

MINUTES
OF THE
75th ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
Christian Home Church
BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA
AND
Hickory Grove Church
BASCOM, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 2 and 3, 1970

OFFICERS

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. Otis Whitehead, Rev. Harvey Ross, Bro. J. R. Long
Rev. D. F. Pelt, Bro. Olan Rehberg

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Chester Huckaby, Rev. James Pelt, Rev. Harvey Henderson

MISSION BOARD

Rev. H. L. Henderson, Rev. James Pelt, Rev. Otis Whitehead
Bro. Earl Hill

CHURCH EXTENSION

Bro. Mack Glass 1973, Bro. Hubert Padgett 1972,
Bro. Franklin Chafin 1971, Rev. Bobby Register

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bro. John Phillip 1974, Bro. John Stewart 1973, Bro. W. W. Eiland 1972
Rev. J. E. Nichols 1971, Bro. J. J. Scott
The next annual session will convene with Salem Church, Cottondale,
Fla. Friday, Oct. 1, 1971 and Cottondale Church, Cottondale, Fla.
Saturday, Oct. 2, 1971.

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

January 3, 1970 — The first quarterly meeting of the Salem Association was held at Malone Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. T. B. Calloway of Dothan, Ala. was in charge of song service. Prayer by Bro. J. B. Lovering.

The Moderator appointed Rev. J. B. Lovering to serve as Temporary Clerk in the absence of Bro. Cook to serve until the delegates were seated and a temporary clerk could be elected.

Devotion was brought by Rev. Darrell Everson. Scripture Joshua 24:15.

At the request of the Moderator a partial report of the credentials Committee was given. 6 Pastors, 7 Deacons, 22 Delegates, 7 visitors were reported. The report was adopted.

Mrs. Lillian Rodgers was elected to serve as Temporary Clerk.

Bro. Watson suggested that each church send to their church clerk all obituaries before association so that their report might be compiled before association date.

Special "Others" by Bro. Jim Pelt.

After a brief recess Bro. Jim Pelt led the song service. Children from Holly Grove sang a medley of songs.

Prayer by Rev. Chester Huckaby.

Special prayer was called for at this time for Bro. Chester Cook and others that were sick. Bro. Watson led in this prayer.

Special "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" by Bro. Jim Pelt.

Bro. Bobby Register, pastor of Malone Church introduced the guest speaker, Bro. John Edwards, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala. and Moderator of State Line Association. He used as his scripture Luke 15:1-24.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The song service was again led by Bro. Jim Pelt. Prayer by Bro. T. B. Calloway.

Special song, "I'd Rather Have Jesus" by Mrs. John Stewart

Devotion was given by Mrs. Ruby Pelt. She used as her scripture Psalm 1 and as her text "The Happy Man."

The business session was presided over by Bro. Chester Huckaby, Vice-Moderator.

The Finance report was given. A move to give Bro. Chester Cook the amount received for the morning offering as a love gift was carried. The amount was \$40.08.

Bro. Compton gave the Superannuation report and he reported that Bro. Roberts would receive the money from the board, and suggested that this body make some kind of suggestion to the state meeting to meet the need of our retired ministers considering that 10% is not sufficient to meet the need.

Final Report of the credentials committee was given. 11 pastors, 10 deacons, 28 delegates, 7 visitors, 15 churches.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Malone Church for their hospitality. The body was dismissed by prayer led by Bro. Daniel Pelt.

Rev. Daniel Pelt, Moderator

Mrs. Lillian Rodgers, Temporary Clerk & Treas.

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

The second session of Salem Association convened with Pine Grove church on April 4, 1970.

Song service led by Bro. Chester Huckaby, Prayer by Bro. Smith, from the Sunday School Department, Nashville, Tenn.

Devotion was led by Bro. Jim Pelt. He used as his scripture Matt. 6:5-15, using the 12th verse "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors" as his text.

Welcome was given by Bro. J. C. Watson, pastor of host church, and Bro. Daniel responded to the welcome. Prayer by Bro. J. B. Lovering.

Body entered into business session. Report of Credentials committee was given. 7 deacons, 11 pastors, 26 delegates, 12 churches.

After a brief recess the body was called to order. The song service was led by Bro. Jim Pelt. Prayer by Bro. Donel Walsingham. Special, "What A Friend" Bro. Jim Pelt.

Morning message was brought by Bro. J. J. Scott. Scripture Rev. 3:14-20. Text: "A Prodigal church in a prodigal world is God's problem."

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service was led by Bro. Jim Pelt. Prayer by Bro. W. F. McDuffie. Devotion was given by Bro. Donel Walsingham, Scripture Psalm 33:1-9.

Business session was presided over by Bro. Chester Huckaby. Final report of the credentials committee was given.

Treasurers report was given and a move to grant Mrs. Lillian Rodgers, Temporary Clerk and Treas. power to sign checks so that monies wouldn't be late reaching their destination was carried.

Bro. Smith of the Sunday School Department spoke on the programs outlined for our Sunday School lessons, stressing the need of growth in our Sunday Schools.

Superannuation report was given by Bro. Compton.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Pine Grove church for their warm reception. Dismissal prayer by Bro. Compton.

