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# Chapter 1: Of the Holy Scriptures

***Paragraph 1***. The Holy Scripture is the only sufficient, certain, and infallible rule of all saving knowledge, faith, and obedience.1 Although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men inexcusable; yet are they not sufficient to give that knowledge of God and His will which is necessary unto salvation.2 Therefore it pleased the Lord at sundry times and in divers manners to reveal Himself, and to declare that His will unto His church;3 and afterward for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan, and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing; which maketh the Holy Scriptures to be most necessary, those former ways of God's revealing His will unto his people being now ceased.4

**1 2 Timothy 3:15-17:**  15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. **Isaiah 8:20:** To the law and to the testimony if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. **Luke 16:29:** Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. **Luke 16:31:** And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead. **Ephesians 2:20:** And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

**2 Romans 1:19-21:**  19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. **Romans 2:14-15:**  14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves 15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) **Psalms 19:1-3:**  1 <To the chief Musician, A Psalms of David.> The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

**3 Hebrews 1:1:** God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

**4 Proverbs 22:19-21:**  19 That thy trust may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee. 20 Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, 21 That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee? **Romans 15:4:** For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. **2 Peter 1:19-20:**  19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

***Paragraph 2***. Under the name of Holy Scripture, or the Word of God written, are now contained all the books of the Old and New Testaments, which are these: OF THE OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I Samuel, II Samuel, I Kings, II Kings, I Chronicles, II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalm, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, The Song of Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi OF THE NEW TESTAMENT: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, The Acts of the Apostles, Paul's Epistle to the Romans, I Corinthians, II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I Thessalonians, II Thessalonians, I Timothy, II Timothy, To Titus, To Philemon, The Epistle to the Hebrews, Epistle of James, The first and second Epistles of Peter, The first, second, and third Epistles of John, The Epistle of Jude, The Revelation All of which are given by the inspiration of God, to be the rule of faith and life.5

**5 2 Timothy 3:16:** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness

***Paragraph 3***. The books commonly called Apocrypha, not being of divine inspiration, are no part of the canon or rule of the Scripture, and, therefore, are of no authority to the church of God, nor to be any otherwise approved or made use of than other human writings.6

**6 Luke 24:27:** And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. **Luke 24:44:** And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. **Romans 3:2:** Much every way chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.

***Paragraph 4***. The authority of the Holy Scripture, for which it ought to be believed, dependeth not upon the testimony of any man or church, but wholly upon God (who is truth itself), the author thereof; therefore it is to be received because it is the Word of God.7

**7 2 Peter 1:19-21:**  19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the 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. **2 Timothy 3:16:** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness **2 Thessalonians 2:13:** But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth **1 John 5:9:** If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

***Paragraph 5***. We may be moved and induced by the testimony of the church of God to an high and reverent esteem of the Holy Scriptures; and the heavenliness of the matter, the efficacy of the doctrine, and the majesty of the style, the consent of all the parts, the scope of the whole (which is to give all glory to God), the full discovery it makes of the only way of man's salvation, and many other incomparable excellencies, and entire perfections thereof, are arguments whereby it doth abundantly evidence itself to be the Word of God; yet notwithstanding, our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth, and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts.8

**8 John 16:13-14:**  13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. **1 Corinthians 2:10-12:**  10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. **1 John 2:20:** But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. **1 John 2:27:** But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

***Paragraph 6***. The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down or necessarily contained in the Holy Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelation of the Spirit, or traditions of men.9 Nevertheless, we acknowledge the inward illumination of the Spirit of God to be necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word,10 and that there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God, and government of the church, common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed.11

**9 2 Timothy 3:15-17:**  15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. **Galatians 1:8:** But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. **Galatians 1:9:** As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

**10 John 6:45:** It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. **1 Corinthians 2:9-12:**  9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

**11 1 Corinthians 11:13-14:**  13 Judge in yourselves is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered? 14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? **1 Corinthians 14:26:** How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. **1 Corinthians 14:40:** Let all things be done decently and in order.

***Paragraph 7***. All things in Scripture are not alike plain in themselves, nor alike clear unto all;12 yet those things which are necessary to be known, believed and observed for salvation, are so clearly propounded and opened in some place of Scripture or other, that not only the learned, but the unlearned, in a due use of ordinary means, may attain to a sufficient understanding of them.13

**12 2 Peter 3:16:** As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

**13 Psalms 19:7:** The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. **Psalms 119:130:** The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

***Paragraph 8***. The Old Testament in Hebrew (which was the native language of the people of God of old),14 and the New Testament in Greek (which at the time of the writing of it was most generally known to the nations), being immediately inspired by God, and by His singular care and providence kept pure in all ages, are therefore authentic; so as in all controversies of religion, the church is finally to appeal to them.15 But because these original tongues are not known to all the people of God, who have a right unto, and interest in the Scriptures, and are commanded in the fear of God to read,16 and search them,17 therefore they are to be translated into the vulgar language of every nation unto which they come,18 that the Word of God dwelling plentifully in all, they may worship Him in an acceptable manner, and through patience and comfort of the Scriptures may have hope.19

**14 Romans 3:2:** Much every way chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.

**15 Isaiah 8:20:** To the law and to the testimony if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

**16 Acts 15:15:** And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

**17 John 5:39:** Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me.

**18 1 Corinthians 14:6:** Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine? **1 Corinthians 14:9:** So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air. **1 Corinthians 14:11-12:**  11 Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me. 12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. **1 Corinthians 14:24:** But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all **1 Corinthians 14:28:** But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

**19 Colossians 3:16:** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

***Paragraph 9***. The infallible rule of interpretation of Scripture is the Scripture itself; and therefore when there is a question about the true and full sense of any Scripture (which is not manifold, but one), it must be searched by other places that speak more clearly.20

**20 2 Peter 1:20:** Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. **2 Peter 1:21:** For the 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. **Acts 15:15-16:**  15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, 16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up

***Paragraph 10***. The supreme judge, by which all controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men, and private spirits, are to be examined, and in whose sentence we are to rest, can be no other but the Holy Scripture delivered by the Spirit, into which Scripture so delivered, our faith is finally resolved.21

**21 Matthew 22:29:** Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. **Matthew 22:31-32:**  31 But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, 32 I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. **Ephesians 2:20:** And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; **Acts 28:23:** And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

# Chapter 2: Of God and of the Holy Trinity

***Paragraph 1***. The Lord our God is but one only living and true God;1 whose subsistence is in and of Himself,2 infinite in being and perfection; whose essence cannot be comprehended by any but Himself;3 a most pure spirit,4 invisible, without body, parts, or passions, who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto;5 who is immutable,6 immense,7 eternal,8 incomprehensible, almighty,9 every way infinite, most holy,10 most wise, most free, most absolute; working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable and most righteous will,11 for his own glory;12 most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him,13 and withal most just and terrible in His judgments,14 hating all sin,15 and who will by no means clear the guilty.16

**1 1 Corinthians 8:4:** As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. **1 Corinthians 8:6:** But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. **Deuteronomy 6:4:** Hear, O Israel The LORD our God is one LORD

**2 Jeremiah 10:10:** But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. **Isaiah 48:12:** Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.

**3 Exodus 3:14:** And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

**4 John 4:24:** God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

**5 1 Timothy 1:17:** Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. **Deuteronomy 4:15-16:**  15 Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire 16 Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female,

**6 Malachi 3:6:** For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

**7 1 Kings 8:27:** But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded? **Jeremiah 23:23:** Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?

**8 Psalms 90:2:** Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

**9 Genesis 17:1:** And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

**10 Isaiah 6:3:** And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts the whole earth is full of his glory.

**11 Psalms 115:3:** But our God is in the heavens he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. **Isaiah 46:10:** Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure

**12 Proverbs 16:4:** The LORD hath made all things for himself yea, even the wicked for the day of evil. **Romans 11:36:** For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

**13 Exodus 34:6-7:**  6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, 7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. **Hebrews 11:6:** But without faith it is impossible to please him for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

**14 Nehemiah 9:32-33:**  32 Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day. 33 Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly

**15 Psalms 5:5:** The foolish shall not stand in thy sight thou hatest all workers of iniquity. **Psalms 5:6:** Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

**16 Exodus 34:7:** Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. **Nahum 1:2-3:**  2 God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies. 3 The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

***Paragraph 2***. God, having all life,17 glory,18 goodness,19 blessedness, in and of Himself, is alone in and unto Himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creature which He hath made, nor deriving any glory from them,20 but only manifesting His own glory in, by, unto, and upon them; He is the alone fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things,21 and He hath most sovereign dominion over all creatures, to do by them, for them, or upon them, whatsoever Himself pleaseth;22 in His sight all things are open and manifest,23 His knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent upon the creature, so as nothing is to Him contingent or uncertain;24 He is most holy in all his counsels, in all His works,25 and in all His commands; to Him is due from angels and men, whatsoever worship,26 service, or obedience, as creatures they owe unto the Creator, and whatever He is further pleased to require of them.

**17 John 5:26:** For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

**18 Psalms 148:13:** Let them praise the name of the LORD for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

**19 Psalms 119:68:** Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

**20 Job 22:2-3:**  2 Can a man be profitable unto God, as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself? 3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or is it gain to him, that thou makest thy ways perfect?

**21 Romans 11:34-36:**  34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? 35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? 36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

**22 Daniel 4:25:** That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. **Daniel 4:34-35:**  34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation 35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

**23 Hebrews 4:13:** Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

**24 Ezekiel 11:5:** And the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel for I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them. **Acts 15:18:** Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

**25 Psalms 145:17:** The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

**26 Revelation 5:12-14:**  12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. 13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. 14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

***Paragraph 3***. In this divine and infinite Being there are three subsistences, the Father, the Word or Son, and Holy Spirit,27 of one substance, power, and eternity, each having the whole divine essence, yet the essence undivided:28 the Father is of none, neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father;29 the Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father and the Son;30 all infinite, without beginning, therefore but one God, who is not to be divided in nature and being, but distinguished by several peculiar relative properties and personal relations; which doctrine of the Trinity is the foundation of all our communion with God, and comfortable dependence on Him.

**27 1 John 5:7:** For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost and these three are one. **Matthew 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 Corinthians 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. Amen. <The second epistle to the Corinthians was written from Philippi, a city of Macedonia, by Titus and Lucas.>

**28 Exodus 3:14:** And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. **John 14:11:** Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me or else believe me for the very works' sake. **1 Corinthians 8:6:** But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

**29 John 1:14:** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. **John 1:18:** No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

**30 John 15:26:** But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me **Galatians 4:6:** And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

# Chapter 3: Of God's Decree

***Paragraph 1***. God hath decreed in Himself, from all eternity, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely and unchangeably, all things, whatsoever comes to pass;1 yet so as thereby is God neither the author of sin nor hath fellowship with any therein;2 nor is violence offered to the will of the creature, nor yet is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established;3 in which appears His wisdom in disposing all things, and power and faithfulness in accomplishing His decree.4

**1 Isaiah 46:10:** Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure **Ephesians 1:11:** In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will **Hebrews 6:17:** Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath **Romans 9:15:** For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. **Romans 9:18:** Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.

**2 James 1:13:** Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man **1 John 1:5:** This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

**3 Acts 4:27-28:**  27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, 28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. **John 19:11:** Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

**4 Numbers 23:19:** God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? **Ephesians 1:3-5:**  3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

***Paragraph 2***. Although God knoweth whatsoever may or can come to pass, upon all supposed conditions,5 yet hath He not decreed anything, because He foresaw it as future, or as that which would come to pass upon such conditions.6

**5 Acts 15:18:** Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

**6 Romans 9:11:** (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) **Romans 9:13:** As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. **Romans 9:16:** So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. **Romans 9:18:** Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.

