

obedience of the Commandments which are called Moral.

VIII. *Of Regeneration or the New Birth.*

REGENERATION is the creative act of the Holy Spirit, whereby he imparts to the soul a new spiritual life. And whosoever believeth in Christ is born again, for, saith the Scripture, "ye are all the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ."

IX. *Of Repentance and Faith.*

TRUE repentance is a change of mind toward God, and is the effect of the conviction of sin, wrought in the heart by the Holy Spirit.

True faith is the receiving and resting upon Jesus Christ alone for salvation as he is set before us in the Gospel.

THE faith which brings justification is simply the reliance or dependence on Christ which accepts him as the sacrifice for our sins, and as our righteousness.

We may thus rely on Christ, either tremblingly or confidently; but in either case it is saving faith. If, though tremblingly, we rely on him in his obedience for us unto death, instantly we come into union with him, and are justified. If, however, we confidently rely on him, then have we the com-

fort of our justification. Simply by faith in Christ are we justified and saved.

X. *Of the Sonship of Believers.*

BELIEVERS in Christ are born of God, through the regenerating power of his Spirit, and are partakers of the Divine nature; for if "that which is born of the flesh is flesh," so "that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

And all who are thus born of God are sons of God, and joint heirs with Christ; and therefore, without distinction of name, brethren with Christ and with one another.

XI. *Of Original or Birth-Sin.*

ORIGINALSIN standeth not in the following of *Adam*, (as the *Pelagians* do vainly talk;) but it is the fault and corruption of the Nature of every man, that naturally is ingendered of the offspring of *Adam*; whereby man is very far gone from original righteousness, and is of his own nature inclined to evil, so that the flesh lusteth always contrary to the spirit; and therefore in every person born into this world, it deserveth God's wrath and condemnation. And this infection of nature doth remain, yea, in them that are regenerated; whereby the lust of the flesh, called