Rev. Daniel Pelt, Moderator

Mrs. Lillian Rodgers, Temp. Clerk & Treas.

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

July 4, 1970. The Salem Association met at Sneads Free Will Baptist Church.

Song service was led by Bro. Williams. Prayer by Bro. Wayne Hicks.

Morning devotion was brought by Bro. Bobby Register. Scripture Text: "Be Filled With The Spirit."

Welcome was given by Bro. C. A. Williams and the Response was given by Bro. J. B. Lovering.

Bro. Daniel Pelt gave some remarks, basing them on I Thes. 5:14 then led in prayer.

Report of the Credentials Committee was given.

In the business session Bro. Chester Huckaby reported on the closing of Abes Springs Church. A move to ask the Mission Board to look into the matter of the closing of the church was carried.

A short recess was given before the morning message for registration. Bro. Chester Huckaby led in the dismissal prayer.

Bro. C. A. Williams led the singing. Bro. W. F. McDuffie led in prayer. Special: "What A Friend" was sung by Bro. Jim Pelt.

Bro. Chester Huckaby brought the morning message. Scripture Gal. 5:22-23. He spoke on the Fruits of the Spirit stressing longsuffering.

Dismissal prayer. Bro. Williams.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The song service was again led by Bro. C. A. Williams. Little Tracy Stewart sang a special and answered some Bible questions.

Bro. W. F. McDuffie brought the evening devotion.

The Credentials committee gave their final report.

The finance committee gave their report. Free Will offering was \$47.28.

Final report for Bro. Cook was given by Mrs. Mezarac, the report was accepted and a move that his family be released from any further responsibility was carried.

A move that this association go on record as extending our appreciation and commend the services rendered by Bro. Cook, and that we send a letter of appreciation to each immediate member of his family.

A move that Mrs. Lillian Rodgers write the letter was carried.

Dismissal by Bro. Daniel Pelt.

Rev. Daniel Pelt, Moderator

Mrs. Lillian Rodgers, Temp. Clerk & Treas.

ANNUAL SESSION

The 75th annual session of the Salem Free Will Baptist Association met with Christian Home Church Friday, October 2, 1970.

Song service was led by Rev. Jim Pelt. Prayer by Rev. Chester Huckaby.

The Moderator opened the session by reading Matt. 5:1-12, closing his remarks with prayer.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. J. B. Lovering. Scripture John 15:1-11. His topic: "Our Relationships."

Rev. James Pelt extended the welcome and Bro. Newsome responded.

Rev. Chester Huckaby presided over the morning business session.

Standing Delegates were recognized.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee reported 11 ministers, 7 deacons, 5 visitors, 29 delegates and 11 churches registered. Report was accepted and delegates seated.

RECESS.

Song service led by Bro. James Pelt. Prayer by

Special "Others" — Rev. James Pelt.

Morning offering.

The Morning Message was brought by Rev. Daniel Pelt. Scripture Isaiah 5:1-6. Using the 6th verse as the text.

Dismissed for the noon meal.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song Service led by Bro. James Pelt. Prayer by Rev. W. M. Compton.

Afternoon devotion was brought by Rev. Ed Cook, Pastor of West Palm Beach Mission. Scripture Amos 6:1. Text: "Preaching to a passified People."

Business session was again presided over by Bro. Chester Huckaby.

At this time Rev. J. E. Nichols led in prayer for some special prayer requests.

The Credentials Committee gave the following report: 7 deacons, 11 pastors, 29 delegates, 5 visitors, 12 churches.

Holly Grove Church with Pastor Rev. Harvey Henderson acting as Chairman was appointed as the Nominating Committee.

Salem Church reported on Temperance. This report was adopted as given.

Sneads Church gave their report on Committee of Committees. This report was adopted as read.

New Business:

Gap Pond asked that their church be permitted to deed their church to Salem Association.

It was stated that before the Association could own property that they would have to have a board of trustees.

Move, seconded and carried that a board of trustees be appointed to look into the matter.

Move, second and carried that this matter be tabled until Saturday session.

The Ordaining Council reported that Rev. Otis Whitehead and Rev. Harvey Henderson were to be added to list of ordained ministers.

MSC that a committee of two be appointed to help raise funds annually for Sandra Payne account. Rev. C. A. Williams and Mrs. John Stewart were appointed.

MSC to accept the obituary report given by Malone Church. The report listed 24 deceased members.

MSC to accept the obituary written for Bro. Chester Cook and that the entire report along with a picture be printed in the minutes.

MSC to give Christian Home Church a rising vote of thanks for such a wonderful meal and day of fellowship.

Dismissed by Rev. Daniel Pelt.

SATURDAY SESSION

Song service led by Rev. C. A. Williams.

Morning devotion was brought by Rev. Jim Pelt. Scripture II Cor. 8:1-9 Verse 9 text verse.

A welcome was extended to the body by Rev. W. F. McDuffie the pastor of Hickory Grove, the host church.

The Moderator responded to the welcome then declared the body in order for business.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Watson.

MSC to accept the report of the Credentials Committee.