***Paragraph 3***. By the decree of God, for the manifestation of His glory, some men and angels are predestinated, or foreordained to eternal life through Jesus Christ,7 to the praise of His glorious grace;8 others being left to act in their sin to their just condemnation, to the praise of His glorious justice.9

**7 1 Timothy 5:21:** I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality. **Matthew 25:34:** Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world

**8 Ephesians 1:5- 6:**  5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

**9 Romans 9:22-23:**  22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction 23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, **Jude 1:4:** For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Paragraph 4***. These angels and men thus predestinated and foreordained, are particularly and unchangeably designed, and their number so certain and definite, that it cannot be either increased or diminished.10

**10 2 Timothy 2:19:** Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. **John 13:18:** I speak not of you all I know whom I have chosen but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

***Paragraph 5***. Those of mankind that are predestinated to life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to His eternal and immutable purpose, and the secret counsel and good pleasure of His will, hath chosen in Christ unto everlasting glory, out of His mere free grace and love,11 without any other thing in the creature as a condition or cause moving Him thereunto.12

**11 Ephesians 1:4:** According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love **Ephesians 1:9:** Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself **Ephesians 1:11:** In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will **Romans 8:30:** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called and whom he called, them he also justified and whom he justified, them he also glorified. **2 Timothy 1:9:** Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, **1 Thessalonians 5:9:** For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

**12 Romans 9:13:** As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. **Romans 9:16:** So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. **Ephesians 2:5:** Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) **Ephesians 2:12:** That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world

***Paragraph 6***. As God hath appointed the elect unto glory, so He hath, by the eternal and most free purpose of His will, foreordained all the means thereunto;13 wherefore they who are elected, being fallen in Adam, are redeemed by Christ,14 are effectually called unto faith in Christ, by His Spirit working in due season, are justified, adopted, sanctified,15 and kept by His power through faith unto salvation;16 neither are any other redeemed by Christ, or effectually called, justified, adopted, sanctified, and saved, but the elect only.17

**13 1 Peter 1:2:** Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. **2 Thessalonians 2:13:** But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth

**14 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10:**  9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

**15 Romans 8:30:** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called and whom he called, them he also justified and whom he justified, them he also glorified. **2 Thessalonians 2:13:** But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth

**16 1 Peter 1:5:** Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**17 John 10:26:** But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. **John 17:9:** I pray for them I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. **John 6:64:** But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

***Paragraph 7***. The doctrine of the high mystery of predestination is to be handled with special prudence and care, that men attending the will of God revealed in His Word, and yielding obedience thereunto, may, from the certainty of their effectual vocation, be assured of their eternal election;18 so shall this doctrine afford matter of praise,19 reverence, and admiration of God, and of humility,20 diligence, and abundant consolation to all that sincerely obey the Gospel.21

**18 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5:**  4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God. 5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. **2 Peter 1:10:** Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall

**19 Ephesians 1:6:** To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

**20 Romans 11:33:** O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! **Romans 11:5-6:**  5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace otherwise work is no more work. **Romans 11:20:** Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear

**21 Luke 10:20:** Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

# Chapter 4: Of Creation

***Paragraph 1***. In the beginning it pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,1 for the manifestation of the glory of his eternal power,2 wisdom, and goodness, to create or make the world, and all things therein, whether visible or invisible, in the space of six days, and all very good.3

**1 John 1:2-3:**  2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. **Hebrews 1:2:** Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; **Job 26:13:** By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

**2 Romans 1:20:** For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse

**3 Colossians 1:16:** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers all things were created by him, and for him **Genesis 1:31:** And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

***Paragraph 2***. After God had made all other creatures, He created man, male and female,4 with reasonable and immortal souls,5 rendering them fit unto that life to God for which they were created; being made after the image of God, in knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness;6 having the law of God written in their hearts,7 and power to fulfil it, and yet under a possibility of transgressing, being left to the liberty of their own will, which was subject to change.8

**4 Genesis 1:27:** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

**5 Genesis 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.

**6 Ecclesiastes 7:29:** Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions. **Genesis 1:26:** And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

**7 Romans 2:14-15:**  14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves 15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

**8 Genesis 3:6:** And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

***Paragraph 3***. Besides the law written in their hearts, they received a command not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil,9 which whilst they kept, they were happy in their communion with God, and had dominion over the creatures.10

**9 Genesis 2:17:** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

**10 Genesis 1:26:** And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. **Genesis 1:28:** And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

# Chapter 5: Of Divine Providence

***Paragraph 1***. God the good Creator of all things, in His infinite power and wisdom doth uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures and things,1 from the greatest even to the least,2 by His most wise and holy providence, to the end for the which they were created, according unto His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will; to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, infinite goodness, and mercy.3

**1 Hebrews 1:3:** Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; **Job 38:11:** And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further and here shall thy proud waves be stayed? **Isaiah 46:10-11:**  10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure 11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it. **Psalms 135:6:** Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

**2 Matthew 10:29-31:**  29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

**3 Ephesians 1:11:** In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will

***Paragraph 2***. Although in relation to the foreknowledge and decree of God, the first cause, all things come to pass immutably and infallibly;4 so that there is not anything befalls any by chance, or without His providence;5 yet by the same providence He ordereth them to fall out according to the nature of second causes, either necessarily, freely, or contingently.6

**4 Acts 2:23:** Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain

**5 Proverbs 16:33:** The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.

**6 Genesis 8:22:** While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

***Paragraph 3***. God, in His ordinary providence maketh use of means,7 yet is free to work without,8 above,9 and against them10 at His pleasure.

**7 Acts 27:31:** Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved. **Acts 27:44:** And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land. **Isaiah 55:10-11:**  10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater 11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

**8 Hosea 1:7:** But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

**9 Romans 4:19-21:**  19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

**10 Daniel 3:27:** And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

***Paragraph 4***. The almighty power, unsearchable wisdom, and infinite goodness of God, so far manifest themselves in His providence, that His determinate counsel extendeth itself even to the first fall, and all other sinful actions both of angels and men;11 and that not by a bare permission, which also He most wisely and powerfully boundeth, and otherwise ordereth and governeth,12 in a manifold dispensation to His most holy ends;13 yet so, as the sinfulness of their acts proceedeth only from the creatures, and not from God, who, being most holy and righteous, neither is nor can be the author or approver of sin.14

**11 Romans 11:32-34:**  32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all. 33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! 34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? **2 Samuel 24:1:** And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah. **1 Chronicles 21:1:** And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

**12 2 Kings 19:28:** Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest. **Psalms 76:10:** Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

**13 Genesis 50:20:** But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. **Isaiah 10:6-7:**  6 I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. 7 Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few. **Isaiah 10:12:** Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.

**14 Psalms 50:21:** These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes. **1 John 2:16:** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

***Paragraph 5***. The most wise, righteous, and gracious God doth oftentimes leave for a season His own children to manifold temptations and the corruptions of their own hearts, to chastise them for their former sins, or to discover unto them the hidden strength of corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts, that they may be humbled; and to raise them to a more close and constant dependence for their support upon himself; and to make them more watchful against all future occasions of sin, and for other just and holy ends.15 So that whatsoever befalls any of His elect is by His appointment, for His glory, and their good.16

**15 2 Chronicles 32:25-26:**  25 But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him; for his heart was lifted up therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem. 26 Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah. **2 Chronicles 32:31:** Howbeit in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart. **2 Corinthians 12:7-9:**  7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**16 Romans 8:28:** And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

***Paragraph 6***. As for those wicked and ungodly men whom God, as the righteous judge, for former sin doth blind and harden;17 from them He not only withholdeth His grace, whereby they might have been enlightened in their understanding, and wrought upon their hearts;18 but sometimes also withdraweth the gifts which they had,19 and exposeth them to such objects as their corruption makes occasion of sin;20 and withal, gives them over to their own lusts, the temptations of the world, and the power of Satan,21 whereby it comes to pass that they harden themselves, under those means which God useth for the softening of others.22

**17 Romans 1:24-26:**  24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature **Romans 1:28:** And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; **Romans 11:7-8:**  7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded 8 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

**18 Deuteronomy 29:4:** Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.

**19 Matthew 13:12:** For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

**20 Deuteronomy 2:30:** But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him for the LORD thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as appeareth this day. **2 Kings 8:12-13:**  12 And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child. 13 And Hazael said, But what, is thy servant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The LORD hath shewed me that thou shalt be king over Syria.

**21 Psalms 81:11-12:**  11 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. 12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust and they walked in their own counsels. **2 Thessalonians 2:10-12:**  10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

**22 Exodus 8:15:** But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said. **Exodus 8:32:** And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go. **Isaiah 6:9-10:**  9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. 10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. **1 Peter 2:7-8:**  7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, 8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient whereunto also they were appointed.

***Paragraph 7***. As the providence of God doth in general reach to all creatures, so after a more special manner it taketh care of His church, and disposeth of all things to the good thereof.23

**23 1 Timothy 4:10:** For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe. **Amos 9:8-9:**  8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD. 9 For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth. **Isaiah 43:3-5:**  3 For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. 4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life. 5 Fear not for I am with thee I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;

# Chapter 6: Of the Fall of Man, Of Sin, And of the Punishment Thereof

***Paragraph 1***. Although God created man upright and perfect, and gave him a righteous law, which had been unto life had he kept it, and threatened death upon the breach thereof,1 yet he did not long abide in this honour; Satan using the subtlety of the serpent to subdue Eve, then by her seducing Adam, who, without any compulsion, did willfully transgress the law of their creation, and the command given unto them, in eating the forbidden fruit,2 which God was pleased, according to His wise and holy counsel to permit, having purposed to order it to His own glory.

**1 Genesis 2:16-17:**  16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

**2 Genesis 3:12-13:**  12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. 13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. **2 Corinthians 11:3:** But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

***Paragraph 2***. Our first parents, by this sin, fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and we in them whereby death came upon all:3 all becoming dead in sin,4 and wholly defiled in all the faculties and parts of soul and body.5

**3 Romans 3:23:** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**4 Romans 5:12:** Wherefore, 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

**5 Titus 1:15:** Unto the pure all things are pure but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. **Genesis 6:5:** And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. **Jeremiah 17:9:** The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked who can know it? **Romans 3:10-19:**  10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one 11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. 13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips 14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness 15 Their feet are swift to shed blood 16 Destruction and misery are in their ways 17 And the way of peace have they not known 18 There is no fear of God before their eyes. 19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

***Paragraph 3***. They being the root, and by God's appointment, standing in the room and stead of all mankind, the guilt of the sin was imputed, and corrupted nature conveyed, to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation,6 being now conceived in sin,7 and by nature children of wrath,8 the servants of sin, the subjects of death,9 and all other miseries, spiritual, temporal, and eternal, unless the Lord Jesus set them free.10

**6 Romans 5:12-19:**  12 Wherefore, 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 13 (For until the law sin was in the world but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. 15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. 16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. 17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) 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. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. **1 Corinthians 15:21-22:**  21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. **1 Corinthians 15:45:** And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. **1 Corinthians 15:49:** And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

**7 Psalms 51:5:** Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. **Job 14:4:** Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.

**8 Ephesians 2:3:** Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

**9 Romans 6:20:** For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. **Romans 5:12:** Wherefore, 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

**10 Hebrews 2:14-15:**  14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. **1 Thessalonians 1:10:** And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

***Paragraph 4***. From this original corruption, whereby we are utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil,11 do proceed all actual transgressions.12

**11 Romans 8:7:** Because the carnal mind is enmity against God for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. **Colossians 1:21:** And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

**12 James 1:14-15:**  14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. **Matthew 15:19:** For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies

***Paragraph 5***. The corruption of nature, during this life, doth remain in those that are regenerated;13 and although it be through Christ pardoned and mortified, yet both itself, and the first motions thereof, are truly and properly sin.14

**13 Romans 7:18:** For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. **Romans 7:23:** But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. **Ecclesiastes 7:20:** For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not. **1 John 1:8:** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**14 Romans 7:23-25:**  23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. **Galatians 5:17:** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh and these are contrary the one to the other so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

# Chapter 7: Of God's Covenant

***Paragraph 1***. The distance between God and the creature is so great, that although reasonable creatures do owe obedience to Him as their creator, yet they could never have attained the reward of life but by some voluntary condescension on God's part, which He hath been pleased to express by way of covenant.1

**1 Luke 17:10:** So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants we have done that which was our duty to do. **Job 35:7-8:**  7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? or what receiveth he of thine hand? 8 Thy wickedness may hurt a man as thou art; and thy righteousness may profit the son of man.

***Paragraph 2***. Moreover, man having brought Himself under the curse of the law by his fall, it pleased the Lord to make a covenant of grace,2 wherein He freely offereth unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ, requiring of them faith in Him, that they may be saved;3 and promising to give unto all those that are ordained unto eternal life, his Holy Spirit, to make them willing and able to believe.4

**2 Genesis 2:17:** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. **Galatians 3:10:** For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. **Romans 3:20-21:**  20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

**3 Romans 8:3:** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh **Mark 16:15-16:**  15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. **John 3:16:** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**4 Ezekiel 36:26-27:**  26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. **John 6:44-45:**  44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. **Psalms 110:3:** Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning thou hast the dew of thy youth.

***Paragraph 3***. This covenant is revealed in the gospel; first of all to Adam in the promise of salvation by the seed of the woman,5 and afterwards by farther steps, until the full discovery thereof was completed in the New Testament;6 and it is founded in that eternal covenant transaction that was between the Father and the Son about the redemption of the elect;7 and it is alone by the grace of this covenant that all the posterity of fallen Adam that ever were saved did obtain life and blessed immortality, man being now utterly incapable of acceptance with God upon those terms on which Adam stood in his state of innocency.8

**5 Genesis 3:15:** And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

**6 Hebrews 1:1:** God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

**7 2 Timothy 1:9:** Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, **Titus 1:2:** In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

**8 Hebrews 11:6:** But without faith it is impossible to please him for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. **Hebrews 11:13:** These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. **Romans 4:1:** What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? **Romans 4:2:** For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. **Acts 4:12:** Neither is there salvation in any other for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. **John 8:56:** Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day and he saw it, and was glad.

