

Gospel Standard Articles of Religion

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16. The Gospel is the Believer's Rule Of Conduct Not The Law.

We believe that the Believer's Rule of conduct is the gospel, and not the law, commonly called the Moral Law, issued on Mount Sinai, which hath no glory in it by reason of the glory that excelleth, that is to say, the Gospel¹; the Gospel containing the sum and substance and glory of all the laws which God ever promulgated from His throne, and the Jews, because of the hardness of their hearts, being permitted some things which the Gospel forbids².

17. Infant Baptism Denied

We deny and reject, as unscriptural and erroneous, the baptism of infants³, whether by immersion, sprinkling, pouring, or any other mode.

18. Baptismal Regeneration Denied

We reject as blasphemous the doctrine of Baptismal Regeneration⁴; that is, that the person baptized is or can be regenerated in, by or through baptism, much less, if possible, by infant sprinkling.

19. Sanctification

We believe in the sanctification of God's people, the term sanctification signifying a separation and setting apart by and for God. This, in the child of God, is three-fold: 1, by election by God the Father⁵; 2, by redemption by God the Son⁶; and 3, by the almighty regenerating operation of God the Holy Ghost⁷. We believe that the blessed Spirit is the Author of what is styled in Scripture the new creature,

1 Gal. 6. 15, 16; 2 Cor. 3. 10; Rom. 7. 2-4.

2 Deut. 24. 1; Matt. 19. 8, 9.

3 Heb. 11. 6; Acts. 8. 12, 37.

4 John 1. 13; 1 Pet. 1. 23.

5 Jude 1.

6 John 17. 19.

7 Rom. 15. 16.

or creation⁸, or new heart⁹; being, in truth, an implantation of the Divine nature¹⁰, through which the child of God would, according to the inner man¹¹, be holy as God is holy, and perfectly fulfill all the good pleasure of the Father's will; but groans being burdened, being constantly opposed by the contrary workings of the old man¹². We reject the doctrine of progressive sanctification, or that a child of God experiences such a gradual weakening, subduing, or rectification of the old nature, called in Scripture the old man¹³, or such a continued general improvement as shall make him at any time less dependent upon the communications of the Spirit and grace of Christ for all goodness, or less a poor, vile, wretched, helpless sinner in himself, and in his own estimation¹⁴.

20. Growth in Grace

We believe that the grace of God produces a real change in a man, and teaches him to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live godly¹⁵, and that there is a growth in grace¹⁶, which consists principally in a growing experimental knowledge of a man's sinful self¹⁷, the vanity of the creature, the glory of God, the spirituality of His law, and the want and worth of Jesus Christ. This is accompanied by a deepening distrust of everything but the grace and love of God in Christ for salvation, and is not a growth in conscious goodness, but in felt necessity and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ¹⁸.

21. Indwelling Sin

We reject the doctrine of perfection in the flesh, or that the believer ever becomes free from indwelling sin¹⁹ in this life, or whilst in the

8 2 Cor. 5. 17; Eph. 4. 24.

9 Ezek. 36. 26.

10 2 Pet. 1. 4.

11 Rom. 7. 22.

12 Rom. 7; Gal. 5. 17.

13 Eph. 4. 22; Col. 3. 9.

14 John 15. part of 5; 2 Cor. 3.5; Rev .3.17.

15 Tit. 2. 11, 12.

16 2 Pet. 3. 18; Phil. 3. 8-10; Mark 4. 26-29; 1 John 2. 12, 13.

17 1 Kings 8.38; Ezra 9.6; Job 40.4-6; Ps. 73.22; Dan. 10. 8.

18 John 3.30; 1Cor. 2.2; Tit. 3.3-8; Eph. 3.8; 1 Tim.1.15.

19 1 John 1. 8; 1 Kings 8. 46; Job 9. 2; Job 15. 14; Ps.119. 96; Prov. 20. 9; Ecc. 7.

20; Rom. 7. 18.

body. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

22. Backsliding And Chastening

We reject the doctrines that the children of God cannot backslide, and that God does not chastise His people for sin²⁰. For, though we believe that a child of God is called from a death in sin to a life of righteousness, and would, according to the law of his mind, or new nature, in all respects obey God's holy will as declared in the Scriptures, yet through the temptations of Satan, the allurements of the world, and the power and deceitfulness of indwelling sin, he may fall for a season like David, Peter, and other Bible saints did²¹. But we believe that when the children of God thus sin against God, and transgress His holy revealed will, God does in various ways and degrees chastise them for it²², not in vindictive anger, but in tender love, as a father does the son in whom he delighteth²³. We believe, too, that in this matter of chastisement for sin God will deal in a most sovereign way, and as a God of judgment; so that, though the punished child shall be made to discern the reason of the rod²⁴, it is seldom safe for others to judge according to the outward appearance. We further believe that no man living in habitual sin gives any proof that he is a child of God, and we cannot, therefore, have fellowship with him, be his profession what it may.

20 1 Cor. 11. 32.

21 Jer. 3. 14, 22; Hos. 14.

22 Ps. 89. 30-33; Prov. 3. 11, 12.

23 Job 5. 17; Ps. 94. 12; Ps. 119. 67; Isa. 54. 7, 8; Heb. 12. 5-11.

24 Mic. 6. 9.