

That each local Church should be composed exclusively of those who have been made "new creatures in Christ Jesus"—that it is complete in itself—independent of all ecclesiastical authority—that it should receive its own members, maintain its own discipline, and appoint all its own officers, in harmony only with the principles of the New Testament ;

That Baptism should be administered to infants, and to adults not previously baptized on the profession of their faith ; to infants by the application of water to them ; to adults in any way they may wish ;

We believe in one Communion of the body and blood of Christ, and cordially invite and welcome all Christians to join us in its celebration ; and we look for the resurrection of the dead and the Life immortal. Amen.

These, brethren, are the distinctive principles of Congregational Churches in general, and this Church in particular, and in taking your place amongst us we trust they will be found by you more and more to be in harmony with both the spirit and letter of the New Testament.

And now, in the presence of God, and these Christian friends, you do cordially enter with us into the everlasting covenant of grace ; confessing the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, to be your Preserver, Saviour, Sanctifier and present Guide ; and covenanting that you will henceforth faithfully endeavor to keep His commandments, to walk with His disciples in love, to deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live while in the world soberly, righteously and temperately, ever looking for that "blessed hope" of the Church, "the glorious appearing" of the Great God, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**(BAPTISM SHOULD HERE BE ADMINISTERED TO ANY WHO
HAVE NOT BEEN BAPTIZED.)**

(THE CHURCH RISE.)