MSC to accept the report of Stewardship Committee given by Hickory Grove.

MSC that we recess business until afternoon session.

RECESS.

Song Service led by Rev. James Pelt. Prayer by Rev. Pete Allen.

Special "Holy Spirit Breathe on Me"—Rev. James Pelt.

Morning message was brought by Rev. Paul Irwin. Scripture: II Kings 6:16. Text: "The Borrowed Ax or The Lost Power."

Offertory Prayer by Rev. J. B. Lovering. Offering received.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song Service led by Rev. James Pelt. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Watson.

Devotion by Rev. C. A. Williams. Scripture: John 10:11-16. Text "Sheep."

Prayer by Rev. J. E. Nichols.

Business Session.

MSC to accept the final report of the Credentials Committee. 38 delegates, 17 ministers, 16 deacons, 10 visitors and 16 churches.

MSC to accept the report on Christian Education given by Damascus Church.

MSC to accept the report of the Nominating Committee given by Holly Grove Church.

At this time a report was given by Rev. Hansley, State Field Worker. He began his report by reading Eccl. 9:10.

MSC to accept the report of the Auxiliary Committee given by Travelers Rest Church.

MSC to accept the Finance Report given by Marvin Chapel Church.

MSC that a Youth Camp Committee be appointed to see about having a youth camp meeting for Salem Association.

The Youth Camp Committee: Bro. Thomas Green, Bro. Max Glass, Bro. Jim Pelt.

MSC that the Association underwrite Bro. Ed Cook \$30.00 a quarter.

MSC that we pay Rev. Pete Allen's tuition for this quarter at Chipola Junior College.

Delegates to State Meeting: Mrs. C. A. Huckaby, Mrs. Lillian Rodgers, Bro. and Mrs. Doyle Miller, Mrs. Gladys Foster, Mrs. J. E. Nichols. Alternates: Bro. Mac Glass, Bro. Harvey Turner.

Delegates to Liberty Association: Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Rev. Otis Whitehead. Delegates to Martin Association: Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Nichols.

MSC that we give Hickory Grove Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

MSC that we adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. W. F. McDuffie.

On July 4, 1970, Salem Association voted while in session to write a letter of appreciation and commendation for the faithful work of Brother Chester Cook.



Brother Cook was born Oct. 2, 1897 to Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Cook and was a lifelong resident of Calhoun County, Florida.

On December 24, 1916 he was married to Florence Nichols. They were the parents of three daughters, Mrs. Annie B. Davis, Mrs. Ruth Reeves, and Mrs. Juanita Mazerac and one son Carlos Cook.

After the death of Mrs. Cook, Bro. Cook married Mrs. Edith Daeson on November 8, 1969. By this union he had three step-daughters and 6 step-sons.

He joined Travelers Rest Church at an early age. He served as clerk of his church in 1917 and again in 1922. He was ordained as a Deacon April 6, 1935.

He served as a delegate to Salem Association for the first time at the age of 17 in 1915. He only missed four sessions from this time until his sickness just before his death.

He was elected Clerk of Salem Association in 1941 and served continually until his death.

He taught Gospel music in Florida, Alabama, and Georgia for many years.

In search for words to express our appreciation and a word that would describe Bro. Cook, I came up with the following poem.

There were so many words that came into mind,
Such as friendly, considerate and kind,
As I searched for one word to surpass all others,
To describe Bro. Cook, our departed brother.

Yes, in my description I could use these three,
He was as friendly, considerate and kind as could be.
But this was three words and I only wanted one,
That would be the perfect word to get the job done.

I considered love, for it was shown in his life,
By his care for his church, children and wife.
Also faithfulness, this couldn't be left out
For in respect to his duties he was most devout.

Joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness too,
Along with meekness and temperance came into view.
And I was quick to admit as my list had grown,
That in Brother Cooks life these all had shown.

Then it became clear as I continued to muse.
There really was one word that I could use.
It's the greatest thing that could ever be said,
About any person, whether they are living or dead.

That one word I'm so happy to say,
Is he was a Christian, and he lived that way.
The fruits of the spirit that were shown in his life,
Came as a result of his union with Christ.

If he could be here with us today,
These are the words I believe he would say.
"Be faithful, work hard, be diligent in prayer,
Let Christ use you to show the world how much He cares."

We are most grateful that God permitted us the privilege of serving with
and being served by such a wonderful Christian brother.

For: Salem Free Will Baptist Association
By: Mrs. Lillian Rodgers

BRO. COOK'S FINAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$ 903.70
Deposited Jan. 5, 1970	1,112.49

Total	\$2,016.19
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Feb. 10, 1970—Houston Printing Co. (for printing minutes)	350.00
Feb. 18, 1970—Florida State Association as follows:	
Cooperative Program	666.24
Home Mission	2.00
Foreign Missions	72.48
Orphanage	70.48
Bible College	109.96
Payne Fund	92.33

Superannuation	11.00	
Project 24	6.00	1,030.49
March 30, 1970 Mrs. Elizabeth Parrish (freight on minutes)		4.00
		<u>1,384.49</u>

Cash received	2,016.19	
Paid out	1,384.49	(In treasury for local home missions
		Oct. 1, 1969 \$577.16. This is in-
Difference	631.70	cluded in the present balance.