# Chapter 8: Of Christ the Mediator

***Paragraph 1***. It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, according to the covenant made between them both, to be the mediator between God and man;1 the prophet,2 priest,3 and king;4 head and saviour of the church,5 the heir of all things,6 and judge of the world;7 unto whom He did from all eternity give a people to be his seed and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.8

**1 Isaiah 42:1:** Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. **1 Peter 1:19-20:**  19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

**2 Acts 3:22:** For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

**3 Hebrews 5:5-6:**  5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. 6 As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

**4 Psalms 2:6:** Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. **Luke 1:33:** And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

**5 Ephesians 1:22-23:**  22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

**6 Hebrews 1:2:** Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

**7 Acts 17:31:** Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

**8 Isaiah 53:10:** Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. **John 17:6:** I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. **Romans 8:30:** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called and whom he called, them he also justified and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

***Paragraph 2***. The Son of God, the second person in the Holy Trinity, being very and eternal God, the brightness of the Father's glory, of one substance and equal with Him who made the world, who upholdeth and governeth all things He hath made, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof,9 yet without sin;10 being conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, the Holy Spirit coming down upon her: and the power of the Most High overshadowing her; and so was made of a woman of the tribe of Judah, of the seed of Abraham and David according to the Scriptures;11 so that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion; which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.12

**9 John 1:14:** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. **Galatians 4:4:** But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

**10 Romans 8:3:** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh **Hebrews 2:14:** Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; **Hebrews 2: 16-17:**  16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. 17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. **Hebrews 4:15:** For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

**11 Matthew 1:22-23:**  22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. **Luke 1:27:** To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. **Luke 1:31:** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. **Luke 1:35:** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

**12 Romans 9:5:** Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen. **1 Timothy 2:5:** For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

***Paragraph 3***. The Lord Jesus, in his human nature thus united to the divine, in the person of the Son, was sanctified and anointed with the Holy Spirit above measure,13 having in Him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge;14 in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell,15 to the end that being holy, harmless, undefiled,16 and full of grace and truth,17 He might be throughly furnished to execute the office of mediator and surety;18 which office He took not upon Himself, but was thereunto called by his Father;19 who also put all power and judgement in his hand, and gave Him commandment to execute the same.20

**13 Psalms 45:7:** Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. **Acts 10:38:** How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. **John 3:34:** For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

**14 Colossians 2:3:** In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

**15 Colossians 1:19:** For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

**16 Hebrews 7:26:** For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

**17 John 1:14:** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

**18 Hebrews 7:22:** By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

**19 Hebrews 5:5:** So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

**20 John 5:22:** For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son **John 5:27:** And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. **Matthew 28:18:** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **Acts 2:36:** Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

***Paragraph 4***. This office the Lord Jesus did most willingly undertake,21 which that He might discharge He was made under the law,22 and did perfectly fulfil it, and underwent the punishment due to us, which we should have borne and suffered,23 being made sin and a curse for us;24 enduring most grievous sorrows in his soul, and most painful sufferings in his body;25 was crucified, and died, and remained in the state of the dead, yet saw no corruption:26 on the third day He arose from the dead27 with the same body in which He suffered,28 with which He also ascended into heaven,29 and there sitteth at the right hand of his Father making intercession,30 and shall return to judge men and angels at the end of the world.31

**21 Psalms 40:7-8:**  7 Then said I, Lo, I come in the volume of the book it is written of me, 8 I delight to do thy will, O my God yea, thy law is within my heart. **Hebrews 10:5-10:**  5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. 7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. 8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; 9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. 10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **John 10:18:** No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

**22 Galatians 4:4:** But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, **Matthew 3:15:** And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

**23 Galatians 3:13:** Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree **Isaiah 53:6:** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. **1 Peter 3:18:** For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit

**24 2 Corinthians 5:21:** For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

**25 Matthew 26:37-38:**  37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. 38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death tarry ye here, and watch with me. **Luke 22:44:** And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. **Matthew 27:46:** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

**26 Acts 13:37:** But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.

**27 1 Corinthians 15:3-4:**  3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures

**28 John 20:25:** The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. **John 20:27:** Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side and be not faithless, but believing.

**29 Mark 16:19:** So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. **Acts 1:9-11:**  9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? 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.

**30 Romans 8:34:** Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. **Hebrews 9:24:** For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us

**31 Acts 10:42:** And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. **Romans 14:9-10:**  9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. 10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. **Acts 1:11:** Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? 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. **2 Peter 2:4:** For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

***Paragraph 5***. The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself, which He through the eternal Spirit once offered up unto God, hath fully satisfied the justice of God,32 procured reconciliation, and purchased an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father hath given unto Him.33

**32 Hebrews 9:14:** How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? **Hebrews 10:14:** For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. **Romans 3:25-26:**  25 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; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

**33 John 17:2:** As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. **Hebrews 9:15:** And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

***Paragraph 6***. Although the price of redemption was not actually paid by Christ till after his incarnation, yet the virtue, efficacy, and benefit thereof were communicated to the elect in all ages, successively from the beginning of the world, in and by those promises, types, and sacrifices wherein He was revealed, and signified to be the seed which should bruise the serpent's head;34 and the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world,35 being the same yesterday, and to-day and for ever.36

**34 1 Corinthians 4:10:** We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. **Hebrews 4:2:** For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. **1 Peter 1:10-11:**  10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you 11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

**35 Revelation 13:8:** And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

**36 Hebrews 13:8:** Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

***Paragraph 7***. Christ, in the work of mediation, acteth according to both natures, by each nature doing that which is proper to itself; yet by reason of the unity of the person, that which is proper to one nature is sometimes in Scripture, attributed to the person denominated by the other nature.37

**37 John 3:13:** And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. **Acts 20:28:** Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

***Paragraph 8***. To all those for whom Christ hath obtained eternal redemption, He doth certainly and effectually apply and communicate the same, making intercession for them;38 uniting them to Himself by his Spirit, revealing unto them, in and by his Word, the mystery of salvation, persuading them to believe and obey,39 governing their hearts by his Word and Spirit,40 and overcoming all their enemies by his almighty power and wisdom,41 in such manner and ways as are most consonant to his wonderful and unsearchable dispensation; and all of free and absolute grace, without any condition foreseen in them to procure it.42

**38 John 6:37:** All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. **John 10:15-16:**  15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. **John 17:9:** I pray for them I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. **Romans 5:10:** For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

**39 John 17:6:** I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. **Ephesians 1:9:** Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself **1 John 5:20:** And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

**40 Romans 8:9:** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. **Romans 8:14:** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

**41 Psalms 110:1:** <A Psalms of David.> The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. **1 Corinthians 15:25-26:**  25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

**42 John 3:8:** The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth so is every one that is born of the Spirit. **Ephesians 1:8:** Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

***Paragraph 9***. This office of mediator between God and man is proper only to Christ, who is the prophet, priest, and king of the church of God; and may not be either in whole, or any part thereof, transferred from Him to any other.43

**43 1 Timothy 2:5:** For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

***Paragraph 10***. This number and order of offices is necessary; for in respect of our ignorance, we stand in need of his prophetical office;44 and in respect of our alienation from God, and imperfection of the best of our services, we need his priestly office to reconcile us and present us acceptable unto God;45 and in respect to our averseness and utter inability to return to God, and for our rescue and security from our spiritual adversaries, we need his kingly office to convince, subdue, draw, uphold, deliver, and preserve us to his heavenly kingdom.46

**44 John 1:18:** No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

**45 Colossians 1:21:** And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled **Galatians 5:17:** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh and these are contrary the one to the other so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

**46 John 16:8:** And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment **Psalms 110:3:** Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning thou hast the dew of thy youth. **Luke 1:74-75:**  74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, 75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

# Chapter 9: Of Free Will

***Paragraph 1***. God hath endued the will of man with that natural liberty and power of acting upon choice, that it is neither forced, nor by any necessity of nature determined to do good or evil.1

**1 Matthew 17:12:** But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. **James 1:14:** But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. **Deuteronomy 30:19:** I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live

***Paragraph 2***. Man, in his state of innocency, had freedom and power to will and to do that which was good and well-pleasing to God,2 but yet was unstable, so that he might fall from it.3

**2 Ecclesiastes 7:29:** Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

**3 Genesis 3:6:** And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

***Paragraph 3***. Man, by his fall into a state of sin, hath wholly lost all ability of will to any spiritual good accompanying salvation;4 so as a natural man, being altogether averse from that good, and dead in sin,5 is not able by his own strength to convert himself, or to prepare himself thereunto.6

**4 Romans 5:6:** For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. **Romans 8:7:** Because the carnal mind is enmity against God for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

**5 Ephesians 2:1:** And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; **Ephesians 2:5:** Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

**6 Titus 3:3-5:**  3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. 4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; **John 6:44:** No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him and I will raise him up at the last day.

***Paragraph 4***. When God converts a sinner, and translates him into the state of grace, He freeth him from his natural bondage under sin,7 and by his grace alone enables him freely to will and to do that which is spiritually good;8 yet so as that by reason of his remaining corruptions, he doth not perfectly, nor only will, that which is good, but doth also will that which is evil.9

**7 Colossians 1:13:** Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son **John 8:36:** If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

**8 Philippians 2:13:** For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

**9 Romans 7:15:** For that which I do I allow not for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. **Romans 7:18-19:**  18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. 19 For the good that I would I do not but the evil which I would not, that I do. **Romans 7:21:** I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. **Romans 7:23:** But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

***Paragraph 5***. This will of man is made perfectly and immutably free to good alone in the state of glory only.10

**10 Ephesians 4:13:** Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ

# Chapter 10: Of Effectual Calling

***Paragraph 1***. Those whom God hath predestinated unto life, He is pleased in his appointed, and accepted time, effectually to call,1 by his Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation by Jesus Christ;2 enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the things of God;3 taking away their heart of stone, and giving unto them a heart of flesh;4 renewing their wills, and by his almighty power determining them to that which is good, and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ;5 yet so as they come most freely, being made willing by his grace.6

**1 Romans 8:30:** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called and whom he called, them he also justified and whom he justified, them he also glorified. **Romans 11:7:** What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded **Ephesians 1:10-11:**  10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will **2 Thessalonians 2:13-14:**  13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth 14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**2 Ephesians 2:1-6:**  1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus

**3 Acts 26:18:** To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. **Ephesians 1:17-18:**  17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

**4 Ezekiel 36:26:** A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

**5 Deuteronomy 30:6:** And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. **Ezekiel 36:27:** And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. **Ephesians 1:19:** And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

**5 Psalms 110:3:** Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning thou hast the dew of thy youth. **Song of Solomon 1:4:** Draw me, we will run after thee the king hath brought me into his chambers we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine the upright love thee.

***Paragraph 2***. This effectual call is of God's free and special grace alone, not from anything at all foreseen in man, nor from any power or agency in the creature co-working with His Special grace,7 the creature being wholly passive therein, being dead in sins and trespasses, until being quickened and renewed by the Holy Spirit;8 he is thereby enabled to answer this call, and to embrace the grace offered and conveyed in it, and that by no less power than that which raised up Christ from the dead.9

**7 2 Timothy 1:9:** Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, **Ephesians 2:8:** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God

**8 1 Corinthians 2:14:** But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God for they are foolishness unto him neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. **Ephesians 2:5:** Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) **John 5:25:** Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God and they that hear shall live.

**9 Ephesians 1:19-20:**  19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

***Paragraph 3***. Elect infants dying in infancy are regenerated and saved by Christ through the Spirit;10 who worketh when, and where, and how He pleases;11 so also are all elect persons, who are incapable of being outwardly called by the ministry of the Word.

**10 John 3:3:** Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. **John 3:5-6:**  5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

**11 John 3:8:** The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

***Paragraph 4***. Others not elected, although they may be called by the ministry of the Word, and may have some common operations of the Spirit,12 yet not being effectually drawn by the Father, they neither will nor can truly come to Christ, and therefore cannot be saved:13 much less can men that receive not the Christian religion be saved; be they never so diligent to frame their lives according to the light of nature and the law of that religion they do profess.14

**12 Matthew 22:14:** For many are called, but few are chosen. **Matthew 13:20-21:**  20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; 21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. **Hebrews 6:4-5:**  4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

**13 John 6:44-45:**  44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. **John 6:65:** And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. **1 John 2:24-25:**  24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

**14 Acts 4:12:** Neither is there salvation in any other for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. **John 4:22:** Ye worship ye know not what we know what we worship for salvation is of the Jews. **John 17:3:** And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

# Chapter 11: Of Justification

***Paragraph 1***. Those whom God effectually calleth, He also freely justifieth,1 not by infusing righteousness into them, but by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous;2 not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ's sake alone;3 not by imputing faith itself, the act of believing, or any other evangelical obedience to them, as their righteousness; but by imputing Christ's active obedience unto the whole law, and passive obedience in His death for their whole and sole righteousness by faith,4 which faith they have not of themselves; it is the gift of God.5

**1 Romans 3:24:** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus **Romans 8:30:** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called and whom he called, them he also justified and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

**2 Romans 4:5-8:**  5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. 6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, 7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. 8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. **Ephesians 1:7:** In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

**3 1 Corinthians 1:30-1: Romans 5:17-19:**  17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) 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. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

**4 Philippians 3:8-9:**  8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, 9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith **Ephesians 2:8-10:**  8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

**5 John 1:12:** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name **Romans 5:17:** For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

***Paragraph 2***. Faith thus receiving and resting on Christ and His righteousness, is the alone instrument of justification;6 yet it is not alone in the person justified, but is ever accompanied with all other saving graces, and is no dead faith, but worketh by love.7

**6 Romans 3:28:** Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

**7 Galatians 5:6:** For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love. **James 2:17:** Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. **James 2:22:** Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? **James 2:26:** For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

