

which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.—John 8 : 31 ; 10 : 27–29 ; Phil. 1 : 6 ; 1 John 2 : 19.

#### XII. THE LAW AND GOSPEL.

We believe the Scriptures teach that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just, and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.—Luke 16 : 17 ; Rom. 3 : 31 ; 7 : 12 ; 8 : 2, 4 ; Gal. 3 : 21.

#### XIII. A GOSPEL CHURCH.

We believe the Scriptures teach that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by