

## VIII. REPENTANCE AND FAITH.

We believe that Repentance and Faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God, whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of Salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on Him alone as the only and all-sufficient Saviour.

VIII. See Mark 1: 15; Acts 15: 18; John 16: 8; Acts 2: 37, 38; Acts 14: 30, 31; Luke 18: 13; 15: 18-21; James 4: 7-10; Cor. 6: 11; Rom. 10: 12, 13; Ps. 2; Rom. 10: 9-11; Acts 3: 22, 23; Heb. 4: 14; Ps. 2: 6; Heb. 1: 8; 8: 25; 2 Tim. 1: 12.

## IX. GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the Gospel; is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

IX. See Eph. 1: 4; Isa. 46: 10, 11; John 3: 6-8; 1: 12, 13; 1 Peter 1: 2; John 16: 19; 3: 18, 19; Acts 17: 30; Rev. 22: 17.

## X. OF SANCTIFICATION.

We believe that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means—especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.

X. See Thess. 4: 3; 1 Thess. 5: 23; 2 Cor. 7: 1; 13: 9; Epis. 1: 4; Prov. 4: 18; 2 Cor. 3: 18; Heb. 6: 1; 2 Pet. 1: 5-8; Phil. 3: 12-16; John 2: 26; Rom. 8: 5; John 3: 6; Phil. 1: 9-11; Ephes. 1: 13, 14; Phil. 2: 12, 13; Ephes. 4: 11, 12; 1 Peter 2: 2; 2 Peter 3: 18; 2 Cor. 13: 5; Luke 11: 35; 9: 23; Matt. 26: 41; Ephes. 6: 18; 4: 30.