***Paragraph 3***. Christ, by His obedience and death, did fully discharge the debt of all those that are justified; and did, by the sacrifice of Himself in the blood of His cross, undergoing in their stead the penalty due unto them, make a proper, real, and full satisfaction to God's justice in their behalf;8 yet, inasmuch as He was given by the Father for them, and His obedience and satisfaction accepted in their stead, and both freely, not for anything in them,9 their justification is only of free grace, that both the exact justice and rich grace of God might be glorified in the justification of sinners.10

**8 Hebrews 10:14:** For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. **1 Peter 1:18-19:**  18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot **Isaiah 53:5-6:**  5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**9 Romans 8:32:** He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? **2 Corinthians 5:21:** For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

**10 Romans 3:26:** To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. **Ephesians 1:6-7:**  6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; **Ephesians 2:7:** That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

***Paragraph 4***. God did from all eternity decree to justify all the elect,11 and Christ did in the fullness of time die for their sins, and rise again for their justification;12 nevertheless, they are not justified personally, until the Holy Spirit doth in time due actually apply Christ unto them.13

**11 Galatians 3:8:** And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. **1 Peter 1:2:** Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. **1 Timothy 2:6:** Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

**12 Romans 4:25:** Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

**13 Colossians 1:21-22:**  21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight **Titus 3:4-7:**  4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

***Paragraph 5***. God doth continue to forgive the sins of those that are justified,14 and although they can never fall from the state of justification,15 yet they may, by their sins, fall under God's fatherly displeasure;16 and in that condition they have not usually the light of His countenance restored unto them, until they humble themselves, confess their sins, beg pardon, and renew their faith and repentance.17

**14 Matthew 6:12:** And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. **1 John 1:7:** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. **1 John 1:9:** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**15 John 10:28:** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

**16 Psalms 89:31-33:**  31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; 32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. 33 Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

**17 Psalms 32:5:** I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah. **Psalms 51:1:** <To the chief Musician, A Psalms of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.> Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. 5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. 6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. 9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. 13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. 15 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. 16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it thou delightest not in burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. 18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion build thou the walls of Jerusalem. 19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar. **Matthew 26:75:** And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

***Paragraph 6***. The justification of believers under the Old Testament was, in all these respects, one and the same with the justification of believers under the New Testament.18

**18 Galatians 3:9:** So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. **Romans 4:22-24:**  22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. 23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; 24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

# Chapter 12: Of Adoption

All those that are justified, God vouchsafed, in and for the sake of his only Son Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the grace of adoption,1 by which they are taken into the number, and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God,2 have His name put upon them,3 receive the spirit of adoption,4 have access to the throne of grace with boldness, are enabled to cry Abba, Father,5 are pitied,6 protected,7 provided for,8 and chastened by Him as by a Father,9 yet never cast off,10 but sealed to the day of redemption,11 and inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation.12

**1 Ephesians 1:5:** Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, **Galatians 4:4-5:**  4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

**2 John 1:12: But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name Romans 8:17: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.**

**3 2 Corinthians 6:18: And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Revelation 3:12: Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God and I will write upon him my new name.**

**4 Romans 8:15: For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.**

**5 Galatians 4:6: And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Ephesians 2:18: For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.**

**6 Psalms 103:13: Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.**

**7 Proverbs 14:26: In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence and his children shall have a place of refuge.**

**8 1 Peter 5:7: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.**

**9 Hebrews 12:6: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.**

**10 Isaiah 54:8-9: 8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer. 9 For this is as the waters of Noah unto me for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. Lamentations 3:31: For the Lord will not cast off for ever**

**11 Ephesians 4:30: And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.**

**12 Hebrews 1:14: Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? Hebrews 6:12: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.**

# Chapter 13: Of Sanctification

***Paragraph 1***. They who are united to Christ, effectually called, and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, are also farther sanctified, really and personally,1 through the same virtue, by His Word and Spirit dwelling in them;2 the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed,3 and the several lusts thereof are more and more weakened and mortified,4 and they more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces,5 to the practice of all true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.6

**1 Acts 20:32: And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. Romans 6:5-6: 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.**

**2 John 17:17: Sanctify them through thy truth thy word is truth. Ephesians 3:16-19: 16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. 1 Thessalonians 5:21-23: 21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil. 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**3 Romans 6:14: For sin shall not have dominion over you for ye are not under the law, but under grace.**

**4 Galatians 5:24: And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.**

**5 Colossians 1:11: Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;**

**6 2 Corinthians 7:1: Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. Hebrews 12:14: Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord**

***Paragraph 2***. This sanctification is throughout the whole man,7 yet imperfect in this life; there abideth still some remnants of corruption in every part,8 whence ariseth a continual and irreconcilable war; the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.9

**7 1 Thessalonians 5:23: And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**8 Romans 7:18: For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. Romans 7:23: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.**

**9 Galatians 5:17: For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh and these are contrary the one to the other so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 1 Peter 2:11: Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;**

***Paragraph 3***. In which war, although the remaining corruption for a time may much prevail,10 yet through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part doth overcome;11 and so the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God, pressing after an heavenly life, in evangelical obedience to all the commands which Christ as Head and King, in His Word hath prescribed them.12

**10 Romans 7:23: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.**

**11 Romans 6:14: For sin shall not have dominion over you for ye are not under the law, but under grace.**

**12 Ephesians 4:15-16: 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. 2 Corinthians 3:18: But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 7:1: Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**

# Chapter 14: Of Saving Faith

***Paragraph 1***. The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts,1 and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word;2 by which also, and by the administration of baptism and the Lord's supper, prayer, and other means appointed of God, it is increased and strengthened.3

**1 2 Corinthians 4:13:** We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; **Ephesians 2:8:** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God

**2 Romans 10:14:** How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? **Romans 10:17:** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**3 Luke 17:5:** And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. **1 Peter 2:2:** As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby **Acts 20:32:** And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

***Paragraph 2***. By this faith a Christian believeth to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word for the authority of God Himself,4 and also apprehendeth an excellency therein above all other writings and all things in the world,5 as it bears forth the glory of God in His attributes, the excellency of Christ in His nature and offices, and the power and fullness of the Holy Spirit in His workings and operations: and so is enabled to cast his soul upon the truth thus believed;6 and also acteth differently upon that which each particular passage thereof containeth; yielding obedience to the commands,7 trembling at the threatenings,8 and embracing the promises of God for this life and that which is to come;9 but the principal acts of saving faith have immediate relation to Christ, accepting, receiving, and resting upon Him alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.10

**4 Acts 24:14:** But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets

**5 Psalms 27:7-10:**  7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice have mercy also upon me, and answer me. 8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek. 9 Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. 10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up. **Psalms 119:72:** The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

**6 2 Timothy 1:12:** For the which cause I also suffer these things nevertheless I am not ashamed for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

**7 John 14:14:** If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

**8 Isaiah 66:2:** For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

**9 Hebrews 11:13:** These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

**10 John 1:12:** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name **Acts 16:31:** And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. **Galatians 2:20:** I am crucified with Christ nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. **Acts 15:11:** But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

***Paragraph 3***. This faith, although it be different in degrees, and may be weak or strong,11 yet it is in the least degree of it different in the kind or nature of it, as is all other saving grace, from the faith and common grace of temporary believers;12 and therefore, though it may be many times assailed and weakened, yet it gets the victory,13 growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance through Christ,14 who is both the author and finisher of our faith.15

**11 Hebrews 5:13-14:**  13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. **Matthew 6:30:** Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? **Romans 4:19-20:**  19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

**12 2 Peter 1:1:** Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ

**13 Ephesians 6:16:** Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. **1 John 5:4-5:**  4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

**14 Hebrews 6:11-12:**  11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end 12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. **Colossians 2:2:** That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

**15 Hebrews 12:2:** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

# Chapter 15: Of Repentance Unto Life and Salvation

***Paragraph 1***. Such of the elect as are converted at riper years, having sometime lived in the state of nature, and therein served divers lusts and pleasures, God in their effectual calling giveth them repentance unto life.1

**1 Titus 3:2-5:**  2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. 3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. 4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

***Paragraph 2***. Whereas there is none that doth good and sinneth not,2 and the best of men may, through the power and deceitfulness of their corruption dwelling in them, with the prevalency of temptation, fall into great sins and provocations; God hath, in the covenant of grace, mercifully provided that believers so sinning and falling be renewed through repentance unto salvation.3

**2 Ecclesiastes 7:20:** For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

**3 Luke 22:31-32:**  31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat 32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

***Paragraph 3***. This saving repentance is an evangelical grace,4 whereby a person, being by the Holy Spirit made sensible of the manifold evils of his sin, doth, by faith in Christ, humble himself for it with godly sorrow, detestation of it, and self-abhorrency,5 praying for pardon and strength of grace, with a purpose and endeavour, by supplies of the Spirit, to walk before God unto all well-pleasing in all things.6

**4 Zechariah 12:10:** And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. **Acts 11:18:** When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

**5 Ezekiel 36:31:** Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. **2 Corinthians 7:11:** For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

**6 Psalms 119:6:** Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments. **Psalms 119:128:** Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

***Paragraph 4***. As repentance is to be continued through the whole course of our lives, upon the account of the body of death, and the motions thereof, so it is every man's duty to repent of his particular known sins particularly.7

**7 Luke 19:8:** And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. **1 Timothy 1:13:** Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. **1 Timothy 1:15:** This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

***Paragraph 5***. Such is the provision which God hath made through Christ in the covenant of grace for the preservation of believers unto salvation; that although there is no sin so small but it deserves damnation;8 yet there is no sin so great that it shall bring damnation on them that repent;9 which makes the constant preaching of repentance necessary.

**8 Romans 6:23:** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**9 Isaiah 1:16-18:**  16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; 17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. 18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. **Isaiah 55:7:** Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

# Chapter 16: Of Good Works

***Paragraph 1***. Good works are only such as God hath commanded in His Holy Word,1 and not such as without the warrant thereof are devised by men out of blind zeal, or upon any pretense of good intentions.2

**1 Micah 6:8:** He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? **Hebrews 13:21:** Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**2 Matthew 15:9:** But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. **Isaiah 29:13:** Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men

***Paragraph 2***. These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith;3 and by them believers manifest their thankfulness,4 strengthen their assurance,5 edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel,6 stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God,7 whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto,8 that having their fruit unto holiness they may have the end eternal life.9

**3 James 2:18:** Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. **James 2:22:** Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

**4 Psalms 116:12-13:**  12 What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me? 13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

**5 1 John 2:3:** And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. **1 John 2:5:** But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected hereby know we that we are in him. **2 Peter 1:5-11:**  5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**6 Matthew 5:16:** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

**7 1 Timothy 6:1:** Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed. **1 Peter 2:15:** For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men **Philippians 1:11:** Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

**8 Ephesians 2:10:** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

**9 Romans 6:22:** But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

***Paragraph 3***. Their ability to do good works is not at all of themselves, but wholly from the Spirit of Christ;10 and that they may be enabled thereunto, besides the graces they have already received, there is necessary an actual influence of the same Holy Spirit, to work in them to will and to do of His good pleasure;11 yet they are not hereupon to grow negligent, as if they were not bound to perform any duty, unless upon a special motion of the Spirit, but they ought to be diligent in stirring up the grace of God that is in them.12

**10 John 15:4-5:**  4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit for without me ye can do nothing.

**11 2 Corinthians 3:5:** Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; **Philippians 2:13:** For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

**12 Philippians 2:12:** Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. **Hebrews 6:11-12:**  11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end 12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. **Isaiah 64:7:** And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

***Paragraph 4***. They who in their obedience attain to the greatest height which is possible in this life, are so far from being able to supererogate, and to do more than God requires, as that they fall short of much which in duty they are bound to do.13

**13 Job 9:2-3:**  2 I know it is so of a truth but how should man be just with God? 3 If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand. **Galatians 5:17:** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh and these are contrary the one to the other so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. **Luke 17:10:** So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants we have done that which was our duty to do.

