

and discipline, yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any church or Minister in our connexion, which to us shall appear to be *unscriptural in principle or irregular in practice*. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship without sufficient reason from any Church or Minister against whom a complaint is made by two members of this body, it shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a Committee to investigate the points of complaint, and report the result of their inquiries to the Association, that they may decide as duty shall appear.

Article 9. Alterations or amendments may be made in this Constitution from time to time such as experience may dictate.

## A DECLARATION,

*Of the Faith, Practice, and Covenant of the Churches of Christ, comprising the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association.*

Article 1. We believe that there is but one only living and true God, who is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth, Deut. vi. 4; John iv. 24; Psal. xc. 2; Jer. x. 10; Isa. vi. 3; Exod. xxxiv. 6--7.

2. That there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, who are but one God, the same in substance equal in power and glory: 1 John v. 7; Acts v. 3--4.

3. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, in which he hath given us our *only rule of faith and practice*; Acts xx. 32; 2 Tim. iii; 15--17.

4. That God, who is infinite in knowledge, and perfectly views all things from the beginning to the end, hath foreordained that whatsoever comes to pass, either by his order or permission, shall work for the eternal glory of his great name: Acts xv. 18; Rom. ix. 17--23; Acts ii. 24; Psal. lxxvi. 10.

5. That in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that in them are; and he upholds and governs all things by the word of his power: Exod. xx. 11; Heb. i. 3; Dan. iv. 35.

6. That God made man in his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness, and made with him a covenant of life, the condition of which was perfect obedience: Gen 1. 26--27; and ii. 16--17; Gal iii 10.

7. That man being left to himself, soon fell from that happy and glorious estate in which he was made, by eating the forbidden fruit, by which he brought himself and all his posterity into a state of death: Gen iii. 6; Rom v. 13--19.

8. That man being thus dead, his help and recovery are wholly in and from God: Hos xiii. 9; Eph xi. 8; John vi. 44.

9. That God the Father has chosen a great multitude of the human family, whom no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds and people, and tongues, and given them to his Son in the covenant of his grace that he might redeem them from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, which is the only foundation of salvation for lost and helpless sinners; and thereby the