D. Stephens Bascom, Fla.	W. F. McDuffie Blakely, Ga.			3	1	129	1,055.00	130.00				60.00	120.00	20,000.00	
Holly Grove	Sue Stewart, Rt. 2, Box 233 Marianna, Fla.	Donald Walsingham Rt. 2, Marianna, Fla.	6	10	3	1	125	2,271.62	155.50	400.00	10.00	5.00	15.00	34.34	30,000.00	
Lovewood	Mae Johnson, Rt. 1, Box 17, Cottondale, Fla.	J. E. Nichols, Rt. 1 Altha, Fla.						234.87								
Malone	Thelma Grondin, Box 282 Malone, Fla.	Bobbie Regester Malone, Fla.		4	2	4	61	2,600.00	175.00	473.57	66.00	286.19	40.00	60.00	18,000.00	
Marvin Chapel	Audrey Eiland, Rt. 1, Box 54, Marianna, Fla.	J. B. Lovering, Rt. 3 Marianna, Fla.	1	2	1	1	104	2,400.00		240.00	13.31	90.81	60.00	105.00	22,500.00	7,500.00
Midway	Zelma Pitts, Rt. 1, Box 255 Marianna, Fla.	A. J. Carr, Rt. 2 Grand Ridge, Fla.		3			34	42.89	4.00	11.00	12.00			10.00	2,200.00	
New Hope	Mildridge Mears, Rt. 2, Box 66, Grand Ridge, Fla.	J. J. Scott Brinson, Ga.	8	4	4		63	569.08	75.11						6,000.00	
Pine Grove	Myrtle Adams, Rt. 1, Box 145, Blountstown, Fla.	J. C. Watson Marianna, Fla.	1	1	3		36								5,000.00	
Salem	Nellie Morris, Rt. 2, Box 72, Cottondale, Fla.	Pete Allen, 404 McCary Marianna, Fla.	4	1	1	1	113	2,170.00	100.00			10.00		40.00	15,000.00	
Sneads	Rebecca Coulitte, Rt. 1, Sneads, Fla.	C. A. Williams, Rt. 5, Colquitt, Ga.	6		2	6	57	3,120.00	100.00	80.00	131.70	121.00	240.00	229.48	20,000.00	5,000.00
Traveler's Rest	Verlie Suggs, Rt. 1, Box 220B, Altha, Fla.					1	103	1,720.00	220.00	208.74	64.00	147.21	60.00		10,000.00	
18 Churches			45	46	25	18	1,241	24,347.13	1,636.11	2,401.50	327.01	818.12	999.56	918.82	253,700.00	22,500.00

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

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

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

<sup>5</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>

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,<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>

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.<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.<sup>1</sup> 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>1</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.'

## 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.