***Paragraph 5***. We cannot by our best works merit pardon of sin or eternal life at the hand of God, by reason of the great disproportion that is between them and the glory to come, and the infinite distance that is between us and God, whom by them we can neither profit nor satisfy for the debt of our former sins;14 but when we have done all we can, we have done but our duty, and are unprofitable servants; and because as they are good they proceed from His Spirit,15 and as they are wrought by us they are defiled and mixed with so much weakness and imperfection, that they cannot endure the severity of God's punishment.16

**14 Romans 3:20:** Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight for by the law is the knowledge of sin. **Ephesians 2:8-9:**  8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. **Romans 4:6:** Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

**15 Galatians 5:22-23:**  22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance against such there is no law.

**16 Isaiah 64:6:** But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. **Psalms 143:2:** And enter not into judgment with thy servant for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

***Paragraph 6***. Yet notwithstanding the persons of believers being accepted through Christ, their good works also are accepted in Him;17 not as though they were in this life wholly unblameable and unreprovable in God's sight, but that He, looking upon them in His Son, is pleased to accept and reward that which is sincere, although accompanied with many weaknesses and imperfections.18

**17 Ephesians 1:6:** To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. **1 Peter 2:5:** Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

**18 Matthew 25:21:** His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things enter thou into the joy of thy lord. **Matthew 25:23:** His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things enter thou into the joy of thy lord. **Hebrews 6:10:** For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

***Paragraph 7***. Works done by unregenerate men, although for the matter of them they may be things which God commands, and of good use both to themselves and others;19 yet because they proceed not from a heart purified by faith,20 nor are done in a right manner according to the Word,21 nor to a right end, the glory of God,22 they are therefore sinful, and cannot please God, nor make a man meet to receive grace from God,23 and yet their neglect of them is more sinful and displeasing to God.24

**19 2 Kings 10:30:** And the LORD said unto Jehu, Because thou hast done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that was in mine heart, thy children of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel. **1 Kings 21:27:** And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly. **1 Kings 21:29:** Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

**20 Genesis 4:5:** But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. **Hebrews 11:4:** By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts and by it he being dead yet speaketh. **Hebrews 11:6:** But without faith it is impossible to please him for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

**21 1 Corinthians 13:1:** Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

**22 Matthew 6:2:** Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. **Matthew 6:5:** And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

**23 Amos 5:21-22:**  21 I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. 22 Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept them neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts. **Romans 9:16:** So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. **Titus 3:5:** Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

**24 Job 21:14-15:**  14 Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. 15 What is the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him? **Matthew 25:41-43:**  41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels 42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in naked, and ye clothed me not sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

# Chapter 17: Of The Perseverance of the Saint

***Paragraph 1***. Those whom God hath accepted in the beloved, effectually called and sanctified by His Spirit, and given the precious faith of His elect unto, can neither totally nor finally fall from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved, seeing the gifts and callings of God are without repentance, whence He still begets and nourisheth in them faith, repentance, love, joy, hope, and all the graces of the Spirit unto immortality;1 and though many storms and floods arise and beat against them, yet they shall never be able to take them off that foundation and rock which by faith they are fastened upon; notwithstanding, through unbelief and the temptations of Satan, the sensible sight of the light and love of God may for a time be clouded and obscured from them,2 yet He is still the same, and they shall be sure to be kept by the power of God unto salvation, where they shall enjoy their purchased possession, they being engraven upon the palm of His hands, and their names having been written in the book of life from all eternity.3

**1 John 10:28-29:**  28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. **Philippians 1:6:** Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ **2 Timothy 2:19:** Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. **1 John 2:19:** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

**2 Psalms 89:31-32:**  31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; 32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. **1 Corinthians 11:32:** But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

**3 Malachi 3:6:** For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

***Paragraph 2***. This perseverance of the saints depends not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of election,4 flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father, upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ and union with Him,5 the oath of God,6 the abiding of His Spirit, and the seed of God within them,7 and the nature of the covenant of grace;8 from all which ariseth also the certainty and infallibility thereof.

**4 Romans 8:30:** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called and whom he called, them he also justified and whom he justified, them he also glorified. **Romans 9:11:** (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) **Romans 9:16:** So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

**5 Romans 5:9-10:**  9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. **John 14:19:** Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me because I live, ye shall live also.

**6 Hebrews 6:17-18:**  17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath 18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us

**7 1 John 3:9:** Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

**8 Jeremiah 32:40:** And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

***Paragraph 3***. And though they may, through the temptation of Satan and of the world, the prevalency of corruption remaining in them, and the neglect of means of their preservation, fall into grievous sins, and for a time continue therein,9 whereby they incur God's displeasure and grieve His Holy Spirit,10 come to have their graces and comforts impaired,11 have their hearts hardened, and their consciences wounded,12 hurt and scandalize others, and bring temporal judgments upon themselves,13 yet shall they renew their repentance and be preserved through faith in Christ Jesus to the end.14

**9 Matthew 26:70:** But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. **Matthew 26:72:** And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man. **Matthew 26:74:** Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.

**10 Isaiah 64:5:** Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned in those is continuance, and we shall be saved. **Isaiah 64:9:** Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people. **Ephesians 4:30:** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

**11 Psalms 51:10:** Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. **Psalms 51:12:** Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

**12 Psalms 32:3-4:**  3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. 4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

**13 2 Samuel 12:14:** Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.

**14 Luke 22:32:** But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. **Luke 22:61-62:**  61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. 62 And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

# Chapter 18: Of the Assurance of Grace and Salvation

***Paragraph 1***. Although temporary believers, and other unregenerate men, may vainly deceive themselves with false hopes and carnal presumptions of being in the favour of God and state of salvation, which hope of theirs shall perish;1 yet such as truly believe in the Lord Jesus, and love Him in sincerity, endeavouring to walk in all good conscience before Him, may in this life be certainly assured that they are in the state of grace, and may rejoice in the hope of the glory of God,2 which hope shall never make them ashamed.3

**1 Job 8:13-14:**  13 So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish 14 Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider's web. **Matthew 7:22-23:**  22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

**2 1 John 2:3:** And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. **1 John 3:14:** We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. **1 John 3:18-19:**  18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. 19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. **1 John 3:21:** Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. **1 John 3:24:** And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us. **1 John 5:13:** These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

**3 Romans 5:2:** By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **Romans 5:5:** And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

***Paragraph 2***. This certainty is not a bare conjectural and probable persuasion grounded upon a fallible hope, but an infallible assurance of faith,4 founded on the blood and righteousness of Christ revealed in the Gospel;5 and also upon the inward evidence of those graces of the Spirit unto which promises are made,6 and on the testimony of the Spirit of adoption, witnessing with our spirits that we are the children of God;7 and, as a fruit thereof, keeping the heart both humble and holy.8

**4 Hebrews 6:11:** And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end **Hebrews 6:19:** Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

**5 Hebrews 6:17-18:**  17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath 18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us

**6 2 Peter 1:4-5:**  4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; **2 Peter 1:10-11:**  10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**7 Romans 8:15-16:**  15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God

**8 1 John 3:1-3:**  1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

***Paragraph 3***. This infallible assurance doth not so belong to the essence of faith, but that a true believer may wait long, and conflict with many difficulties before he be partaker of it;9 yet being enabled by the Spirit to know the things which are freely given him of God, he may, without extraordinary revelation, in the right use of means, attain thereunto:10 and therefore it is the duty of every one to give all diligence to make his calling and election sure, that thereby his heart may be enlarged in peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, in love and thankfulness to God, and in strength and cheerfulness in the duties of obedience, the proper fruits of this assurance;11 -so far is it from inclining men to looseness.12

**9 Isaiah 50:10:** Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God. **Psalms 88:1:** <A Song or Psalms for the sons of Korah, to the chief Musician upon Mahalath Leannoth, Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite.> O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee 2 Let my prayer come before thee incline thine ear unto my cry; 3 For my soul is full of troubles and my life draweth nigh unto the grave. 4 I am counted with them that go down into the pit I am as a man that hath no strength 5 Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more and they are cut off from thy hand. 6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps. 7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. Selah. 8 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them I am shut up, and I cannot come forth. 9 Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee. 10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee? Selah. 11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction? 12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness? 13 But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee. 14 LORD, why castest thou off my soul? why hidest thou thy face from me? 15 I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted. 16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off. 17 They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together. 18 Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness. **Psalms 77:1-12:**  1 <To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalms of Asaph.> I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me. 2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord my sore ran in the night, and ceased not my soul refused to be comforted. 3 I remembered God, and was troubled I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah. 4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking I am so troubled that I cannot speak. 5 I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times. 6 I call to remembrance my song in the night I commune with mine own heart and my spirit made diligent search. 7 Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more? 8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore? 9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah. 10 And I said, This is my infirmity but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High. 11 I will remember the works of the LORD surely I will remember thy wonders of old. 12 I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

**10 1 John 4:13:** Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. **Hebrews 6:11-12:**  11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end 12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

**11 Romans 5:1-2:**  1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **Romans 5:5:** And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. **Romans 14:17:** For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. **Psalms 119:32:** I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

**12 Romans 6:1-2:**  1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? **Titus 2:11-12:**  11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; **Titus 2:14:** Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

***Paragraph 4***. True believers may have the assurance of their salvation divers ways shaken, diminished, and intermitted; as by negligence in preserving of it,13 by falling into some special sin which woundeth the conscience and grieveth the Spirit;14 by some sudden or vehement temptation,15 by God's withdrawing the light of His countenance, and suffering even such as fear Him to walk in darkness and to have no light,16 yet are they never destitute of the seed of God17 and life of faith,18 that love of Christ and the brethren, that sincerity of heart and conscience of duty out of which, by the operation of the Spirit, this assurance may in due time be revived,19 and by the which, in the meantime, they are preserved from utter despair.20

**13 Song 5:2-3:**  2 I sleep, but my heart waketh it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night. 3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them? **Song of Solomon 5:6:** I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone my soul failed when he spake I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.

**14 Psalms 51:8:** Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. **Psalms 51:12:** Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. **Psalms 51:14:** Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

**15 Psalms 116:11:** I said in my haste, All men are liars. **Psalms 77:7-8:**  7 Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more? 8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore? **Psalms 31:22:** For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

**16 Psalms 30:7:** LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.

**17 1 John 3:9:** Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

**18 Luke 22:32:** But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

**19 Psalms 42:5:** Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance. **Psalms 42:11:** Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

**20 Lamentations 3:26-31:**  26 It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD. 27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. 28 He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him. 29 He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope. 30 He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him he is filled full with reproach. 31 For the Lord will not cast off for ever

# Chapter 19: Of the Law of God

***Paragraph 1***. God gave to Adam a law of universal obedience written in his heart, and a particular precept of not eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil;1 by which He bound him and all his posterity to personal, entire, exact, and perpetual obedience;2 promised life upon the fulfilling, and threatened death upon the breach of it, and endued him with power and ability to keep it.3

**1 Genesis 1:27:** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. **Ecclesiastes 7:29:** Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

**2 Romans 10:5:** For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

**3 Galatians 3:10:** For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. **Galatians 3:12:** And the law is not of faith but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

***Paragraph 2***. The same law that was first written in the heart of man continued to be a perfect rule of righteousness after the fall,4 and was delivered by God upon Mount Sinai, in ten commandments, and written in two tables, the four first containing our duty towards God, and the other six, our duty to man.5

**4 Romans 2:14-15:**  14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves 15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

**5 Deuteronomy 10:4:** And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly and the LORD gave them unto me.

***Paragraph 3***. Besides this law, commonly called moral, God was pleased to give to the people of Israel ceremonial laws, containing several typical ordinances, partly of worship, prefiguring Christ, his graces, actions, sufferings, and benefits;6 and partly holding forth divers instructions of moral duties,7 all which ceremonial laws being appointed only to the time of reformation, are, by Jesus Christ the true Messiah and only law-giver, who was furnished with power from the Father for that end abrogated and taken away.8

**6 Hebrews 10:1:** For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. **Colossians 2:17:** Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

**7 1 Corinthians 5:7:** Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us

**8 Colossians 2:14:** Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; **Colossians 2:16-17:**  16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days 17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. **Ephesians 2:14:** For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; **Ephesians 2:16:** And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby

***Paragraph 4***. To them also He gave sundry judicial laws, which expired together with the state of that people, not obliging any now by virtue of that institution; their general equity only being of moral use.9

**9 1 Corinthians 9:8-10:**  8 Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? 9 For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? 10 Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.

***Paragraph 5***. The moral law doth for ever bind all, as well justified persons as others, to the obedience thereof,10 and that not only in regard of the matter contained in it, but also in respect of the authority of God the Creator, who gave it;11 neither doth Christ in the Gospel any way dissolve, but much strengthen this obligation.12

**10 Romans 13:8-10:**  8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. 9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. **James 2:8:** If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well **James 2:10-12:**  10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. 11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. 12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

**11 James 2:10-11:**  10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. 11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

**12 Matthew 5:17-19:**  17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. **Romans 3:31:** Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid yea, we establish the law.

***Paragraph 6***. Although true believers be not under the law as a covenant of works, to be thereby justified or condemned,13 yet it is of great use to them as well as to others, in that as a rule of life, informing them of the will of God and their duty, it directs and binds them to walk accordingly; discovering also the sinful pollutions of their natures, hearts, and lives, so as examining themselves thereby, they may come to further conviction of, humiliation for, and hatred against, sin;14 together with a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ and the perfection of his obedience; it is likewise of use to the regenerate to restrain their corruptions, in that it forbids sin; and the threatenings of it serve to shew what even their sins deserve, and what afflictions in this life they may expect for them, although freed from the curse and unallayed rigour thereof. The promises of it likewise shew them God's approbation of obedience, and what blessings they may expect upon the performance thereof, though not as due to them by the law as a covenant of works; so as man's doing good and refraining from evil, because the law encourageth to the one and deterreth from the other, is no evidence of his being under the law and not under grace.15

**13 Romans 6:14:** For sin shall not have dominion over you for ye are not under the law, but under grace. **Galatians 2:16:** Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. **Romans 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. **Romans 10:4:** For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

**14 Romans 3:20:** Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight for by the law is the knowledge of sin. **Romans 7:7:** What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

**15 Romans 6:12-14:**  12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. 13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you for ye are not under the law, but under grace. **1 Peter 3:8-13:**  8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous 9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. 10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile 11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. 12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. 13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

***Paragraph 7***. Neither are the aforementioned uses of the law contrary to the grace of the Gospel, but do sweetly comply with it,16 the Spirit of Christ subduing and enabling the will of man to do that freely and cheerfully which the will of God, revealed in the law, requireth to be done.17

**16 Galatians 3:21:** Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

**17 Ezekiel 36:27:** And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

# Chapter 20: Of the Gospel, and of the Extent of the Grace Thereof

***Paragraph 1***. The covenant of works being broken by sin, and made unprofitable unto life, God was pleased to give forth the promise of Christ, the seed of the woman, as the means of calling the elect, and begetting in them faith and repentance;1 in this promise the gospel, as to the substance of it, was revealed, and [is] therein effectual for the conversion and salvation of sinners.2

**1 Genesis 3:15:** And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

**2 Revelation 13:8:** And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

***Paragraph 2***. This promise of Christ, and salvation by Him, is revealed only by the Word of God;3 neither do the works of creation or providence, with the light of nature, make discovery of Christ, or of grace by Him, so much as in a general or obscure way;4 much less that men destitute of the revelation of Him by the promise or gospel, should be enabled thereby to attain saving faith or repentance.5

**3 Romans 1:17:** For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

**4 Romans 10:14-15:**  14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! **Romans 10:17:** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**5 Proverbs 29:18:** Where there is no vision, the people perish but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. **Isaiah 25:7:** And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations. **Isaiah 60:2-3:**  2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. 3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

***Paragraph 3***. The revelation of the Gospel unto sinners, made in divers times and by sundry parts, with the addition of promises and precepts for the obedience required therein, as to the nations and persons to whom it is granted, is merely of the sovereign will and good pleasure of God;6 not being annexed by virtue of any promise to the due improvement of men's natural abilities, by virtue of common light received without it, which none ever did make, or can do so;7 and therefore in all ages, the preaching of the Gospel has been granted unto persons and nations, as to the extent or straitening of it, in great variety, according to the counsel of the will of God.

