

# CHURCH MANUAL.



## CHAPTER I.

### THE REQUISITES FOR BAPTIST CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

A person must hear the gospel and respond to its claims. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life." 'This is the gospel in a nut-shell. Whoever knows the gospel is under obligation to make it known. Our Lord's command is: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned." The order is preaching the gospel, hearing the gospel, believing the gospel, and then being baptized. Men are first to come to Christ, and in so doing become members of the "Church of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven." Then and not till then should they present them-