

1978

MINUTES

OF THE

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

TWIN CITIES ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

EMMANUEL CHURCH

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

OCTOBER 14, 1978

## OFFICERS FOR THIS YEAR

Moderator.....Dr. James Ursrey

Asst. Moderator.....Rev. Russell Horne

Clerk-Treasurer.....Bro. Edward Newman

Asst. Clerk.....Bro. John Rae

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Dr. James Ursrey   | P.J. Pearson |
| Rev. Russell Horne | Hugh Ball    |
| Bro. Edward Newman | Jerry Thorne |

## ORDERING COUNCIL

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Dr. Mike Stevens      | Rev. Russell Horne |
| Rev. Frank Williamson |                    |

## STATE BOARD MEMBERS

|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Christian Ed. & Camping..... | Dr. Mike Stevens   |
| Retirement.....              | Bro. Hugh Ball     |
| Trustees.....                | Rev. Russell Horne |
| Home Missions.....           | Dr. James Ursrey   |
| Budget.....                  | Edward Newman      |

## PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

Dr. James Ursrey

## RECOMMENDED ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order by Moderator.
2. Open meeting with prayer.
3. Invite visiting Brethren to seats.
4. Read and Adopt Minutes of last meeting.
5. Call for acknowledgement on matter of dealing.
6. Report of Deacons.
7. Report of Committees.
8. Unfinished Business.
9. New Business.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Appointment of Committees.
12. Adjourn

M/S/C- Moved, Seconded, and Carried

## CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

| CHURCH     | CHECK NAME-ADDRESS   | PHONE    |
|------------|--|----------|
| Calvary    | Gay McSwain<br>4915 Willborn Dr.<br>Columbus, Ga. 31907    | 563-8883 |
| Emmanuel   | Wayne Lovering<br>327 47th Street<br>Columbus, Ga. 31904   | 327-8650 |
| Providence | Mrs. Pat Martin<br>1106 Winston Rd.<br>Columbus, Ga. 31903 | 687-7616 |

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Rev. Russell Horne.....  | 3918 Reese Rd.<br>Columbus, Ga. 31907<br>404-563-3358              |
| Dr. Mike Stevens.....    | Route 1<br>Shenandeah Forest<br>Cataula, Ga. 31804<br>404-327-0931 |
| Dr. James Ursrey.....    | 5328 Hilliard Ave.<br>Columbus, Ga.<br>404-322-6077                |
| Rev. Frank Williamson... | 3 New Market Ct.<br>Columbus, Ga.<br>404-563-4682                  |

## SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE TWIN CITIES ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Second Annual Session of the Twin Cities Association held at Emmanuel Church, October 14, 1978, convening at 10:00 a.m. Song led by Bro. Edward Newman, prayer by Dr. Ursrey.

Devotional given by Dr. James Ursrey. Prayer by Rev. Russell Horne. Welcome by Dr. James Ursrey.

Minutes of the last meeting were read. Financial report was also read. Motion made to accept, seconded, and so carried.

The following committees were appointed by the chair: Finance Committee-Jerry Thorne, Steve Hancock, and Gordan Jordan. Digest Committee-Marianne Stevens, Wayne Lovering, and Joyce McSwain.

Dr. Ursrey gave report on the State Historical Commission. The marker for the grave of James Broadnax has been ordered and half paid for with funds available to pay the remaining balance. The Commission also plans to place marker at Providence Church and has plans for a replica of the original church to be built.

New Business called for by the moderator.

State Convention to be held November 15, 16, 17, and 18th in Dublin, Ga. We are allowed 1 delegate per 300 members. Ordained Ministers and Deacons are standing delegates. The clerk is to sent check for \$30.00 to cover associational fees. Motion made by Rev. Russell Horne for chair to appoint delegates when State meeting begins. Seconded and carried.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Charles Shirling. Motion made to accept report as read, seconded, and so carried.

The Digest Committee gave the following report: 9 Delegates were present as follows: Wayne Lovering, Ed Prather, Steve Hancock, Hoyt Hodges, Sue Snider, David Dollar, Joyce McSwain, Lee Jordan, and Michael Linderman. Motioned, Seconded, and so Carried.

The Finance Committee reported a balance of \$325.44 in the bank. Motion to accept, seconded, and so carried.

Providence Church gave invitation to host State Meeting in 1980. Motioned, Seconded, and Carried to accept invitation. Committee needed to work with Bro. Dowdney. Motion made by Hugh Ball to appoint the 3 Pastors of Calvary, Emmanuel, and Providence to serve on the committee.

The Ordaining Council report was given by Rev. Russell Horne as follows: Lee Jordan to be licensed, Jerome McSwain to be ordained and Michael Linderman to be placed under the watch care of the association for 3 months. Motion made by Rev. Horne to accept report, seconded, and so carried.

No old business. Song led by Bro. Newman followed by prayer.

Morning message delivered by Rev. David Kemper.

Adjourned.

Rev. James Ursrey  
Moderator

Marianne Stevens  
Clerk

## FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

Minutes of the 1st Quarterly Meeting held with Emmanuel Church, January 14, 1978, convening at 10:00.

Morning Devotion delivered by Bro. Lee Jordan. Scripture was Psalms 89: 16-18.

Meeting called to order by the moderator, Rev. James Shields, who gave a short talk about the State Convention.

Roll call of delegates. Motion made and seconded, and carried to seat delegates.

Minutes of the annual session were read. Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept minutes as read.

Deacons and Ministers recognized and seated.

Meeting was turned over to Rev. C.B. Dowdney who talked about State Missions Co-Operative Program and State and National Programs. Motion made by Bro. W.G. Jordan to enter this report as information. Seconded and so carried.

Morning message was delivered by Dr. Melvin Worthington, who gave an inspiring message on faith found in Hebrews 11:8.

Adjourned with prayer.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was called to order by the moderator.

The moderator turned this time over to Dr. Worthington and Rev. Dowdney. We were asked to accept the Articles of Faith for Free Will Baptists. Accepted as read.

Rev. Russell Horne was appointed to represent the Twin Cities Association along with the State on Procedures for ordaining new ministers.



## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Rev. Russell Horne entered information on Camp Mt. Bethel. The camp is in financial debt. Motion made by Rev. Horne for Twin Cities Association to support the camp.

Next meeting to be held April 8, 1978 at Providence Church.

Adjournment with prayer.

James Shields  
Moderator

Marianne Stevens  
Clerk

## SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

Minutes of the second quarterly meeting held at Providence Church April 8, 1978.

Song led by Dr. James Ursrey. Meeting called to order by the moderator Rev. James Shields.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Moderator called for seating of delegates. Ministers and standing delegates were also seated.

Bro. Jerry Throne entered as information some facts concerning Camp Mt. Bethel. At the previous meeting in January we had discussed helping the camp in some way. Dr. James Ursrey made a motion for the Association to send a check for \$75.00 to the state designated for Camp Mt. Bethel. Seconded and so carried.

The moderator had received letter from the State Historical Commission

requesting each Church to send \$50.00 toward the restoration of the grave of Rev. John Broadnax. This was entered as information. Rev. Ursrey motioned for the Twin Cities Association to send \$150.00 to the Commission. Seconded and carried. Adjournment with prayer. Lunch followed.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Moderator called meeting to order. Rising vote of appreciation given to the host church for their hospitality. Adjourned with prayer.

James Shields  
Moderator

Marianne Stevens  
Clerk

### THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

Minutes of the third quarterly meeting held with Calvary Church, July 8, 1978, convening at 10:00.

Welcome to visitors by Rev. Russell Horne. Devotion was given by Bro. Lee Jordan. Scripture was Ephesians 5:27 (surrender).

Meeting called to order by Rev. Russell Horne, acting moderator.

Minutes of the last meeting read. Motion made to accept, seconded, and so carried.

Letters of churches read and delegates seated.