**6 Psalms 147:20:** He hath not dealt so with any nation and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD. **Acts 16:7:** After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia but the Spirit suffered them not.

**7 Romans 1:18-32:**  18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

***Paragraph 4***. Although the Gospel be the only outward means of revealing Christ and saving grace, and is, as such, abundantly sufficient thereunto; yet that men who are dead in trespasses may be born again, quickened or regenerated, there is moreover necessary an effectual insuperable work of the Holy Spirit upon the whole soul, for the producing in them a new spiritual life;8 without which no other means will effect their conversion unto God.9

**8 Psalms 110:3:** Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning thou hast the dew of thy youth. **1 Corinthians 2:14:** But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God for they are foolishness unto him neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. **Ephesians 1:19-20:**  19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

**9 John 6:44:** No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him and I will raise him up at the last day. **2 Corinthians 4:4:** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. **2 Corinthians 4:6:** For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

# Chapter 21: Of Christian Liberty and Liberty of Conscience

***Paragraph 1***. The liberty which Christ hath purchased for believers under the Gospel, consists in their freedom from the guilt of sin, the condemning wrath of God, the rigour and curse of the law,1 and in their being delivered from this present evil world,2 bondage to Satan,3 and dominion of sin,4 from the evil of afflictions,5 the fear and sting of death, the victory of the grave,6 and everlasting damnation:7 as also in their free access to God, and their yielding obedience unto Him, not out of slavish fear,8 but a child-like love and willing mind.9 All which were common also to believers under the law for the substance of them;10 but under the New Testament the liberty of Christians is further enlarged, in their freedom from the yoke of a ceremonial law, to which the Jewish church was subjected, and in greater boldness of access to the throne of grace, and in fuller communications of the free Spirit of God, than believers under the law did ordinarily partake of.11

**1 Galatians 3:13:** Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree

**2 Galatians 1:4:** Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father

**3 Acts 26:18:** To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

**4 Romans 8:3:** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh

**5 Romans 8:28:** And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

**6 1 Corinthians 15:54-57:**  54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**7 2 Thessalonians 1:10:** When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

**8 Romans 8:15:** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

**9 Luke 1:73-75:**  73 The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, 74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, 75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. **1 John 4:18:** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

**10 Galatians 3:9:** So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. **Galatians 3:14:** That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

**11 John 7:38-39:**  38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) **Hebrews 10:19-21:**  19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21 And having an high priest over the house of God;

***Paragraph 2***. God alone is Lord of the conscience,12 and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are in any thing contrary to his Word, or not contained in it.13 So that to believe such doctrines, or obey such commands out of conscience, is to betray true liberty of conscience;14 and the requiring of an implicit faith, an absolute and blind obedience, is to destroy liberty of conscience and reason also.15

**12 James 4:12:** There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy who art thou that judgest another? **Romans 14:4:** Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up for God is able to make him stand.

**13 Acts 4:19:** But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. **Acts 4:29:** And now, Lord, behold their threatenings and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, **1 Corinthians 7:23:** Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men. **Matthew 15:9:** But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

**14 Colossians 2:20:** Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, **Colossians 2:22:** Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? **Colossians 2:23:** Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

**15 1 Corinthians 3:5:** Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? **2 Corinthians 1:24:** Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy for by faith ye stand.

***Paragraph 3***. They who upon pretence of Christian liberty do practice any sin, or cherish any sinful lust, as they do thereby pervert the main design of the grace of the gospel to their own destruction,16 so they wholly destroy the end of Christian liberty, which is, that being delivered out of the hands of all our enemies, we might serve the Lord without fear, in holiness and righeousness before Him, all the days of our lives.17

**16 Romans 6:1:** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? **Romans 6:2:** God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

**17 Galatians 5:13:** For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. **2 Peter 2:18:** For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. **2 Peter 2:21:** For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

# Chapter 22: Of Religious Worship and the Sabbath Day

1. The light of nature shews that there is a God, who hath lordship and sovereignty over all; is just, good and doth good unto all; and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served, with all the heart and all the soul, and with all the might.1 But the acceptable way of worshipping the true God, is instituted by Himself,2 and so limited by His own revealed will, that He may not be worshipped according to the imagination and devices of men, nor the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representations, or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scriptures.3

**1 Jeremiah 10:7:** Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? for to thee doth it appertain forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like unto thee. **Mark 12:33:** And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

**2 Deuteronomy 12:32:** What thing soever I command you, observe to do it thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

**3 Exodus 20:4-6:**  4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

***Paragraph 2***. Religious worship is to be given to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to Him alone;4 not to angels, saints, or any other creatures;5 and since the fall, not without a mediator,6 nor in the mediation of any other but Christ alone.7

**4 Matthew 4:9-10:**  9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. **John 6:23:** (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks) **Matthew 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

**5 Romans 1:25:** Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. **Colossians 2:18:** Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, **Revelation 19:10:** And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus worship God for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

**6 John 14:6:** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

**7 1 Timothy 2:5:** For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

***Paragraph 3***. Prayer, with thanksgiving, being one part of natural worship, is by God required of all men.8 But that it may be accepted, it is to be made in the name of the Son,9 by the help of the Spirit,10 according to His will;11 with understanding, reverence, humility, fervency, faith, love, and perseverance; and when with others, in a known tongue.11

**8 Psalms 95:1-7:**  1 O come, let us sing unto the LORD let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. 3 For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth the strength of the hills is his also. 5 The sea is his, and he made it and his hands formed the dry land. 6 O come, let us worship and bow down let us kneel before the LORD our maker. 7 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice, **Psalms 65:2:** O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

**9 John 14:13-14:**  13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

**10 Romans 8:26:** Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities for we know not what we should pray for as we ought but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

**11 1 John 5:14:** And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us

**12 1 Corinthians 14:16-17:**  16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest? 17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

***Paragraph 4***. Prayer is to be made for things lawful, and for all sorts of men living, or that shall live hereafter;13 but not for the dead,14 nor for those of whom it may be known that they have sinned the sin unto death. 15

**13 1 Timothy 2:1-2:**  1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. **2 Samuel 7:29:** Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken it and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

**14 2 Samuel 12:21-23:**  21 Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. 22 And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live? 23 But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

**15 1 John 5:16:** If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death I do not say that he shall pray for it.

***Paragraph 5***. The reading of the Scriptures,16 preaching, and hearing the Word of God,17 teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in our hearts to the Lord;18 as also the administration of baptism,19 and the Lord's Supper,20 are all parts of religious worship of God, to be performed in obedience to Him, with understanding, faith, reverence, and godly fear; moreover, solemn humiliation, with fastings,21 and thanksgivings, upon special occasions, ought to be used in an holy and religious manner.22

**16 1 Timothy 4:13:** Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

**17 2 Timothy 4:2:** Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. **Luke 8:18:** Take heed therefore how ye hear for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

**18 Colossians 3:16:** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. **Ephesians 5:19:** Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

**19 Matthew 28:19-20:**  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 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

**20 1 Corinthians 11:26:** For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

**21 Esther 4:16:** Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law and if I perish, I perish. **Joel 2:12:** Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning

**22 Exodus 15:1-19:**  1 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. 2 The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him. 3 The LORD is a man of war the LORD is his name. 4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea. 5 The depths have covered them they sank into the bottom as a stone. 6 Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. 7 And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble. 8 And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea. 9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them. 10 Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them they sank as lead in the mighty waters. 11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? 12 Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them. 13 Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation. 14 The people shall hear, and be afraid sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina. 15 Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them; all the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away. 16 Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased. 17 Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established. 18 The LORD shall reign for ever and ever. 19 For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea. **Psalms 107:1:** O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good for his mercy endureth for ever. 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; 3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. 4 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. 5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. 6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses. 7 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation. 8 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! 9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. 10 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron; 11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High 12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help. 13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. 14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder. 15 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! 16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder. 17 Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. 18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death. 19 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. 20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. 21 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! 22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing. 23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; 24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep. 25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof. 26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths their soul is melted because of trouble. 27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end. 28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. 29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. 30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven. 31 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! 32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders. 33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the watersprings into dry ground; 34 A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein. 35 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings. 36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation; 37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase. 38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease. 39 Again, they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow. 40 He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way. 41 Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh him families like a flock. 42 The righteous shall see it, and rejoice and all iniquity shall stop her mouth. 43 Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

***Paragraph 6***. Neither prayer nor any other part of religious worship, is now under the Gospel, tied unto, or made more acceptable by any place in which it is performed, or towards which it is directed; but God is to be worshipped everywhere in spirit and in truth;23 as in private families24 daily,25 and in secret each one by himself;26 so more solemnly in the public assemblies, which are not carelessly nor wilfully to be neglected or forsaken, when God by His Word or providence calleth thereunto.27

**23 John 4:21:** Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. **Malachi 1:11:** For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts. **1 Timothy 2:8:** I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

**24 Acts 10:2:** A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

**25 Matthew 6:11:** Give us this day our daily bread. **Psalms 55:17:** Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud and he shall hear my voice.

**26 Matthew 6:6:** But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

**27 Hebrews 10:25:** Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. **Acts 2:42:** And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

***Paragraph 7***. As it is the law of nature, that in general a proportion of time, by God's appointment, be set apart for the worship of God, so by His Word, in a positive moral, and perpetual commandment, binding all men, in all ages, He hath particularly appointed one day in seven for a sabbath to be kept holy unto Him,28 which from the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ was the last day of the week, and from the resurrection of Christ was changed into the first day of the week, which is called the Lord's Day:29 and is to be continued to the end of the world as the Christian Sabbath, the observation of the last day of the week being abolished.

**28 Exodus 20:8:** Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

**29 1 Corinthians 16:1:** Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. **1 Corinthians 16:2:** Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. **Acts 20:7:** And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. **Revelation 1:10:** I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

***Paragraph 8***. The sabbath is then kept holy unto the Lord, when men, after a due preparing of their hearts, and ordering their common affairs aforehand, do not only observe an holy rest all day, from their own works, words and thoughts, about their worldly employment and recreations,30 but are also taken up the whole time in the public and private exercises of His worship, and in the duties of necessity and mercy.31

**30 Isaiah 58:13:** 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, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words **Nehemiah 13:15-22:**  15 In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals. 16 There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. 17 Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? 18 Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath. 19 And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day. 20 So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice. 21 Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath. 22 And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

**31 Matthew 12:1-13:**  1 At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. 2 But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day. 3 But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him; 4 How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests? 5 Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless? 6 But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple. 7 But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. 8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day. 9 And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue 10 And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. 11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? 12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. 13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

# Chapter 23: Of Lawful Oaths and Vow

***Paragraph 1***. A lawful oath is a part of religious worship, wherein the person swearing in truth, righteousness, and judgement, solemnly calleth God to witness what he swears,1 and to judge him according to the truth or falseness thereof.2

**1 Exodus 20:7:** Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. **Deuteronomy 10:20:** Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name. **Jeremiah 4:2:** And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

**2 2 Chronicles 6:22-23:**  22 If a man sin against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to make him swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house; 23 Then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, by requiting the wicked, by recompensing his way upon his own head; and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness.

***Paragraph 2***. The name of God only is that by which men ought to swear; and therein it is to be used, with all holy fear and reverence; therefore to swear vainly or rashly by that glorious and dreadful name, or to swear at all by any other thing, is sinful, and to be abhorred;3 yet as in matter of weight and moment, for confirmation of truth, and ending all strife, an oath is warranted by the Word of God;4 so a lawful oath being imposed by lawful authority in such matters, ought to be taken.5

**3 Matthew 5:34:** But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne **Matthew 5:37:** But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. **James 5:12:** But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

**4 Hebrews 6:16:** For men verily swear by the greater and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. **2 Corinthians 1:23:** Moreover I call God for a record upon my soul, that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth.