Received April 4, 1970	\$1,112.86
• July 4, 1970	876.31
July 4, 1970 from Bro. Cook	631.70
	<u>\$2,620.87</u>

PAID OUT:

April 1970 Northwest FWB Association	5.00	
4-21-70 Fla. State Association as follows:		
Foreign Missions	74.14	
Coop. Program	619.83	
Home Missions	45.65	
Bible College	113.28	
Orphanage	64.14	
Paynes Account	36.40	
Orange Park. Proj.	62.42	
Superannuation	6.00	
	<u>1,021.86</u>	

July 7, 1970 Florida State Association as follows:

Coop. program	572.79	
Foreign Missions	25.00	
Orphanage	17.00	
Superannuation	8.00	
Payne Fund	98.24	
Bible College	15.00	
	<u>736.03</u>	

Total Paid Out	1,762.89
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RECEIVED	2,620.87
PAID OUT	1,762.89

DIFFERENCE	857.98
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Lillian Rodgers
Secretary and Treasurer

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:

We the Committee on Committees submit the following:

Damascus	Resolution
Christian Home	Christian Education
New Hope	Auxiliary
Abe Springs	Temperance
Cypress Creek	Stewardship
Marvin Chapel	Obituary
Holly Grove	Finance
Hickory Grove	Committee on Committees
Salem	Nominating

Respectfully,

W. F. Ditty, Glen Dunham, C. L. Beauchamp
Sneads F.W.B. Church

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

We the Committee on Temperance submit the following report:

It is our firm belief that the Bible teaches total abstinence from any and all uses of alcoholic beverages. It says in Proverbs 23:20-21 "Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh. For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags," also in Proverbs 20:1 "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise." We believe in total abstinence and wish to encourage all people to such belief insomuch that it is Biblical as well as a Free Will Baptist Teaching.

Respectfully,

Salem Free Will Baptist Church

AUXILIARY COMMITTEE:

It has been proven that the Auxiliaries of the church are very beneficial. The Sunday Schools are very good training, especially for the youth. It has been said by J. Edgar Hoover that a child that is in Sunday School regularly is seldom up for a serious crime.

There are conventions for all of these auxiliaries, Sunday School, Women's Auxiliary, etc. We highly recommend that churches that do not have these strong arms of the church make a sincere effort to organize them.

Traveler's Rest Church

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

We your Nominating Committee recommend the following:

Clerk and Treasurer

Executive Committee—

To replace Rev. Donal Walsingham

To replace Bro. Chester Cook

Ordaining Council—To replace Rev. J. B. Lovering

Mission Board—To replace Rev. J. E. Nichols

To replace Rev. Donal Walsingham

Church Extension—To replace Bro. Chester Cook

To replace Bro. Earl Hill	Rev. Bobby Register
Christian Education—To replace Rev. Donal Walsingham	Bro. John Stewart
To replace Rev. J. B. Lovering	Bro. Eiland
To replace Rev. Chester Pelt	Bro. J. J. Scott
First Quarterly Meeting — Damascus	Jan. 2, 1971
Second Quarterly Meeting — Gap Pond	April 3, 1971
Third Quarterly Meeting — Traveler's Rest	July 3, 1971
Annual Association — Salem	Oct. 1, 1971
Cottondale — Holly Grove Church	Oct. 2, 1971

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

Quoting from I Cor. 4:1-2: "Let a man so account of us as the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."

We should face the facts that God owns us and we are merely stewards of the things we call ours. Our time, talents, income and whole being belongs to Him. We are held accountable for the way we use what He has let us have in our possession.

By committing the smallest details of our lives to the Lord we find that our relationship with Him grows deeper and more precious.

As stewards, giving God all that we are and will be is the very least we can do.

Respectfully,
Hickory Grove Church

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Be it resolved that we, the Salem Association, take a fresh look at our position in the world and compare that existing position to what it should be; keeping in mind that Jesus said in Luke 15:27 "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me cannot be my disciple." Luke 15:33 "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath he cannot be my disciple."

Be it resolved, that we as disciples of Christ, make a renewed and special effort to live as such in our churches, in our homes, on our jobs, and in our schools.

Be it resolved that all who accept this report, gather at the altar and kneel with us for prayer and in so doing begin our renewed and special effort to be true disciples of Christ. Be it resolved that this prayer be led by a person (or persons) appointed by the moderator at a time set by the moderator.

These resolutions submitted by duly elected delegates from Cottondale Free Will Baptist Church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

II Tim. 3:13-17—

We your committee on Christian Education submit the following report:

It is every Christian family's duty to read and study God's Word. It is the duty of Christian parents to teach their children the Bible, Sunday school literature, CTS literature and any other help recommended by our denominations leaders that will help us to teach God's Word effectively.

We further recommend that our Free Will Baptist Church families send their children to Free Will Baptist Bible College if at all possible.

