

XI. THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

That such only are real believers as endure unto the end ; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors ; that a special Providence watches over their welfare ; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

XI. See 1 Peter 1 : 5 ; John 10 : 27, 29 ; 1 John 2 : 19 ; Matt. 24 : 13.

XII. HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.

That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of 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.

XII. See Matt. 5 : 17, 18 ; Rom. 7 : 7, 12, 13, 13 ; 8 : 1-4 ; John 1 : 14 ; Rom. 3 : 19-26.

XIII. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

That a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel ; observing the ordinances of Christ ; governed by his laws ; and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word ; that its only proper officers are Bishops or Pastors, and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles of Timothy and Titus.

XIII. See Matt. 28 : 19 ; Mark 6 : 15, 16 ; Acts 2 : 28, 41, 42, 43, 45.

XIV. BAPTISM AND LORD'S SUPPER.

That Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit ; to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified, buried and risen Saviour, with its purifying power ; that it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

XIV. See Matt. 3 : 6-17 ; 28 : 19, 20 ; Acts 8 : 12, 13, 26-40 ; Rom. 6 : 34 ; Col. 2 : 12 ; 1 Peter 3 : 20, 21 ; 2 : 9 ; Acts 2 : 37-42.