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Ambassadors For Christ

By:
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INTRODUCTION

In this article, I will be using 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 as my textual area. I believe it is important to immediately note the Apostle Paul's statement in verse 18, "And all things are of God, . . ." By that emphasis, the apostle is showing that our reconciliation to God is a sovereign, monergistic act on our Creator's part. It is important to note that every part of our reconciliation is the result of His eternal decree entered into amongst the members of the Godhead before the foundation of the world. God supplied our reconciliation through the death of His only begotten Son. He then, through the power of the Third Person, the Holy Spirit, regenerated us, gave us faith, presented the gospel message to us, drawing us to Christ and imputing Christ's righteousness to us.

After speaking of God's sovereignty in "reconciling the world unto himself..." and having "committed unto us the word of reconciliation," the apostle states in verse 20, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." The word translated "ambassador" is from the Greek word from which we get our term presbytery. It has several meanings: first, from Thayer's concordance, it means "to be older, prior by birth or in age." Thus, we would notice it is used in reference to those who are more experienced in life by way of age and time. The word also has the meaning of "those who preside over assemblies (or churches). The NT uses the term bishop, elders, and presbyters interchangeably." Then, more importantly, it is used of those who declared "ambassadors for Christ."

By definition, an ambassador is an authorized representative. They are assigned to represent their home country's interests in foreign countries with diverse cultures. The word "ambassador" is used in one other New Testament passage found in Ephesians 6:18-20. In this passage, the apostle is asking the Ephesian saints to pray for him "that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, *as I ought to speak*" (Ephesians 6:19-20, emphasis added). The one phrase in verse 20 tells of an

ambassador's responsibility to his sovereign. He has one message and is not permitted to manipulate it. He cannot apply to it his own opinion. He cannot add anything to it, nor can he take anything away from it. Paul's sovereign was Christ, and the message he preached was given to him "by the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Galatians 1:12).

TWO WAYS TO LOOK AT THIS

First, Paul and his companions are the ambassadors for Christ. You will notice the terminology the apostle uses in 2 Corinthians 5:18-20. The apostle writes:

And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God (Emphasis added).

When we see Paul using the words "us" and "we," in the first sense he is speaking of himself and his companions. They are the ones charged with the obligation to preach "the word of reconciliation." There are four mentioned with regard to Corinth: Paul, Timothy, Silas and Titus. Second Corinthians 1:19 states, "For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea." Silvanus is Silas. Then we notice in 2 Corinthians 2:12-13 the following:

Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord, I

had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence to Macedonia.

Paul expected to receive a report on Corinth from Titus in Troas. It was there that Paul received the vision to “. . . Come over into Macedonia, and help us” (Acts 16:9). Then in 2 Corinthians 7:5-6, Paul gives more clarification.

For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears. Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, *comforted us by the coming of Titus* (Emphasis added).

We noted previously that “All things are of God” in 2 Corinthians 5:18 and emphasized the Sovereignty of God over all things. In Acts 18 we learn that in some sense the Apostle Paul was fearful. I suppose the Judaizers who pursued Paul wherever he went may have had something to do with this. The Scriptures are not clear about this. However, we notice in Acts 18:9 that the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision. There the Lord says to him, “Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.” God is sovereign over all things, even the gospel. Here in verse 9, He assures that those chosen in Christ who resided in Corinth received the gospel of reconciliation by His chosen ambassador Paul. It is impossible to avoid this truth.

In this first instance, the ambassador is an official office initiated by the call of God into the ministry of His precious Word.

The second way to look at this is to note that all who are new creatures in Christ are ambassadors. Second Corinthians 5:17 states, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are

become new.” When the Jewish converts to Christianity were persecuted by the Jews and especially the Apostle Paul, Acts 8 notes the following:

And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. . . . ***Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word*** (Verses 1 and 4, emphasis added).

Every one of us are representatives of our heavenly King. Believers are encouraged to grow from the milk to the meat in their knowledge of Christ. Colossians 1:10 confirms this stating the following, “That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.” We cannot be effective ambassadors for Christ if we do not have an adequate knowledge of Him. The Apostle Peter emphasizes the necessity of this when he writes, “But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). Paul emphasizes in Ephesians that “ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called” (Ephesians 4:1).

CONCLUSION

The message of reconciliation is not limited to the official office of elder or bishop. Ambassadorship is not restricted to the official office of elder or bishop. We are all called to be ambassadors for Christ and are privileged to be His representatives while we dwell on this earth. May Christ be pleased in all that we do.



10 Verses To Kickstart The New Year

By:
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A new year, for many people, is a time to recommit themselves to longstanding goals. Whether you have New Year's resolutions or not, it is a great time to dive deep into God's Word. Some people pick a reading plan. Others find themes they want to explore. No matter what approach, the Bible is full of verses and promises that can be especially poignant and potent during at the start of a new calendar.

Spiritually fortifying oneself at the beginning of the year can aid in rising to challenges, feeling the Holy Spirit, and growing closer to Jesus Christ. The Lord uses even the smallest verses in the Bible.

Whether beginning in Genesis, or working backwards from Revelation, having Bible verses to strengthen the spirit is always an important part of the Christian Walk.

Here are twelve verses to start the New Year strong.

1. Lamentations 3:22-24

“It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.”

At the beginning of the year, it is good to be reminded that God is eternally merciful and renews His love for us over and over again. He is our portion for our daily needs and carrying that hope into the new year will provide strength and courage to face trials.

2. Isaiah 43:19

“Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.”

The Lord is making a new creation in the believer. Whether or not that is immediately apparent, God is turning each one of His children into a more righteous individual. He will change circumstances as well. If things are bad right now, it will get better. If God can part the Red Sea, resurrect the dead, and put rivers in the desert, He can and will work all things for His children's good and His glory.

3. Philippians 4:4-7

“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

What a wonderful reminder that Christians should always go to God praising Him and can always go to Him with needs and requests. Especially after the rush of the holidays, resetting our minds to thank God and go to Him in thankfulness for another year is a great reminder, and seeking peace of God is a great New Year's resolution.

4. Proverbs 27:23

“Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.”

While there may not be many professional shepherds these days, the sentiment is nonetheless important today. In essence, it is a reminder to be responsible with that which God has blessed the individual. In the New Year, find the resolve to be more responsible with money, take better care of clothing, and value God's blessings more.

5. Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”

Another good verse that can substitute as a New Year’s resolution. Often, getting stronger requires humility. This year, trust in God’s strength rather than your own. Follow the Lord’s path. Acknowledge God’s sovereignty this year and find spiritual renewal and purpose.

6. 1 Corinthians 15:56-57

“The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

While every person will die once, sin and death have no power over the people who have new life in Christ. When facing the New Year, walk into it with confidence knowing the battle is won!

7. 2 Corinthians 12:10

“Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.”

This year, some Christians will face persecution for their faith. It may be mockery or losing a job opportunity, or it may be loss of family and jail. No matter what may come, use everything and anything, including the hardships, to draw closer to and glorify the Lord Jesus. When we are little, God’s greatness shines brighter, and He cares for His own.

8. 2 Timothy 1:7

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

This verse is a great reminder for the New Year that God gifted His children with courage, power, love, and self-control. Often, people struggle to possess and embody these character traits. It need not be as difficult. Strive to rely on the Lord more this year for betterment.

9. 1 Chronicles 16:11

“Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually!”

Priorities can get thrown off by things that, in the grand scheme of eternity, are not very important. Be in God’s presence continually, at work, with family, alone, and during personal highs and lows. A New Year means new chances to seek God’s presence.

10. Mark 12:30-31

“And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.”

Some of the best sources of hope and strength are the words of Jesus Christ himself from the Gospels. This verse reminds us of what Christians are called to, which is to love the Lord and to love others. Refocusing on what God wants from us can help put the New Year in focus, and help us re-evaluate our priorities.

Every day is a gift from the Lord, and His Word is one of our greatest tools for approaching the day with strength and victory. Turn to the Lord in all things, and He will carry you through the New Year.

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Study Of Joel

(Part 3)

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Last month, we began an expository study in the book of Joel. Very little is known about this prophet. His name means Jehovah is God. His father's name means Persuaded by God. The word that Joel has is not his own. It is the word of Jehovah, and it has come to Joel. He is fulfilling his calling by delivering the word of Jehovah.

Joel 1:2-4

Hear this, you elders, And give ear, all you inhabitants of the land! Has anything like this happened in your days, Or even in the days of your fathers? Tell your children about it, Let your children tell their children, And their children another generation. What the chewing locust left, the swarming locust has eaten; What the swarming locust left, the crawling locust has eaten; And what the crawling locust left, the consuming locust has eaten.

