

to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation; by the clearest observance of all the means of grace both private and public; and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

Art. 14th

Of Civil government. — That Civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, reverently honored, and obeyed, excepting in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who is the only Lord of the Conscience and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

Art. 15th

Of the Righteous and the Wicked. — That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitent and unbelief are in his sight wicked and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

Art. 16th

Of the World to Come. — That the end of this world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven; and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution: that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell as principles of righteousness.