Chapter 19: Of the Law of God

- 1. Adam and Eve were created with an understanding of God's law summarized in the command not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- 2. The 10 commandments are a comprehensive summary of this law of God.
- 3. The CEREMONIAL LAW is the portion of the law that exists to both prepare the people for Christ, as well as to guard them until the Messiah appeared.
- 4. The JUDICIAL LAW was to guide the nation of Israel at a specific time and does not apply today.
- 5. The MORAL LAW is eternal, flowing from the character of our Creator.
- 6. While believers are not under a law of works, the moral law still applies to:
 - a. give a rule for life
 - b. help us to hate sin
 - c. direct our sanctification
 - d. reveal the depth of grace
- 7. The law is not a duty to be done, but a devotion to be lived.

Chapter 20: Of the Gospel, and of the Extent of the Grace Thereof

- 1. All who are saved are saved through faith in the gospel.
- 2. This saving faith comes from the special revelation of Scripture.
- 3. This saving grace is given according to the sovereign will and good pleasure of God alone.
- 4. The outward call of the gospel and belief through faith is the outward sign of regeneration occurring within.

Chapter 21: Of Christian Liberty and Liberty of Conscience

- 1. Jesus offers His people freedom from:
 - a. the GUILT of sin
 - b. the POWER of sin
 - c. the PUNISHMENT of sin
- 2. God alone is Lord of the conscience, any laws that are contrary to His teaching or in addition to it must not be followed as law.
- 3. Christian freedom does not exist so that we may be able to do whatever we wish, but so that we are free to worship God as we were created to do.