The Israelites were not strangers to locusts in their everyday life, and they remembered the plague of locusts. In Exodus 10:1-15, we read of the plagues God brought against Egypt to persuade Pharaoh to free the Israelites. These plagues affected all of Egypt. We suppose that each of these plagues was progressively more severe as God brought ever-increasing pressure on Pharaoh. The land, the people, the water, the animals were subjected to the harsh conditions that were brought about by these plagues.

That was the eighth plague sent by God to persuade Pharaoh to free the Israelites. Not including this passage from Exodus, there are 35 references to locusts in the Old Testament. With one exception in Leviticus 11:22, locusts are associated with destruction and devastation. In Deuteronomy 28:36-42, God promises blessing for obedience, and promises curses for disobedience. Among the curses promised by God for Israel's disobedience is locusts.

The point of all of this is that the nation of Israel was no stranger to locusts.

They understood the destructive power of the swarms of locusts, and they had witnessed the utter devastation left in the path of these destructive creatures. They also understood that God's promise of a curse of locusts as just punishment for their disobedience was not an empty threat. We should understand when the Bible speaks of locusts, the connotation is fearful. The threat they pose is a very real. These locusts are more than a threat. They are a tool of the judgement of Almighty God.

We see that the circumstances have been declared in the past tense. When prophets speak, the prophecy may be a foretelling of future events, or an explanation of current events. Prophecy has two fulfillments: One immediate for the original audience, and one distant. While there are physical descriptions given, there is a spiritual implication for believers and non-believers alike.

For this study, we will assume an actual, physical invasion of locusts. We must also understand this is symbolic of a spiritual problem. There is also the possibility that the locusts are a prelude to an invasion by a conquering army of Israel's enemies. This has spiritual implications for Israel at the time this prophecy was given, and to the Church of Jesus Christ in the modern era. Joel has an urgent message. All Israel has been, or will be affected by what has happened.

I. The Command To Pay Attention

Any time someone has an important news, some information of a concerning matter, they will often call for attention to it. If you have ever flown on a commercial airline, you have heard announcements from the air crew. The pilot or co-pilot may welcome you aboard the aircraft, and then ask you to give your attention to the flight attendants who have important safety information that they must tell you. You are admonished to obey the directions of the flight attendants, and to remain seated with your seat-belt fastened during certain times of the flight. The flight attendants point out the emergency exits and tell you to take note of the one closest to your seat. They then demonstrate the proper

donning of oxygen masks, which will automatically deploy from the ceiling if the cabin loses air pressure. You are then reminded that your seat cushion can be used as a flotation device if the aircraft crashes into a body of water. There are inflatable vests under your seats which can be inflated by pulling on the strap, or you may need to inflate the vest manually by blowing into the inflation tube. All of these safety announcements are so important that they are mandated by the FAA, and the aircraft is not allowed by law to take off until the safety demonstration has been completed. Your attention to the safety demonstration is mandatory.

The prophet Joel has a much more important announcement. He commands all to pay attention as he makes his appeal to two groups:

Elders – (either old men, or leadership, or both)

This may refer to the older population. Most modern English versions use “elders” in place of “ye old men.” Regardless of whether we read it as old men or as elders, it is safe to assume that Joel is addressing the leadership of Israel. This was a patriarchal society. Men were the head of the family, leaders in business, leaders in counsels, leaders in worship. The elders in Israel were the ones who had influence over their own houses and in the affairs of the community. It is because of this position of influence that Joel first addresses the elders. He calls their attention to his message by commanding them to hear. They should be the first to receive this message. They will be expected to disseminate this information and enforce what is being said. But this message is not only for the elders. Joel extends the same call to others.

All Inhabitants Of The Land

Again, Joel is commanding people to listen – Give ear! No one is excluded from this call. It is like those tests of the Emergency Broadcasting System, when that most annoying string of discordant tones blares through the speakers, interrupting your favorite song or favorite talk show. You don’t want to hear it, but again it is necessary. The FCC has mandated that this system be put in place

and tested so that you can be aware of emergency information. Joel is interrupting everyone! All you inhabitants of the land! You may not want to hear it, you may be annoyed by it, but it is important, and you need to pay attention and listen to this message. There is much devastating, upsetting, disappointing news to follow.