Damascus Church

OBITUARIES

NEW HOPE

MRS. POLLY BENNETT—

On Sunday, April 26, 1970, Our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom and mercy called our sister Polly Bennett unto Himself to dwell in a home not made with hands eternal in the heavens, where peace, joy and happiness will be her reward.

"Aunt Polly" as she was known united herself with the church many years ago and was loved by everyone who knew her. She is greatly missed by all her relatives, friends and neighbors.

The memory she has left her loved ones is an inspiration for them to follow in her footsteps and live a noble life for the Master.

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

MRS. ANNIE H. COPE—

In June of 1970 the Lord saw fit to call from our midst sister Annie H. Cope. She was a member of New Hope Church for many years but due to ill health she had been unable to attend church very often. She will be missed by her loved ones and many friends.

ELDIS J. ALLEN—Age 76—

On August 3, 1970 the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church suffered a great loss in the passing from our midst sister Eldis J. Allen. She had been a member of New Hope Church for a number of years.

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.

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 and will be missed by all who knew her.

TRAVELERS REST CHURCH

MRS. SUSIE PHILLIPS—

On March 7, 1970, our Lord called from our midst our sister, friend, and loved one, Mrs. Susie Phillips. She had been a member of Travelers Rest Church for a number of years, but prevailing conditions had kept her from attending church for a long time.

Mrs. Phillips was born September 5, 1884, making her stay on earth eighty-six years. She will be greatly missed by those who knew her.

Survivors include three daughters, Miss Lula Phillips, Mrs. Rachael K. Musgrove, Mrs. Mary Carpenter. Two sons, Lonnie and Ed Max, one step daughter, Mrs. Minnie Grover, and three step sons, Mancil, Willie, and Ealie. She also leaves many friends and loved ones. To the bereaved we would like to extend our prayers and comforting words and ask God's blessings on all.

MR. CHESTER L. COOK—

On May 6, 1970, our Heavenly Father saw fit to call home another of His own, our dear brother, friend, and loved one, Mr. Chester L. Cook, who passed away after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Cook was born October 2, 1897, and had been a faithful member of Travelers Rest Church for many years. He was an earnest worker and showed a spiritual interest in any work connected with the church and was always willing to do more than his share. He was also, a lover of gospel music and did much to encourage the youth with whom he came in contact.

There has never been a more loyal or faithful worker for his denomination and church and we have lost a true and proven friend.

Mr. Cook served as clerk of Salem Association for twenty-eight years and served as clerk of Travelers Rest Church at two different intervals. He was ordained as deacon in 1931.

Besides a host of friends and relatives, survivors include his wife, Mrs. Edith Cook, three daughters, Mrs. Annie B. Davis, Mrs. Ruth Reeves, Mrs. Juanita Mazerac, one son, Carlos Cook, six step-sons, Franklin, Johnny, Willie Gene, Bobby, Winifred, and Harold Dawson, three step-daughters: Mrs. Sandra Payne, Mrs. Yvonne Ivie, and Miss Beverly Dawson, one brother, Arthur, and two sisters, Mrs. Avie Hornback and Mrs. Jewel Smith. Ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

No one will ever be missed more. May God bountifully bless as we extend our prayers and comforting words to the bereaved.

GEORGE JACKSON (JACKIE) DAWSON—

He calls the young as well as the old and on June 13, 1970, the Lord called from our midst Brother George Jackson (Jackie) Dawson. His death came as the result of an automobile accident in Maryland.

Jackie was born March 11, 1943, and had lived in Calhoun County, Fla., until he went into military service. After his term of service he had lived in Maryland where he was working. He became a member of Travelers Rest Church at an early age and was a regular attender and good worker while in this area.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Edith (Dawson) Cook, six brothers, Franklin, Johnny, Willie Gene, Bobby, Winifred, and Harold, and three sisters: Mrs. Sandra Payne, Missionary to Africa, Mrs. Yvonne Ivie, and Miss Beverly Dawson, also a host of friends and loved ones.

We extend our prayers and comforting words to the bereaved. May God bless in every way.

SALEM CHURCH

JETHROW BARNES—

On February 13, 1970 Our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and mercy called our Bro. Jethrow Barnes unto Himself to dwell in a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens where peace, joy and happiness will be his reward.

He was a member of Salem Church for many years and a deacon for 53 years, Clerk for 42 years.

He was always faithful to attend church. He will be missed by family and a host of friends and church.

EAVIE CROOMS—

On August 30, 1970 God called from us Sister Eavie Crooms. She was a faithful member and had been for many years.

Her firmness in faith of our Lord was strengthening to the many who had the pleasure of knowing and worshiping with her. Her testimony was one of

hope through her last days here. She will be missed by a host of relatives and friends.

MAJOR CLARK—

On August 20, 1970 Our Lord saw fit to call another of his own, our dearly beloved brother Major Clark. He was a faithful member of Salem Church for some number of years.

We feel that our loss is heaven's gain. He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

SYLVANIA MORRIS—

On March 26, 1970 the Lord called from our midst the dearly beloved sister Sylvania Morris. She had been a member of Salem Church for many years. We at the church, her family and her many friends will greatly miss her.

With hearts filled with love we say, "A wonderful mother has gone to her reward."

