

the earth.—Matt. 22 : 21 ; Rom. 13 : 1-7 ; Acts 5 : 29 ; Dan. 3 : 16-18.

XVII. RIGHTEOUS AND WICKED.

We believe the Scriptures teach that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked ; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem ; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked, and under the curse ; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.—Mal. 3 : 18 ; Matt. 25 : 46 ; 1 John 5 : 19.

XVIII. THE WORLD TO COME.

We believe the Scriptures teach that the end of the world is approaching ; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave for final retribution ; that a solemn separation will then take place ; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joys, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in