II. The Magnitude Of The Situation!

Joel engages our minds by asking a probing question: Do you recall such a thing as this? Any time we want to draw attention to the greatness, the magnitude, the importance of any thing or any happening, we ask, “Have you ever seen anything like this?” The implication is that this is a unique event. In order to bring us to agree with the prophet and come to understand just how bad things are, he asks us to consider whether a situation like this has affected us before. Do you know of anything greater or worse than this? **When has ANYTHING like this happened?**

Have you ever experienced anything this great? Has anything like this ever happened to you in your lifetime? Many of you recall September 11, 2001. Islamic terrorists attacked the United States on our own soil by hijacking commercial airliners and crashing them. Two were purposely flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. To the terrorists, these building were symbols of American financial power, and the center of financial oppression of the rest of the world. Another hijacked aircraft was purposely crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. – the center of military power of the United States. A fourth hijacked plane crashed, but thanks to some brave passengers, the terrorists did not reach their intended target. Thousands of people lost their lives. We reacted by going to war against terrorism, fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan against an enemy and an objective that was not easily defined. Thousands of American military servicemen and women died or were wounded physically or mentally in an effort to secure the safety and liberty of United States citizens. September 11, 2001 was a terrible day in our relatively recent past.

President Roosevelt famously said that it was a day that would live in infamy. On Sunday, December 7, 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Ships were sunk, sailors died, and America was drawn into World War II. America fought alongside our allies in Europe against Hitler's Germany, and we fought all over the Pacific Ocean against Imperial Japan. But the cost was great, not only dollars spent, but more importantly in lives lost. It is estimated that nearly six million Jews were exterminated by Nazi Germany. By the end of the war 407,300 US military personnel and 12,100 American civilians had died, and 671,801 military personnel were severely wounded. World War II was devastating event in human history.

As bad as our recent War on Terror, and our more distant Second World War was, Joel has a warning about an event of an even greater magnitude. The people did not recall anything like it in their day, nor did they remember anything like it in their history. It is unprecedented, it is unique, it is devastating, and it demands attention. This **MUST NOT** be forgotten!

Teach this to your children and grandchildren (to the 4th generation.) This situation is so important, you must not allow it to fade into history in the coming generations. You must speak about this to your children. You must impress upon them the necessity of teaching their children, and they must pass this along to their children. This must not be forgotten! Do not allow it leave your memory, or die with this successive generations.

III. There Was Total Devastation

Israel was an agrarian culture. They planted crops, they tended trees and vines. They raised livestock. Canaan Land was a fertile land. Do you remember the promises of God? Do you remember what He told them of the land He was giving to them? (See Exodus 3:16-17) God had given Israel good land.

He blessed them with good crops and good herds and good flocks. They had

worked the land, and by God's grace, the land yielded plenty for Israel. But now there is a problem. Great multitudes of small creatures had destroyed everything.

Please read Joel 1:4 again.

Crops have been destroyed by waves locusts

Here we again see the parallelism that is characteristic of Hebrew poetry. Each successive line in this verse increases the severity of the situation. These may be four different varieties of locusts, or they may be four different stages of development in the life-cycle of the locust. The text is not clear and it really does not matter. O Palmer Robertson commented on this passage and made the following statement, "One thing is certain: locusts, locusts, and more locusts!" These voracious insects were instruments in God's hand as He delivered Israel from the bondage of Pharaoh in Egypt. We might say that there was a time when Israel could have been thankful for locusts. God had also promised a curse of locusts if Israel was disobedient. It would seem Israel had tried God's patience with their disobedience. We are often quick to remember God's promises when we are rejoicing in God's blessings. Are we so quick to remember God's promises when we are dealing with His judgment for our disobedience?

There is nothing left

Everything has been eaten by locusts! The people will have no grain for bread. The livestock will have no grasslands to graze. Despair is beginning to set in on the minds and hearts of the Israelites. Now, put yourself in their place for a moment if you can. Imagine coming home one day to find that everything was gone. There is nothing around your house, no trees, no shrubs, no flowers, no garden, and no grass. Your refrigerator, freezer, and pantry are all empty. Your neighbors are facing the same problems. The grocery stores are closed because there is no food on the shelves. Anything and everything that could be eaten has been devoured by swarms of locusts. What would you think? What would you say? What would you do? How long would it take you to get past your handwringing, and weeping, and shrieking before you dropped to your knees and began praying?