Motion made by Bro. Edward Newman to appoint nominating committee. Seconded

and so carried. Nominating Committee appointed as follows: Bro. Lee Jordan, Bro. Jerry Thorne, and Bro. Charles Shirling.

Meeting was then turned over to Dr. Daman C. Dodd who discussed his book entitled "Marching Thru Georgia."

Dr. Dodd also discussed the Free Will Baptist Institute to be set up in the State for men and women. The Institute will be associated with Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Oklahoma. Dr. Melvin Worthington to head this work within the State.

This report was entered as information.

Meeting turned over to the moderator who introduced the speaker for the morning, Rev. Dennis Keen.

Lunch to be served by Calvary Church. Motion made to adjourn.

Rev. Russell Horne  
Acting Moderator

Marianne Stevens  
Clerk

# FINANCIAL TABLE

| CHURCH     | TOTAL OFFERINGS ANY SOURCE | PASTORS SALARY | BUILDING AND REPAIRS | TOTAL LOCAL EXPDS. | CO-OP PROGRAM | HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS | STAFF MEMBERS | TOTAL SPENT FOR OUT SIDE CAUSES |
|------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| CALVARY    | 24,700.00                  | 9,360.00       | 4,100.00             | 5,450.00           | 1,956.68      |                           | 1,200.00      |                                 |
| EMMANUEL   | 30,024.12                  | 9,802.05       | 623.90               | 27,839.95          | 1,447.60      | 126.31                    |               | 2,018.28                        |
| PROVIDENCE | 28,700.00                  | 10,400.00      |                      | 26,230.00          |               |                           | 405.00        | 50.00                           |

# STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCH     | PASTOR        | BAPTISMS | RECEIVED BY LETTER ECT. | LOST BY DEATH LETTER ECT. | LOST TO NON F.W.B. CHURCHES | NON RESIDENT MEMBERS | RESIDENT MEMBERS | TOTAL MEMBERSHIP | VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | SUNDAY SCHOOL | CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE | WOMEN'S AUXILIARY | MASTER'S MEN |
|------------|---------------|----------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| CALVARY    | RUSSELL HORNE | 6        | 7                       | 4                         | 1                           | 13                   | 176              | 189              | 102                   | 140           | 96                      | 23                |              |
| EMMANUEL   | JAMES URSREY  | 10       | 2                       | 1                         | 0                           | 39                   | 76               | 115              | 1                     | 89            | 61                      | 47                | 10           |
| PROVIDENCE | MIKE STEVENS  | 12       | 12                      | 10                        | 6                           | 92                   | 84               | 176              | 105                   | 205           | 75                      | 19                | 15           |

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
TWIN CITIES ASSOCIATION  
OF ORIGINAL FREEWILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE

We, being the members of the Freewill Baptist Denomination, having adopted the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the National Association of Original Free Will Baptist, realizing the necessity of fellowship among sister churches of like faith, do bond ourselves together to form an Association, and do therefore ordain this Constitution and By-Laws to the glory of God and to the improvement of denominational relations.

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Twin Cities Association of Original Free Will Baptist.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Twin Cities Association is to promote greater fellowship among its member churches and to realize a greater harvest in the Vineyard of the Lord through the combined efforts of the churches. The Association shall encourage the forming of such auxiliaries as are beneficial to the work of the churches, such as, Sunday School, Church Training Service, Master's Men, Woman's Auxiliary, Prayer Meetings, Youth Organizations, and Missionary and Educational Endeavors.

With this Divine purpose in view, we set forth the following statements of truth:

This Association neither claims nor desires to hold nor wield any power or authority over its member churches which are by Divine Right reserved to the churches themselves. We emphasize anew that the local church is its own independent body so far as it relates to its own government, the transactions of its business,

the choice of its officers, and the discipline of its members. However, we do hold that churches who have the right and privilege of the above liberty and fellowship are composed of persons who believe the truth as it is in Christ, and give evidence of true piety, are, upon examination or recommendation, received into membership according to regular methods of the local church and upon condition of Baptism.

### ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer.

- Section 1: The Moderator shall preside over all business of this Association. He shall keep order and in general direct all business of the Association. He shall serve as ex-officio member of all standing committees or boards.
- Section 2: The Assistant Moderator shall discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence. In the absence of both the Moderator and his Assistant, the Clerk shall call the meeting to order and the Standing Delegates shall elect someone to preside at the meeting.
- Section 3: The Clerk-Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Association. He/she shall be responsible for the printing and distributing of the Associational minutes to all churches, and shall enroll delegates at each session of the Association. He/she shall do the corresponding necessary for the Association. He/she shall receive all monies contributed to the Association, and make disbursements as authorized by the Association and/or the Executive Board (Committee).



Section 4: The Assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall discharge the duties of the Clerk-Treasurer in his/her absence.

The Association shall appoint or elect any other officers, boards, or committees it deems necessary for its business.

#### ARTICLE IV - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1: There shall be an Executive Board (Committee) composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and at least three (3) men not holding any other office in the Association. The Executive Board (Committee) shall promote the work of the Association in general and assist any department when the need arises or if called upon. This Committee shall act in behalf of the Association in case of any emergency and shall act as the Association when the Association is not in session. However, any action taken by this Committee is subject to the approval or disapproval of the Association at its next meeting. This Committee shall plan and prepare the programs of the Association. It shall be responsible to the Association for the questioning and examination of churches petitioning this body for membership. This Committee shall have power to deal with any officer of the Association who fails to function in his/her office or indulge in unchristian conduct. However, this action is temporary pending their report to the Association and final action by the body while in session. This Committee shall be available to mediate any dissention or offer any help to member churches providing their help is requested by the church. In such cases their traveling expenses shall be paid by the church desiring their assistance.

Section 2: There shall be an Ordaining Council composed of at least three (3) ordained ministers whose duties consist of those set forth in Article IX, Ministerial Relations of this document.

#### ARTICLE V - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. The term of the Moderator shall be two (2) years. He shall not succeed himself more than once.
2. The length of service for the Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and the Assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall be at the discretion of the Association.
3. The members of the Ordaining Council shall serve three (3) years. A new member to be added at the annual meeting each year.
4. The officers shall be elected at the regular annual session of the Association on the second Saturday in October.
5. Any additional Boards, Committees, or Officers needed shall be appointed or elected by the Association at its discretion.

#### ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

Representation in this Association is conditioned upon meeting the following requirements:

1. Full acceptance of the Treatise of the National Association of Freewill Baptist.
2. The churches of this Association shall practice consistency in supporting missions and Christian education.
3. Churches who petition this Association shall be examined concerning their spiritual and moral standard before the Association acts.
4. Churches expelled from other Associations for any cause may not be received until their expulsion is satisfactorily explained to the Association.
5. Each church is allowed five (5) delegates. All ordained men in good standing with the church are standing delegates.
6. This Association shall meet four (4) times a year, three (3) quarterly meetings and one (1) annual meeting. Regular quarterly meetings of this Asso-



ciation shall be on the second Saturday in January, April, and July. The annual meeting shall be on the second Saturday in October.

#### ARTICLE VIII - VOTING

1. The Moderator shall keep order and in general direct all business of the Association. He shall vote only in a tie vote, shall rule any person to silence who refuses to come to order, and in case of extreme disorder may rule the meeting closed. The Moderator shall not allow any discussion on any subject unless it is placed before the body by a move and a second.
2. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any one subject or more than five (5) minutes without permission from the Moderator.
3. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee/board provided the person nominated is elected.
4. Any person desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.
5. Any ruling by the Moderator may be set aside by 2/3 majority of voting delegates.
6. All voting in this Association shall be as agreed upon by its delegates while in session.
7. The Moderator shall follow the Principles of Parliamentary Procedure in moderating the business of this Association.
8. The Moderator shall limit voting to authorized delegates only and no delegate shall leave the building during a business session without being excused by the Moderator.

