

- the Lord Jesus Christ; which refusal will
subject him to an aggravated condemnation

Art. 9th

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Of grace in Regeneration that in order to be saved
we must be regenerated or born again; that
regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition
to the mind, and is effected in a manner above our
comprehension or calculation, by the power of
the Holy Spirit: so as to secure our voluntary
obedience to the gospel; and that its proper evidence
is found in the holy fruit which we bring forth
to the glory of God.

Art. 8th

Of 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 command
with the end; that it is a most glorious
display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinite
wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes
boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise,
trust in God and active imitation of his
mercy; that it encourages the use of means to
the highest degree; that it is ascertained by
effects in all who believe the gospel; is the foundation
of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain
with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves
utmost diligence.

Art. 8th

Of the Perseverance of Saints. - That such as
are real believers persevere unto the end; that the
persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark
which distinguish them from superficial professors
that a special providence watches over them
and they are kept by the power of God
unto salvation.