

THE TEN DOCTRINES OF GRACE.

As held by the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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1. I believe that all men are sinners.
2. I believe that God the Father loves all men
3. I believe that Jesus Christ died for all men, to make possible their salvation from sin, and to make sure the salvation of all who believe in Him.
4. I believe that the Holy Spirit is given to all men, to enlighten and to incline them to repent of their sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.
5. I believe that all who repent of their sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ receive the forgiveness of sin. (This is Justification.)
6. I believe that all who receive the forgiveness of sins are at the same time made new creatures in Christ Jesus. (This is Regeneration.)
7. I believe that all who are made new creatures in Christ Jesus are accepted as the children of God. (This is adoption.)
8. I believe that all who are accepted as the children of God may receive the inward assurance of the Holy Spirit to that fact. (This is the Witness of the Spirit.)
9. I believe that all who truly desire and seek it may love God with all their heart and soul and strength, and their neighbors as themselves. (This is Entire Sanctification.)
10. I believe that all who persevere to the end, and only those, shall be saved in heaven forever. (This is the true Final Perseverance.)

Refining fire, go through my heart;
Illuminate my soul;
Scatter thy life through every part,
And sanctify the whole.

My steadfast soul, from falling free,
Shall then no longer move,
While Christ is all the world to me,
And all my heart is love.

—Charles Wesley.

ARE YOU LIKE HIM?

- Jesus loved and prayed for His enemies. Do you?
He rejoiced, though He had nowhere to lay His head. Do you?
He rejoiced when all forsook Him and fled. Do you?
He went among the poor and lowly to lead them to God. Do you?
He denied Himself comfort and ease that others might find peace to their troubled souls. Do you?
When Jesus met a person or company of persons He talked to them of eternal things. Do you?
He that said for "every idle word men should give account to God," never engaged in foolish talking or jesting. Do you?
Jesus said that "men should pray everywhere;" and He prayed much, often whole nights. Do you?
Jesus was so earnest in prayer for a lost world that he prayed, "being in an agony." Are you?
Jesus was "brought as a lamb before His shearers, dumb and He opened not

His mouth" and patiently endured mocking and shame. Do you?

Jesus was "separate from sinners." Are you?

Christ was holy, harmless and undefiled. Are you?

Jesus had such love for those who crucified Him that He prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Have you?

It is written, "If any man have not the Spirit of God he is none of His."—Sel.

HEAVEN IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT HOLINESS.

The Scriptures most positively declare that, "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord." This declaration is in harmony with the whole teaching of the Bible, and with the inevitable logic of the Divine Being, and the Divine Law.

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Men cannot hope to dwell with God in heaven until they come into perfect harmony with Him; and they cannot come into perfect harmony with Him until they come into a state of holiness. Men must love what God loves, and hate what God hates, before they can hope to enter into heaven, and in the very nature of things, God loves holiness and hates sin.

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Sin separated man from God; and sin must be separated from man before he can be restored to communion, fellowship and co-operation with God. It was the mission of Jesus Christ to save His people from their sins; to deliver and eradicate from them that which had estranged them from their Maker. God is infinitely holy, and He cannot change. Sinful men must change, and come up out of a state of sin into a state of holiness in order to attain to that perfect restoration and communion which the Lord Jesus Christ has come to provide, and to make possible.—Selections from H. C. Morrison.

HIS LAMB AM I.

His lamb am I,
To shine where he shall say:
And lamps are not for sunny rooms,
Nor for the light of day,
But for dark places of the earth
Where shame and wrong and crime have
birth,
Or for the murky twilight gray
Where wandering sheep have gone astray,
Or where the light of faith grows dim
And souls are groping after him.
And as sometimes a flame we find
Clear-shining through the night
So bright we do not see the lamp,
But only see the light,
So may I shine—his life the flame—
That men may glorify his name.
—Anniston Flint, in Lutheran Observer.

TITHING.

A man at one time spoke to me thus. Said he: "The rule of the tenth was abrogated by the coming of the Christian dispensation. We are no longer under the law, but the Gospel. The tenth is too little. All we have is Christ's." In reply I thus bespoke him: "You have me beaten.

With all my effort I haven't so far been able to get out of the A, B, C class. I take off my hat to one who gives all to the Lord; and will you tell me in confidence just how your very generous giving amounted to last year?" He pleaded an urgent engagement, ran off, and disappearance around the corner. My question is still unanswered. I have met these people before. In theory they give all; in practice they give little or nothing. My practical tenth makes a bigger pile than their theoretical all, and it is more readily negotiable at the bank. It purchases more of missionary service and supplies.—Sel.

THE BELIEVER'S WALK.

The Standard—I. John 2:6; 3:3.

1. In the church—A. Positively expressed—
 1. In newness of life.—Rom. 6:4.
 2. After the Spirit.—Rom. 8:4; Gal. 5:16.
 3. By faith.—2 Cor. 5:7.
 4. In good works.—Eph. 2:10.
 5. Worthy of the vocation.—Eph. 4:1; 18.
 6. Worthy of the Lord.—Col. 1:10; I. Thess. 2:12; 4:1.
 7. In love.—Eph. 5:2.
- II. Before the world—
 1. In Wisdom.—Col. 4:5.
 2. Circumspectly.—Eph. 5:15; I Tim. 3:7.
 3. Honestly.—I. Thess. 4:12; Rom. 13:13.
 4. In contrast.—Eph. 4:17; 5:8.
 5. In separation.—Prov. 1:15; 2 Cor. 6:14-18.
 6. In peace.—2 Tim. 2:22; Heb. 12:14; Eph. 6:15; Rom. 12:18.
 7. Soberly, righteously, and godly.—Titus 2:12.
- III. B. Negatively expressed—
 1. Not as other Gentiles.—Eph. 4:17.
 2. Not after the flesh.—Rom. 8:4.
 3. Not by sight.—2 Cor. 5:7.
 5. Not in rioting, etc.—Rom. 13:13.
 6. Not in craftiness.—2 Cor. 4:2.
 7. Not to themselves.—2 Cor. 5:15.

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ALABASTER BOXES.

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier by them; the kind things you want to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you mean to send for their coffins, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my dead body, I would rather they would bring them out in my weary and troubled hours and open them that I may be refreshed and cheered by them while I need them. I would rather have a plain coffin, without a flower, a funeral without a eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Let us learn to anoint our friends beforehand for their burial. Cheer the burdened spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over the weary way.—Selected.