IV. God Is Sovereign!

Do not assume that a swarm of locusts is just a random act of nature. God is in control of everything from the largest star in farthest reaches of the universe to the smallest atom in the deepest recesses of the earth. He wrote the code of DNA that makes you who you are, and He has numbered the hairs of your head, and He knows the number of your days

Why did this happen?

Israel had a history of disobedience. God had made Israel His own special people, beginning with a promise to Abram. God blessed Israel with many abundant earthly blessings, with land and houses, flocks and herds, and vineyards. He had given them Judges and Kings, Priests and Prophets. Israel sometimes remembered the gracious blessings God had given them. Israel sometimes remembered to be obedient to God. However, all too often Israel was guilty of being sinful. They would turn from God and follow idols. They would take God for granted, believing that He would continue to bless them. They forgot that just as God had promised blessing for obedience, He also promised curses for disobedience.

How did this happen?

God does not forget. God saw the disobedience of Israel. Just as God had blessed Israel's obedience, He would also punish them for their disobedience. One of the promised curses for Israel's disobedience was failing crops and destruction brought by locusts. (See Deuteronomy 28:15-42)

V. What is our Application -- What does all of this mean for Christians today?

Jehovah God is Judge over all, and He judges all the earth.

Sometimes we get complacent. Sometimes we forget that God is Sovereign, and all of creation is subject to His will. Sometimes we think we can compartmentalize God's works. Someone asked me once about God's judgment.

Is God's judgment active in the world today? I believe the correct answer is: Yes, God is actively judging His creation even now. Does He do that with drought, floods, fires, and storms, wars, invasions, economic recessions and depressions, or even worldwide viral pandemics? Yes, He does! Is every one of those so-called "acts of nature" necessarily punishment of God's judgment? If that is how God intends it, it must be! Whatever God does, He does ultimately for His own glory. He may use things that make us uncomfortable to refocus our attention and bring us back to Him. When things are going smoothly, and people are prosperous, and there is peace, people tend to credit themselves. In hard times, when people are hurting and sick, and barely scraping by from paycheck to paycheck, or the threat of death is just around the corner, God's people should come to realize their utter dependence on Him. Christians must spend more time in prayer, praise, and worship when life outside the church seems to be a losing battle. In tough times, the sheep look to their shepherd for their very survival.

As God's people we MUST actively seek to live in HIS will

Knowing that God is Sovereign, and that God still actively participates in and has control over His creation, we must be knowledgeable of God's Word. In order to know God's Word, we must make a habit of reading and studying and meditating over God's Word and praying for divine guidance and understanding. If we do that, it will help us to discern whether we are actively seeking to live our lives in the manner God has commanded us. Just as Israel was under the judgment of God for their disobedience, so will be everyone who has ever lived. Jesus Christ has paid the price for the sins of His people. He is advocating for His people even now at the right hand of the Father in heaven. On that great and terrible day of the Lord, how will you plead? Have your sins been covered by the blood of Jesus? Are you living in obedience to Him out of a grateful heart for the blessing you've been given?

STATEMENT OF FAITH

In accord with the historical position of the Primitive Baptists, the editors of the Banner Herald subscribe to the scriptural principles stated in the 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith. The following is an abbreviated statement upon that confession.

- We Believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, inspired and inerrant, and the only rule of faith and practice.
- We Believe in the only true and living God. That there are three persons in the Godhead, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and that these three agree in one, are coequal, coeternal, and coexistent.
- We Believe in the total depravity of the entire human family; that is, sin pollutes man's faculties - his heart, mind, and will - and he is unable to recover himself from his lost and ruined estate.
- We Believe in particular, eternal, and unconditional election, the effectual calling of the elect, and the final perseverance of the saints.
- We Believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, the only Savior and Redeemer, and that Salvation is by His grace alone.
- We Believe that believer's Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of the church of Jesus Christ. We Believe the only baptism taught and recognized in the Bible is immersion. We Believe the Lord's Supper is a memorial of our Lord's death and should be regularly observed in the church. We Believe that the washing of the saint's feet is an example of humility and service to be observed by the church.
- We Believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper but such as are called by God and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.
- We Believe in the resurrection of the just and the unjust; that the just shall be raised, changed, and fashioned like unto the glorious body of the Son of God, to dwell in heaven forever, soul and body reunited; and, that the unjust shall be raised, soul, and body reunited, and consigned to punishment in hell forever.