**5 Nehemiah 13:25:** And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves.

***Paragraph 3***. Whosoever taketh an oath warranted by the Word of God, ought duly to consider the weightiness of so solemn an act, and therein to avouch nothing but what he knoweth to be truth; for that by rash, false, and vain oaths, the Lord is provoked, and for them this land mourns.6

**6 Leviticus 19:12:** And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God I am the LORD. **Jeremiah 23:10:** For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right.

***Paragraph 4***. An oath is to be taken in the plain and common sense of the words, without equivocation or mental reservation.7

**7 Psalms 24:4:** He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

***Paragraph 5***. A vow, which is not to be made to any creature, but to God alone, is to be made and performed with all religious care and faithfulness;8 but popish monastical vows of perpetual single life,9 professed poverty,10 and regular obedience, are so far from being degrees of higher perfection, that they are superstitious and sinful snares, in which no Christian may entangle himself.11

**8 Psalms 76:11:** Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared. **Genesis 28:20-22:**  20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, 21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God 22 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

**9 1 Corinthians 7:2:** Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. **1 Corinthians 7:9:** But if they cannot contain, let them marry for it is better to marry than to burn.

**10 Ephesians 4:28:** Let him that stole steal no more but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

**11 Matthew 19:11:** But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given.

# Chapter 24: Of the Civil Magistrate

***Paragraph 1***. God, the supreme Lord and King of all the world, hath ordained civil magistrates to be under him, over the people, for his own glory and the public good; and to this end hath armed them with the power of the sword, for defence and encouragement of them that do good, and for the punishment of evil doers.1

**1 Romans 13:1-4:**  1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same 4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

***Paragraph 2***. It is lawful for Christians to accept and execute the office of a magistrate when called there unto; in the management whereof, as they ought especially to maintain justice and peace,2 according to the wholesome laws of each kingdom and commonwealth, so for that end they may lawfully now, under the New Testament, wage war upon just and necessary occasions.3

**2 2 Samuel 23:3:** The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. **Psalms 82:3-4:**  3 Defend the poor and fatherless do justice to the afflicted and needy. 4 Deliver the poor and needy rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

**3 Luke 3:14:** And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages.

***Paragraph 3***. Civil magistrates being set up by God for the ends aforesaid; subjection, in all lawful things commanded by them, ought to be yielded by us in the Lord, not only for wrath, but for conscience' sake;4 and we ought to make supplications and prayers for kings and all that are in authority, that under them we may live a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty.5

**4 Romans 13:5-7:**  5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. 6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their dues tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. **1 Peter 2:17:** Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

**5 1 Timothy 2:1-2:**  1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

# Chapter 25: Of Marriage

***Paragraph 1***. Marriage is to be between one man and one woman; neither is it lawful for any man to have more than one wife, nor for any woman to have more than one husband at the same time.1

**1 Genesis 2:24:** Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife and they shall be one flesh. **Malachi 2:15:** And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. **Matthew 19:5-6:**  5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife and they twain shall be one flesh? 6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

***Paragraph 2***. Marriage was ordained for the mutual help of husband and wife,2 for the increase of mankind with a legitimate issue,3 and the preventing of uncleanness.4

**2 Genesis 2:18:** And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

**3 Genesis 1:28:** And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

**4 1 Corinthians 7:2:** Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. **1 Corinthians 7:9:** But if they cannot contain, let them marry for it is better to marry than to burn.

***Paragraph 3***. It is lawful for all sorts of people to marry, who are able with judgment to give their consent;5 yet it is the duty of Christians to marry in the Lord;6 and therefore such as profess the true religion, should not marry with infidels, or idolaters; neither should such as are godly, be unequally yoked, by marrying with such as are wicked in their life, or maintain damnable heresy.7

**5 Hebrews 13:4:** Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. **1 Timothy 4:3:** Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

**6 1 Corinthians 7:39:** The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.

**7 Nehemiah 13:25-27:**  25 And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves. 26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin. 27 Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying strange wives?

***Paragraph 4***. Marriage ought not to be within the degrees of consanguinity or affinity, forbidden in the Word;8 nor can such incestuous marriages ever be made lawful, by any law of man or consent of parties, so as those persons may live together as man and wife.9

**8 Leviticus 18:1:** And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the LORD your God. 3 After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do neither shall ye walk in their ordinances. 4 Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein I am the LORD your God. 5 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments which if a man do, he shall live in them I am the LORD. 6 None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness I am the LORD. 7 The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. 8 The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover it is thy father's nakedness. 9 The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover. 10 The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover for theirs is thine own nakedness. 11 The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she is thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. 12 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister she is thy father's near kinswoman. 13 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister for she is thy mother's near kinswoman. 14 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife she is thine aunt. 15 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. 16 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife it is thy brother's nakedness. 17 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; for they are her near kinswomen it is wickedness. 18 Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex her, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life time. 19 Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness. 20 Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her. 21 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God I am the LORD. 22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind it is abomination. 23 Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto it is confusion. 24 Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you 25 And the land is defiled therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants. 26 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you 27 (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;) 28 That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you. 29 For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people. 30 Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein I am the LORD your God.

**9 Mark 6:18:** For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife. **1 Corinthians 5:1:** It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

# Chapter 26: Of the Church

***Paragraph 1***. The catholic or universal church, which (with respect to the internal work of the Spirit and truth of grace) may be called invisible, consists of the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ, the Head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.1

**1 Hebrews 12:23:** To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, **Colossians 1:18:** And he is the head of the body, the church who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. **Ephesians 1:10:** That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him **Ephesians 1:22-23:**  22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all. **Ephesians 5:23:** For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church and he is the saviour of the body. **Ephesians 5:27:** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. **Ephesians 5:32:** This is a great mystery but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

***Paragraph 2***. All persons throughout the world, professing the faith of the gospel, and obedience unto God by Christ according unto it, not destroying their own profession by any errors everting the foundation, or unholiness of conversation, are and may be called visible saints;2 and of such ought all particular congregations to be constituted.3

**2 1 Corinthians 1:2:** Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours **Acts 11:26:** And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

**3 Romans 1:7:** To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Ephesians 1:20-22:**  20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

***Paragraph 3***. The purest churches under heaven are subject to mixture and error;4 and some have so degenerated as to become no churches of Christ, but synagogues of Satan;5 nevertheless Christ always hath had, and ever shall have a kingdom in this world, to the end thereof, of such as believe in Him, and make profession of His name.6

**4 1 Corinthians 5:1:** It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. 2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. 3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, 5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. 6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? 7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators 10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. 11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. 12 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? 13 But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person. **Revelation 2:1:** Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; 2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars 3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. 4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. 6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. 8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; 9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. 10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. 11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. 12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; 13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. 14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. 15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. 16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. 17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. 18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; 19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. 20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. 23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. 24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. 25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. 26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers even as I received of my Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star. 29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. **Revelation 3:1:** And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die for I have not found thy works perfect before God. 3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. 4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white for they are worthy. 5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. 6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. 7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; 8 I know thy works behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. 9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. 10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. 11 Behold, I come quickly hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. 12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God and I will write upon him my new name. 13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. 14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten be zealous therefore, and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. 21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

**5 Revelation 18:2:** And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. **2 Thessalonians 2:11-12:**  11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

**6 Matthew 16:18:** And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. **Psalms 72:17:** His name shall endure for ever his name shall be continued as long as the sun and men shall be blessed in him all nations shall call him blessed. **Psalms 102:28:** The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee. **Revelation 12:17:** And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

***Paragraph 4***. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the church, in whom, by the appointment of the Father, all power for the calling, institution, order or government of the church, is invested in a supreme and sovereign manner;7 neither can the Pope of Rome in any sense be head thereof, but is that antichrist, that man of sin, and son of perdition, that exalteth himself in the church against Christ, and all that is called God; whom the Lord shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.8

**7 Colossians 1:18:** And he is the head of the body, the church who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. **Matthew 28:18-20:**  18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 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 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. **Ephesians 4:11-12:**  11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ

**8 2 Thessalonians 2:2-9:**  2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

***Paragraph 5***. In the execution of this power wherewith he is so intrusted, the Lord Jesus calleth out of the world unto Himself, through the ministry of His Word, by His Spirit, those that are given unto Him by his Father,9 that they may walk before Him in all the ways of obedience, which He prescribeth to them in His Word.10 Those thus called, He commandeth to walk together in particular societies, or churches, for their mutual edification, and the due performance of that public worship, which He requireth of them in the world.11

**9 John 10:16:** And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. **John 12:32:** And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

**10 Matthew 28:20:** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

**11 Matthew 18:15-20:**  15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. 16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. 17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. 18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

***Paragraph 6***. The members of these churches are saints by calling, visibly manifesting and evidencing (in and by their profession and walking) their obedience unto that call of Christ;12 and do willingly consent to walk together, according to the appointment of Christ; giving up themselves to the Lord, and one to another, by the will of God, in professed subjection to the ordinances of the Gospel.13

**12 Romans 1:7:** To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Corinthians 1:2:** Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours

**13 Acts 2:41-42:**  41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. **Acts 5:13-14:**  13 And of the rest durst no man join himself to them but the people magnified them. 14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) **2 Corinthians 9:13:** Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men;

***Paragraph 7***. To each of these churches thus gathered, according to His mind declared in His Word, He hath given all that power and authority, which is in any way needful for their carrying on that order in worship and discipline, which He hath instituted for them to observe; with commands and rules for the due and right exerting, and executing of that power.14

**14 Matthew 18:17-18:**  17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. 18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. **1 Corinthians 5:4-5:**  4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, 5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. **1 Corinthians 5:13:** But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person. **2 Corinthians 2:6-8:**  6 Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many. 7 So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. 8 Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him.

***Paragraph 8***. A particular church, gathered and completely organized according to the mind of Christ, consists of officers and members; and the officers appointed by Christ to be chosen and set apart by the church (so called and gathered), for the peculiar administration of ordinances, and execution of power or duty, which He intrusts them with, or calls them to, to be continued to the end of the world, are bishops or elders, and deacons.15

**15 Acts 20:17:** And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church. **Acts 20:28:** Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. **Philippians 1:1:** Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons

***Paragraph 9***. The way appointed by Christ for the calling of any person, fitted and gifted by the Holy Spirit, unto the office of bishop or elder in a church, is, that he be chosen thereunto by the common suffrage of the church itself;16 and solemnly set apart by fasting and prayer, with imposition of hands of the eldership of the church, if there be any before constituted therein;17 and of a deacon that he be chosen by the like suffrage, and set apart by prayer, and the like imposition of hands.18

**16 Acts 14:23:** And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

**17 1 Timothy 4:14:** Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

**18 Acts 6:3:** Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. **Acts 6:5-6:**  5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch 6 Whom they set before the apostles and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

***Paragraph 10***. The work of pastors being constantly to attend the service of Christ, in His churches, in the ministry of the Word and prayer, with watching for their souls, as they that must give an account to Him;19 it is incumbent on the churches to whom they minister, not only to give them all due respect, but also to communicate to them of all their good things according to their ability,20 so as they may have a comfortable supply, without being themselves entangled in secular affairs;21 and may also be capable of exercising hospitality towards others;22 and this is required by the law of nature, and by the express order of our Lord Jesus, who hath ordained that they that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.23

**19 Acts 6:4:** But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. **Hebrews 13:17:** Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief for that is unprofitable for you.

**20 1 Timothy 5:17-18:**  17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. 18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward. **Galatians 6:6-7:**  6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. 7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

**21 2 Timothy 2:4:** No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

**22 1 Timothy 3:2:** A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

**23 1 Corinthians 9:6-14:**  6 Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working? 7 Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? 8 Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? 9 For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? 10 Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. 11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? 12 If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. 13 Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? 14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

***Paragraph 11***. Although it be incumbent on the bishops or pastors of the churches, to be instant in preaching the Word, by way of office, yet the work of preaching the Word is not so peculiarly confined to them but that others also gifted and fitted by the Holy Spirit for it, and approved and called by the church, may and ought to perform it.24

**24 Acts 11:19-21:**  19 Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only. 20 And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord. **1 Peter 4:10-11:**  10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

***Paragraph 12***. As all believers are bound to join themselves to particular churches, when and where they have opportunity so to do; so all that are admitted unto the privileges of a church, are also under the censures and government thereof, according to the rule of Christ.25

**25 1 Thessalonians 5:14:** Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. **2 Thessalonians 3:6:** Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. **2 Thessalonians 3:14-15:**  14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. 15 Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

***Paragraph 13***. No church members, upon any offence taken by them, having performed their duty required of them towards the person they are offended at, ought to disturb any church-order, or absent themselves from the assemblies of the church, or administration of any ordinances, upon the account of such offence at any of their fellow members, but to wait upon Christ, in the further proceeding of the church.26

**26 Matthew 18:15-17:**  15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. 16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. 17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. **Ephesians 4:2-3:**  2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

***Paragraph 14***. As each church, and all the members of it, are bound to pray continually for the good and prosperity of all the churches of Christ,27 in all places, and upon all occasions to further it (every one within the bounds of their places and callings, in the exercise of their gifts and graces) so the churches (when planted by the providence of God so as they may enjoy opportunity and advantage for it) ought to hold communion among themselves, for their peace, increase of love, and mutual edification.28

**27 Ephesians 6:18:** Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; **Psalms 122:6:** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem they shall prosper that love thee.