LURA GANEY—

On September 19, 1970 the Lord called from our midst the dearly beloved sister Lura Ganey. She was 64 years old. She had been a life-long member of Salem Church.

We at the church, her family and many friends will miss her greatly.

HOLLY GROVE CHURCH

Holly Grove Church lost one member by death this past year. Mr. Willie Mitchell on February 5, 1970.

SNEADS F.W.B. CHURCH

J. W. LAMB—

On March 29, 1970 the Lord called from our midst Bro. J. W. Lamb. He was born Sept. 21, 1889. He will be missed by his friends and loved ones. Bro. Lamb was a member of Sneads Church since 1965, also a true faithful member until the end.

MRS. ESTHER MAE MARTIN—

On March 21, 1970 our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and mercy called our sister Esther Mae Martin unto Himself to dwell in a home not made with hands, where peace and joy and happiness will be her reward.

She was born February 24, 1895 near Dothan, Ala. Came to Fla. on December 18, 1910 as Mrs. G. B. Martin.

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

She was a charter member of Sneads Free Will Baptist Church and we all miss her.

She leaves behind two daughters, nine grand children, twenty three great grand children, and three great great grand children.

The memory she left her loved ones is an inspiration for them to follow in her footsteps and live a noble life for the Master.

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH

MEMBERS DECEASED:

Dennis Ditty died February 10, 1970.

Milton Ditty died July 7, 1970.

Mrs. Trudy Stinson died November 3, 1969.

MIDWAY CHURCH

JAMES ROBERTS, SR.—

James Roberts, Sr. died March the 18th, 1970. He was 93 years old. He was a member of Midway Free Will Baptist Church.

He left his wife and 11 children to mourn his death. Four daughters and 7 sons besides a host of grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

He was a friend and neighbor to all and was known as "Uncle Jim."

He attended church services as long as he was able. He was buried in the Cypress Cemetery. We have suffered a great loss in his passing, but we bow reverently to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

ALFRED ROBERTS—

Alfred Roberts died in a Tallahassee hospital on March 6, 1970. He was 36 years old.

He leaves a mother, father, wife, Robbie, a son Robert, and a daughter Cynthia. Also two brothers, Olon Roberts and Theo Roberts.

He leaves an aged father-in-law, an aged mother-in-law, also a step grand mother, besides hosts of uncles, aunts, cousins, neices and nephews

He joined Midway Free Will Baptist Church when he was 9 years old. He was a hard worker. He was a carpenter and painter by trade. Tho he had been sick for several years, he attended his church regularly as long as he was able. He was a good songster. He dwells in Glory. He was buried in the Memorial Gardens in North Tallahassee, Florida.

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH

REV. A. J. CARR—

Rev. A. J. Carr was born June 18, 1901 in Geneva County, Alabama. He was at time of death pastoring Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist Church. Also Midway Free Will Baptist Church. He had been a pastor for above 30 years. He leaves 1 brother, 3 sisters and 2 half-sisters. Also his wife Ida Carr, 4 sons and 3 daughters. They are James Carr, Jr., Doyle, Douglas and Dallas.

His daughters are Geraldine, Mildred and Mary Ruth. He leaves grandchildren and great grandchildren. He died May 18th, 1970 and was buried at Holly Grove Baptist Church.

Clergymen were Rev. Bill George and Rev. Herschel Pumphrey. He was always ready to help anyone that he could at any time.

CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH

MAGGIE MOORE SILVERNAIL—

On February 19, 1970 God in His infinite mercy called our sister Maggie Moore Silvernail, whom we loved dearly, to be at home with Him.

She was born June 17, 1904 near Christian Home Church in Calhoun County and lived in this section all her life. She became a Christian early in life and was a faithful, loyal and devout member of Christian Home F.W.B. Church. Hers was a life of service and devotion for her Lord, her family and loved ones. They will always cherish, with sincere love, the memory of her.

She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, a good neighbor and a true friend. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Ralph Silvernail, one daughter, Mrs. Lillian Hilton of Chattahoochee, Fla., one son, Jas. T. Moore of Washington State, three sisters, eight brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at Christian Home F.W.B. Church, which she loved so much, by her pastor, Rev. Jas. C. Pelt, and burial was in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

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

MR. FRANK A. DAVIS—

On January 20, 1970 our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and mercy called our brother, Mr. Frank Davis 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 January 25, 1881 in Calhoun County near Christian Home Church and lived here all his life. He accepted Christ early in life and united with Christian Home F.W.B. Church where he was a faithful worker until his death.

"Uncle Frank" as he was affectionately known was loved and adored by all who knew him, and he will be greatly missed by his church, loved ones and friends. He is survived by 3 sons, 2 daughters, 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at Christian Home F.W.B. Church by his pastor, Rev. Jas. C. Pelt and a former pastor, Rev. D. F. Pelt and burial followed in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

The memory he left his loved ones is an inspiration for them to follow in his foot-steps and live a noble life for the Master.

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

LIST OF DELEGATES

ABE SPRINGS — None

CHRISTIAN HOME —

COTTONDALE—Mrs. Bernice Eldridge, Mrs. Mary Glass, Mr. Mack Glass, Mr. Harvey Turner.

