

God e. The fruit of faith is obedience to the Gospel *d.* The power to believe is the gift of God *e*; but believing is an act of the creature *f.* Repentance and faith are required as a condition of pardon *g.*

c 2 Chron xx 20—"Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established."
Prov xiv 26 *Rom* iv 20, 21 *Eph* iii 12 *I Tim* iv 10 *John* vi 69.
d James ii 17—"Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." James ii 20, 24, 26 *Gal* v 6 *I Tim* i 5.
e Phil i 29—"Unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ—to believe on him."
f Acts xiv 27 *2 Pet* i 1 *Eph* ii 8.
g John vi 29—"This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." Mark xvi 16 Acts xvi 31 *John* iii 36; viii 21, 24 *Heb* xi 6 *Mark* i 15.
h Acts xx 21—"Repentance toward God, and, faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts x 43 *John* i 7 *Gal* iii 26 *Rom* xvi 26; v 1 *John* iii 15 *Mark* i 15—"Repent ye and believe the gospel."

CHAPTER IX.

REGENERATION.

As God is a holy Being, and heaven a holy place, man must be regenerated before he can enter a state of happiness *a.* This change is a renovation of the soul by the grace and spirit of God *b,* whereby the penitent sinner receives new life, becomes a child of God *c,* and is enabled to perform spiritual service *d.* It is called a being born again, born of the Spirit, &c. *e.*

a Heb xii 14—"Follow holiness—without which no man shall see the Lord."
Rev xxi 27 *Mat* v 8 *Gal* v 19, 21.
b John iii v—"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Ezek xxxvi 26, 27. *Titus* iii 5 *Eph* ii 10.
c John v 25—"The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live." *Eph* ii 10 *I John* iii 9. *Rom* viii 16. *John* i 12. James i 18 *2 Cor* v 17 *Gal* vi 15.
d *I Pet* ii 5 *Ezek* xi 19, 20 *Phil* ii 13 *I Pet* iv 11.
e *John* iii 6; i 13; iii 5, 8 *I John* iii 9; iv 7; v 1, 4, 18.

CHAPTER X.

PERSEVERANCE.

As the regenerate are placed in a state of trial during this life, their future obedience is not determined *a.* Consequently their eternal salvation is depending on their abiding in Christ; it is therefore their duty and privilege to be steadfast in the truth, to grow in grace, persevere in holiness, and make their election sure *b.*

a Ezek xviii 24; xxxiii 18 *2 Pet* ii 20, 21; i 10. *I Cor* x 12; *2 Pet* i 9;
I Cor ix 27 *I Tim* iv 1 *Heb* xii 15; iv 1, 11 *2 Pet* iii 13 *John* xv 16; 10.
b *I Cor* xv 58 *2 Pet* iii 18 *Phil* iii 14 *Mat* xxiv 13 *Rom* ii 7 *I Cor* ix 24
2 Pet i 10, 11 *Rev* ii 7, 11, 17, 26 *Rev* iii 5, 12, 21 *2 Tim* ii 19
f *Titus* ii 13—"Looking for that blessed hope, and the great God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ."