

2. God is a Spirit. He always lived, and will ever live.

3. God is wise and great; He knows all things; and is everywhere present.

4. God is good and kind; merciful and gracious; He loves men, and desires them to be happy forever.

5. God reveals Himself in three characters or persons: as the Father, He sent His Son to save us, and forgives and receives us; as the Son, He atones for our sins, and redeems us; as the Spirit, He renews us, and sanctifies us.

6. Thus God is Three in One. But there are not three Gods. There is but one God. The Three in One is called the Trinity, the Godhead.

III. JESUS CHRIST.

1. Jesus Christ is the Son of God; the Saviour.

2. He was born of the Virgin Mary, at Bethlehem, nearly 1900 years ago. Lived at Nazareth. Began preaching about the age of 30; and died about the age of 33.

3. He did great works—as healing the sick, and raising the dead.

4. He taught with wisdom, love and power. But the priests and rulers hated Him, and killed Him.

5. Christ fulfilled the Scriptures, which testified beforehand that He should be rejected, and despised, and slain. He died that we might not die eternally.

6. While He was on earth, He chose twelve apostles; to testify after His death, of the truth concerning Him.

7. Christ rose from the dead the third day. He showed Himself to the apostles, and others who loved Him; and then ascended to heaven, where He now lives and reigns.

8. He will come again, the second time, in great glory.

9. He will judge all men, at the Last Day.

IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1. The Spirit shows us the truth, renews our hearts, and makes us holy.

2. He teaches us to hate sin, and to love Christ. To resist Him is sin.

3. He gives us the Scriptures, and also teaches us through our minds and consciences.

4. When we yield to the Spirit, we become, by His power, new creatures in Jesus Christ: we are born again.

5. As soon as the sinner yields to the Spirit, He begins to teach him how to please and obey Christ, and how to be holy. This is sanctification.

6. The Spirit not only works inwardly, on the mind; but also outwardly, in our circumstances, in what we call Providence. All His dealings with us are for our eternal good, and for God's glory.

7. Men being in sin, do not like to think of the Holy Spirit. But believers delight in His presence and teaching.

8. The Spirit reveals to us in the Scriptures all that is necessary for salvation.

9. The Spirit never leads men to believe anything that is contrary to the Scriptures.

V. SIN.

1. The first man and woman were holy. But they became sinners by disobeying God. They having become sinful, their children are also sinful.

2. Sin has the nature of becoming more and more, and worse and worse. Heathen nations, and those who practise sin in any nation, get worse rather than better.

3. Sin is anything that is wrong, in thoughts, or words, or actions.

4. God's command is, to love Him with all our mind and soul, and heart and strength.

5. Another command is to love our neighbor as ourselves.

6. Anything that falls short of this is sin.

7. Conscience often tells us whether a thing is sin: but conscience is not a perfect guide.

8. The Holy Spirit is a perfect Guide. He speaks to us in the Bible; and guides our consciences and thoughts.

9. Only God can forgive the sins we commit against Him.

10. Though the fact of sin remains forever (for, having sinned, no after-repentance can make it that we have not sinned), yet the pollution of sin may be removed, and the punishment of sin turned away; and this is through Christ.

11. God loves the sinner, and desires to restore and save him. He is therefore ready to forgive