#### ARTICLE IX - MINISTERIAL RELATIONS

1. Ordaining Council shall examine any candidate for license upon request from his home church.
2. The Ordaining Council shall examine any candidate for ordination upon request from the church to which he has been called and is pastoring provided he has been licensed and has met the qualifications as stated in Item #5 of this same article.
3. Any Free Will Baptist Minister presenting himself for membership to this Association must, after a

request from the church to which he has been called, appear before the Ordaining Council for questioning, and upon the recommendation from the Ordaining Council be received into full fellowship pending a letter of good standing from his former Association.

4. Any minister, from another denomination presenting himself for membership to this Association must, after a letter of request from the church to which he has been called, appear before the Ordaining Council for questioning. It is agreed that he will, upon recommendation from the Ordaining Council, be received under the watchcare of the Association until such time as agreed upon by the body, during which time the minister will have proved himself, as well as his desire to be a Freewill Baptist, and then will be received into full fellowship by the Association.
5. Any minister presenting himself to this Association for license, ordination, etc., from another denomination, shall be examined by the Ordaining Council. The examination shall include the following:
  - A. A thorough investigation of his character shall be made.
  - B. Close questioning concerning a Divine call to the office.
  - C. He must be thoroughly familiar with and a firm believer in the doctrine of the Freewill Baptist Church.
  - D. His educational qualifications should be in keeping with his office and he must show willingness to further his knowledge by additional study.
  - E. Any candidate for ordination must have been licensed and called to pastor one or more churches or hold a position in a member church that would require ordination such as Associate Pastor, etc. He must be a practicing tither and an active supporter or world-wide missions.
  - F. The candidate shall also be examined according to the Word as found in I Timothy 3.
  - G. The Council shall not recommend the ordination of any person of whom they have honest doubt

concerning his character, qualifications,  
and Divine call to the work.

#### ARTICLE X - ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. This Association shall be open with Scripture reading and prayer and shall be closed with prayer.
2. The Association shall convene at 10:00 A.M. on the dated set by the body.
3. At each quarterly meeting business shall be kept to a minimum with a delegate report and representation fee[Ten (\$10) dollars per church quarterly and Ten (\$10) dollars at the annual meeting] report being made and any other pressing item of business being left for the annual meeting.
4. At the annual meeting the annual reports from the churches shall be compiled for the convenience of the Clerk-Treasurer in preparation of the Associational minutes.
5. The meetings of the Association shall rotate among the member churches in succession.
6. This Constitution and By-Laws may be altered by a 2/3 majority vote of the voting delegates present.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE - The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were by inspiration of God, and are our infallable rules of Faith and Practice.
2. GOD - There is one living and true God revealed in nature as the Creator of the universe; and in the Scripture as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, obey.
3. CHRIST - Christ is God manifest in the flesh, in His divine nature truly God, in His nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, one crucified. He is now risen and glorified, and is our present Saviour and Lord.
4. THE HOLY SPIRIT - The scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide, and Sanctifier of men.

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD - God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.
6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN - Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin, and become guilty before God.
7. THE WORK OF CHRIST - The Son of God by His incarnation, life, suffering, death, and resurrection, effected for all a redemption from sin, that is full and free, is the ground of salvation by faith.
8. TERMS OF SALVATION - The conditions of salvation are:
  - (1) Repentance of sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it.
  - (2) Faith of the unswerving committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith with the soul renewed by the Holy Spirit freed from domination of sin and become a child of God.
  - (3) Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
9. ELECTION - God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the condition of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.
10. FREEDOM OF WILL - The human will is free and self-controlled having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit, or to resist them and perish.
11. SALVATION FREE - God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, whosoever will may come and take the water of life freely.
12. PERSISTENCE - All believers in Christ, who through grace preserve in holiness to the end of life have promises of eternal salvation.



13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES-Baptism, or immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel: Feet Washing, and ordinances teaching humility, or universal obligation and to be administered to all true believers.
14. TITHING - God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorses it in Gospel (Matthew 23-23) and the Apostle Paul said, "upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (I Cor.16:2).
15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH - The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, Holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.
16. RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION -The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men on the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.

## CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligation to reverence to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.