**28 Romans 16:1-2:**  1 I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea 2 That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also. **3 John 1:8-10:**  8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth. 9 I wrote unto the church but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. 10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.

***Paragraph 15***. In cases of difficulties or differences, either in point of doctrine or administration, wherein either the churches in general are concerned, or any one church, in their peace, union, and edification; or any member or members of any church are injured, in or by any proceedings in censures not agreeable to truth and order: it is according to the mind of Christ, that many churches holding communion together, do, by their messengers, meet to consider, and give their advice in or about that matter in difference, to be reported to all the churches concerned;29 howbeit these messengers assembled, are not intrusted with any church-power properly so called; or with any jurisdiction over the churches themselves, to exercise any censures either over any churches or persons; or to impose their determination on the churches or officers.30

**29 Acts 15:2:** When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question. **Acts 15:4-6:**  4 And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them. 5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses. 6 And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter. **Acts 15:22-23:**  22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren 23 And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia **Acts 15:25:** It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

**30 2 Corinthians 1:24:** Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy for by faith ye stand. **1 John 4:1:** Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

# Chapter 27: Of the Communion of Saints

***Paragraph 1***. All saints that are united to Jesus Christ, their Head, by His Spirit, and faith, although they are not made thereby one person with Him, have fellowship in His graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory;1 and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each others gifts and graces,2 and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, in an orderly way, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.3

**1 1 John 1:3:** That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. **John 1:16:** And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. **Philippians 3:10:** That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; **Romans 6:5-6:**  5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

**2 Ephesians 4:15-16:**  15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. **1 Corinthians 12:7:** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. **1 Corinthians 3:21-23:**  21 Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; 22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; 23 And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

**3 1 Thessalonians 5:11:** Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. **1 Thessalonians 5:14:** Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. **Romans 1:12:** That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me. **1 John 3:17-18:**  17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. **Galatians 6:10:** As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

***Paragraph 2***. Saints by profession are bound to maintain an holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, and in performing such other spiritual services as tend to their mutual edification;4 as also in relieving each other in outward things according to their several abilities, and necessities;5 which communion, according to the rule of the Gospel, though especially to be exercised by them, in the relation wherein they stand, whether in families,6 or churches,7 yet, as God offereth opportunity, is to be extended to all the household of faith, even all those who in every place call upon the name of the Lord Jesus; nevertheless their communion one with another as saints, doth not take away or infringe the title or propriety which each man hath in his goods and possessions.8

**4 Hebrews 10:24-25:**  24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. **Hebrews 3:12-13:**  12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. 13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

**5 Acts 11:29-30:**  29 Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea 30 Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

**6 Ephesians 6:4:** And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

**7 1 Corinthians 12:14-27:**  14 For the body is not one member, but many. 15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? 18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. 19 And if they were all one member, where were the body? 20 But now are they many members, yet but one body. 21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. 22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary 23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. 24 For our comely parts have no need but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked 25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. 26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. 27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

**8 Acts 5:4:** Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. **Ephesians 4:28:** Let him that stole steal no more but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

# Chapter 28: Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper

***Paragraph 1***. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of positive and sovereign institution, appointed by the Lord Jesus, the only lawgiver, to be continued in His church to the end of the world.1

**1 Matthew 28:19-20:**  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 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. **1 Corinthians 11:26:** For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

***Paragraph 2***. These holy appointments are to be administered by those only who are qualified and thereunto called, according to the commission of Christ.2

**2 Matthew 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 **1 Corinthians 4:1:** Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

# Chapter 29: Of Baptism

***Paragraph 1***. Baptism is an ordinance of the New Testament, ordained by Jesus Christ, to be unto the party baptized, a sign of his fellowship with Him, in His death and resurrection; of his being engrafted into Him;1 of remission of sins;2 and of giving up into God, through Jesus Christ, to live and walk in newness of life.3

**1 Romans 6:3-5:**  3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 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. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection **Colossians 2:12:** Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. **Galatians 3:27:** For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

**2 Mark 1:4:** John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. **Acts 22:16:** And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

**3 Romans 6:2:** God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? **Romans 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.

***Paragraph 2***. Those who do actually profess repentance towards God, faith in, and obedience to, our Lord Jesus Christ, are the only proper subjects of this ordinance.4

**4 Mark 16:16:** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. **Acts 8:36-37:**  36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

***Paragraph 3***. The outward element to be used in this ordinance is water, wherein the party is to be baptized, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.5

**5 Matthew 28:19-20:**  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 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. **Acts 8:38:** And he commanded the chariot to stand still and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

***Paragraph 4***. Immersion, or dipping of the person in water, is necessary to the due administration of this ordinance.6

**6 Matthew 3:16:** And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him **John 3:23:** And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there and they came, and were baptized.

# Chapter 30: Of the Lord's Supper

***Paragraph 1***. The Supper of the Lord Jesus was instituted by Him the same night wherein He was betrayed, to be observed in His churches, unto the end of the world, for the perpetual remembrance, and shewing forth the sacrifice of Himself in His death,1 confirmation of the faith of believers in all the benefits thereof, their spiritual nourishment, and growth in Him, their further engagement in, and to all duties which they owe to Him; and to be a bond and pledge of their communion with Him, and with each other.2

**1 1 Corinthians 11:23-26:**  23 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 24 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. 25 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. 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

**2 1 Corinthians 10:16-17:**  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? 17 For we being many are one bread, and one body for we are all partakers of that one bread. **1 Corinthians 10:21:** Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

***Paragraph 2***. In this ordinance Christ is not offered up to His Father, nor any real sacrifice made at all for remission of sin of the quick or dead, but only a memorial of that one offering up of Himself by Himself upon the cross, once for all;3 and a spiritual oblation of all possible praise unto God for the same.4 So that the popish sacrifice of the mass, as they call it, is most abominable, injurious to Christ's own sacrifice the alone propitiation for all the sins of the elect.

**3 Hebrews 9:25-26:**  25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; 26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. **Hebrews 9:28:** So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

**4 1 Corinthians 11:24:** 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. **Matthew 26:26-27:**  26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

***Paragraph 3***. The Lord Jesus hath, in this ordinance, appointed His ministers to pray, and bless the elements of bread and wine, and thereby to set them apart from a common to a holy use, and to take and break the bread; to take the cup, and, they communicating also themselves, to give both to the communicants.5

**5 1 Corinthians 11:23-26:**  23 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 24 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. 25 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. 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

***Paragraph 4***. The denial of the cup to the people, worshipping the elements, the lifting them up, or carrying them about for adoration, and reserving them for any pretended religious use, are all contrary to the nature of this ordinance, and to the institution of Christ.6

**6 Matthew 26:26-28:**  26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. **Matthew 15:9:** But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. **Exodus 20:4-5:**  4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

***Paragraph 5***. The outward elements in this ordinance, duly set apart to the use ordained by Christ, have such relation to Him crucified, as that truly, although in terms used figuratively, they are sometimes called by the names of the things they represent, to wit, the body and blood of Christ,7 albeit, in substance and nature, they still remain truly and only bread and wine, as they were before.8

**7 1 Corinthians 11:27:** Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

**8 1 Corinthians 11:26-28:**  26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. 27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

***Paragraph 6***. That doctrine which maintains a change of the substance of bread and wine, into the substance of Christ's body and blood, commonly called transubstantiation, by consecration of a priest, or by any other way, is repugnant not to Scripture alone,9 but even to common sense and reason, overthroweth the nature of the ordinance, and hath been, and is, the cause of manifold superstitions, yea, of gross idolatries.10

**9 Acts 3:21:** Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. **Luke 24:6:** He is not here, but is risen remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, **Luke 24:39:** Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

**10 1 Corinthians 11:24-25:**  24 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. 25 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.

***Paragraph 7***. Worthy receivers, outwardly partaking of the visible elements in this ordinance, do then also inwardly by faith, really and indeed, yet not carnally and corporally, but spiritually receive, and feed upon Christ crucified, and all the benefits of his death; the body and blood of Christ being then not corporally or carnally, but spiritually present to the faith of believers in that ordinance, as the elements themselves are to their outward senses.11

**11 1 Corinthians 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 Corinthians 11:23-26:**  23 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 24 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. 25 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. 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

***Paragraph 8***. All ignorant and ungodly persons, as they are unfit to enjoy communion with Christ, so are they unworthy of the Lord's Table, and cannot, without great sin against Him, while they remain such, partake of these holy mysteries, or be admitted thereunto;12 yea, whosoever shall receive unworthily, are guilty of the body and blood of the Lord, eating and drinking judgment to themselves.13

**12 2 Corinthians 6:14-15:**  14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

**13 1 Corinthians 11:29:** For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. **Matthew 7:6:** Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

# Chapter 31: Of the State of Man after Death and Of the Resurrection of the Dead

1. The bodies of men after death return to dust, and see corruption;1 but their souls, which neither die nor sleep, having an immortal subsistence, immediately return to God who gave them.2 The souls of the righteous being then made perfect in holiness, are received into paradise, where they are with Christ, and behold the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies;3 and the souls of the wicked are cast into hell; where they remain in torment and utter darkness, reserved to the judgment of the great day;4 besides these two places, for souls separated from their bodies, the Scripture acknowledgeth none.

**1 Genesis 3:19:** In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. **Acts 13:36:** For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption

**2 Ecclesiastes 12:7:** Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

**3 Luke 23:43:** And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise. **2 Corinthians 5:1:** For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. **2 Corinthians 5:6:** Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord **2 Corinthians 5:8:** We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. **Philippians 1:23:** For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better **Hebrews 12:23:** To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

**4 Jude 1:6-7:**  6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. **1 Peter 3:19:** By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; **Luke 16:23-24:**  23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

***Paragraph 2***. At the last day, such of the saints as are found alive, shall not sleep, but be changed;5 and all the dead shall be raised up with the selfsame bodies, and none other;6 although with different qualities, which shall be united again to their souls forever.7

**5 1 Corinthians 15:51-52:**  51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **1 Thessalonians 4:17:** Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

**6 Job 19:26-27:**  26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God 27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

**7 1 Corinthians 15:42-43:**  42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption 43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power

***Paragraph 3***. The bodies of the unjust shall, by the power of Christ, be raised to dishonour; the bodies of the just, by His Spirit, unto honour, and be made conformable to His own glorious body.8

**8 Acts 24:15:** And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. **John 5:28-29:**  28 Marvel not at this for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 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. **Philippians 3:21:** Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

# Chapter 32: Of the Last Judgment

***Paragraph 1***. God hath appointed a day wherein He will judge the world in righteousness, by Jesus Christ;1 to whom all power and judgment is given of the Father; in which day, not only the apostate angels shall be judged,2 but likewise all persons that have lived upon the earth shall appear before the tribunal of Christ, to give an account of their thoughts, words, and deeds, and to receive according to what they have done in the body, whether good or evil.3

**1 Acts 17:31:** Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. **John 5:22:** For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son **John 5:27:** And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

**2 1 Corinthians 6:3:** Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? **Jude 1:6:** And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

**3 2 Corinthians 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. **Ecclesiastes 12:14:** For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. **Matthew 12:36:** But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. **Romans 14:10:** But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. **Romans 14:12:** So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. **Matthew 25:32-46:**  32 And before him shall be gathered all nations and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink I was a stranger, and ye took me in 36 Naked, and ye clothed me I was sick, and ye visited me I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels 42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in naked, and ye clothed me not sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment but the righteous into life eternal.

***Paragraph 2***. The end of God's appointing this day, is for the manifestation of the glory of His mercy, in the eternal salvation of the elect; and of His justice, in the eternal damnation of the reprobate, who are wicked and disobedient;4 for then shall the righteous go into everlasting life, and receive that fulness of joy and glory with everlasting rewards, in the presence of the Lord; but the wicked, who know not God, and obey not the Gospel of Jesus Christ, shall be cast aside into everlasting torments,5 and punished with everlasting destruction, from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power.6

**4 Romans 9:22-23:**  22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction 23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

**5 Matthew 25:21:** His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things enter thou into the joy of thy lord. **Matthew 25:34:** Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world **2 Timothy 4:8:** Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

**6 Matthew 25:46:** And these shall go away into everlasting punishment but the righteous into life eternal. **Mark 9:48:** Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. **2 Thessalonians 1:7-10:**  7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; 10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

***Paragraph 3***. As Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded that there shall be a Day of Judgment, both to deter all men from sin,7 and for the greater consolation of the godly in their adversity,8 so will He have the day unknown to men, that they may shake off all carnal security, and be always watchful, because they know not at what hour the Lord will come,9 and may ever be prepared to say, Come Lord Jesus; come quickly.10 Amen.

**7 2 Corinthians 5:10-11:**  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. 11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

**8 2 Thessalonians 1:5-7:**  5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer 6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; 7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

**9 Mark 13:35-37:**  35 Watch ye therefore for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning 36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch. **Luke 12:35-40:**  35 Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; 36 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. 37 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. 38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. 39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. 40 Be ye therefore ready also for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

**10 Revelation 22:20:** He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.