CYPRESS CREEK—Grady Bell, Doris Corbin, Sue Dilmore, Ann L. Bell, Alternate

DAMASCUS—Minnie Lee Sexton, Mae Hill, Ollie Vee Rehberg.

GAP POND—Annie Mae Russell, Faye Finch.

HICKORY GROVE—G. W. Hatcher, J. D. King, C. K. Holloway, Jimmy Ditty, Cleveland Ditty, Mrs. Claude Ditty, Mrs. Nita Johnson.

HOLLY GROVE—

LOVEWOOD—Mrs. Mae Johnson, Mrs. Adele Morris, Mr. J. A. Nance.

MALONE—Mrs. Barbara Register, Mrs. J. R. Long, Mrs. Lillian Rodgers, Mrs. Ethelyne McLendon.

MARVIN CHAPEL—Myrtle Sapp, Dora Booth, Audrey Eiland, Brenda Shirey.

MIDWAY—Zelma Pitts.

NEW HOPE—Lena Green, Lula Horn, Tony Horn.

PINE GROVE—Mr. Eugene Adams, Mr. Cornelius Adams.

SALEM—Jewell Ellerbee, Lizzie Barnes, Gladys Foster.

SNEADS—C. J. Hill, Mrs. Rebecca Couliette, Mrs. Hazel Leigh, Mrs. Frances Cloud, Mrs. Edward Baxter.

TRAVELER'S REST—Mrs. Edith Cook, Mrs. Minnie Melvin, Mrs. Ella Grantham, Mrs. Juanita Mazerac, Jimmy Hitchcock.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SALEM ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

ARTICLE I. NAME AND COMPOSITION. This Association shall be known as the SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF WEST FLORIDA, and shall be composed of the following churches: Abes Springs, Cedar Grove, Christian Home, Cottondale, Cypress Creek, Damascus, First Church of Blountstown, First Church of Malone, Hickory Grove, Pine Grove, Rocky Grove, Holly Grove, Lovewood, Marvin Chapel, Midway, New Hope, Oak Grove, Salem, Traveler's Rest and any other duly organized Free Will Baptist Church that may wish to unite with this Association.

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

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

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator and Clerk-Treasurer, who shall be elected every two (2) years.

The standing Committees of this Association shall be: Executive, Finance, Obituary, Temperance, Stewardship, Auxiliaries, Resolutions and Nominations, who shall make annual reports to the Association. Other committees shall be appointed as the need may arise.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of three (3) members elected for two (2) year terms and the Moderator 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Churches	Cooper.	Assco. Dues	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Education	Orphanage	Super- annuation	Payne Fund	Project 30	Total
Abes Spring										
Christian Home		10.00		25.00						35.00
Cypress Creek		6.00								6.00
Damascus		7.00								7.00
Gap Pond		5.00								5.00
Hickory Grove		12.00					6.00	100.00		118.00
Love Wood	40.74	6.00								46.74
Malone	124.51	10.00						62.25		196.76
Marvin Chapel	60.00	4.00			15.00	15.00		15.00		109.00
Midway		2.00		2.00			10.00			14.00
New Hope		6.00								6.00
Pine Grove		5.00								5.00
Salem		10.00		10.00						20.00
Sneads	20.00	3.00								23.00
Traveler's Rest	168.76	10.00						23.26		208.02
Holly Grove	172.20	10.00								182.20
Cottondale	164.20	4.00								168.20
Special Offerings			88.44							88.44
TOTAL	750.41	110.00	88.44	37.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	200.51		1,238.36

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.				4	18	181.11		33.34					5,000.00	
Cedar Grove	B. B. Thompson Bascom, Fla.															
Christian Home	Falfa Clark, P. O. Box 163 Blountstown, Fla.	James Pelt, Rt. 1, Box 256B Blountstown, Fla.	7	2	2	3	186	4,335.00	150.00				324.87	485.00	50,000.00	10,000.00
Cottondale	Lydia Glass, P. O. Box 45 Cottondale, Fla.	Rev. Otis Whitehead Gen. Del., Cottondale, Fla.	7	6		1	59	1,005.50	295.00	538.14	35.00		50.00	90.00	35,000.00	
Cypress Creek	Grady Bell, Rt. 4, Box 447 Marianna, Fla.	J. E. Nichols, Rt. 1 Altha, Fla.	1	3	1		62	675.00	150.00						7,000.00	
Damascus	Herbert Padgett, Rt. 1, Box 318, Marianna, Fla.	W. M. Compton, P. O. Box 734, Marianna, Fla.													10,000.00	
Gap Pond	Faye Finch, Kennedy Hgts., Newton, Ala.	Trim Finch, 600 Boulevard, Dothan, Ala.	2		2		28	143.78	47.00						10,000.00	
Hickory Grove	J. W. D. Stephens Bascom, Fla.	W. F. McDuffie Blakely, Ga.			3	2	125	1,265.00	150.00			100.00	82.00	130.00	25,000.00	
Holly Grove	Sue Stewart, Rt. 2, Box 233 Marianna, Fla.	Harvey Henderson, Rt. 4, Box 5, Marianna, Fla.	10	5	1	7	128	3,751.75	252.00	512.48	5.00	10.00	20.00	34.34	30,000.00	
Lovewood	Mae Johnson, Rt. 1, Box 17, Cottondale, Fla.	J. E. Nichols, Rt. 1, Altha, Fla.			1	1	61	269.10		40.74					8,000.00	
Malone	Thelma Grondin, Box 282 Malone, Fla.	Bobbie Regester Malone, Fla.	1	1	1	1	61	2,625.00	125.00	457.90	135.00	140.35	25.00	110.00	20,000.00	
Marvin Chapel	Audrey Eiland, Rt. 1 Box 54, Marianna, Fla.		1	2			107	2,400.00	215.00	240.00		60.00	60.00	60.00	22,500.00	7,500.00
Midway	Zelma Pitts, Rt. 1, Box 255, Marianna, Fla.	J. W. Roberts			2		32	50.00			4.00	2.00	5.00			
New Hope	Mildridge Mears, Rt. 2, Box 66, Grand Ridge, Fla.	J. J. Scott Brinson, Ga.	1	3	3		64	621.60	82.00						7,000.00	
Pine Grove	Myrtle Adams, Rt. 1, Box 145, Blountstown, Fla.	J. C. Watson Marianna, Fla.													5,000.00	
Salem	Nellie Morris, Rt. 2, Box 72, Cottondale, Fla.	Pete Allen, 404 McCary Marianna, Fla.	1	8	5	2	115	2,390.00	100.00			10.00	50.00	51.00	15,000.00	
Sneads	Rebecca Coulitte, Rt. 1, Sneads, Fla.	C. A. Williams, Rt. 5, Colquitt, Ga.	1	4	2	2	58	3,120.00	150.00	80.00	150.00	222.00	250.00	171.00	20,000.00	8,000.00
Traveler's Rest	Verlie Suggs, Rt. 1, Box 220B, Altha, Fla.	Chester A. Huckaby, Rt. 3, Chipley, Fla.	4	6	3	2	107	1,320.00	200.00	333.98	240.00	533.95			10,000.00	
18 Churches			36	40	26	21	1,249	23,971.23	1,916.00	2,203.24	569.00	1,078.30	866.87	1,131.34	274,500.00	25,500.00

TREATISE

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

CHAPTER I

The Holy Scriptures

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

CHAPTER II

Being and Attributes of God

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

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

² John 4:24, God is a Spirit. 2 Cor. 3:17. 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.¹

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. His Works. By Christ the world was created,¹ He preserves² and governs³ it; He has provided redemption for all men⁴ and He will be their final Judge.⁵

Section II—The Incarnation of Christ

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

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

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

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

* Eph. 1:7, In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins. Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; Isa. 44:6. 1 Peter 1:18, 19; Rev. 5:9.

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

* John 1:14, And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. Phil. 2:6, 7, Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. 2 Cor. 8:9; Heb. 4:15.

liable to the infirmities of our nature;¹ was tempted as we are,² but lived our example,³ and rendered perfect obedience to the divine requirements.⁴ As Christ was made of the seed of David according to the flesh, He is called "the Son of man";⁵ and as the divine existence is the fountain from which He proceeded, and was the only agency by which He was begotten⁶ He is called "the Son of God",⁷ being the only begotten of the Father,⁸ and the only incarnation of the Divine Being.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER VI

The Holy Spirit

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁵ John 14:17, Even the Spirit of truth.

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

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

⁸ 1 Peter 3:18, Quickened by the Spirit. Rom. 8:11.

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

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

5. The apostles assert that the Holy Spirit is Lord and God.²

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER VII

The Atonement and Mediation of Christ

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

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

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

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

quirements of God.¹ The atonement of sin was necessary,² For present and future obedience can no more blot out our past sins than past obedience can remove the guilt of present and future sins. Had God pardoned the sins of men without satisfaction for the violation of His law, it would follow that transgression might go on with impunity; government would be abrogated, and the obligation of obedience to God would be, in effect, removed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER VIII

The Gospel Call

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER IX

Repentance

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

CHAPTER X

Faith

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

¹ 2 Cor. 7:10, For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of. Psalms 51:17; Prov. 28:13, He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them, shall have mercy. Psalms 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. Psalms 51:3, 4; Ezek. 18:30, Repent, and turn yourself from all your transgressions so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER XI

Regeneration

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER XII

Justification and Sanctification

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER XIII

Perseverance of the Saints

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER XIV

The Sabbath

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER XV

The Church

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

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER XVI

Tithing

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

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

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

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

CHAPTER XVII

The Gospel Ministry

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

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

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

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

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

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

* Mark 16:15, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 2 Tim. 4:2; 2 Cor. 4:5; Ezek. 33:7.

* Matt. 28:19, Teach all nations, baptizing them. Luke 22:19, 20, This do in remembrance of me. Acts 20:11; 27:35; 1 Cor. 11:23-28; 10:16.

and otherwise perform the work of faithful pastors.'

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 Fee.—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.