

c. Responsible to Holiness.

This is the thrust of Romans 13:14. We are not to be marked by the desires of man in the flesh but by the person of Christ. We learn of him from the Word in study and in worship and by "putting him on" the witness is that we show him. His character and actions are to be demonstrated in ours. And this is, after all, true holiness. It is a matter of agreement with the character and witness of the holy one...the Son of God.

3. Conclusion.

We believe we are responsible because we are children of God and "respond" to his guidance and authority. We follow a pattern set forth in Hebrews 12. If we profit by the instruction of earthly parents, (and we do) we should also profit by the instruction and guidance of a heavenly parent (and we will). We are saved by grace but we are called to holiness, not uncleanness and there is an area in which we are supposed to hear that call and act accordingly. The man who knows truth is responsible to truth and he who knows God (and is known of God) is responsible to God.

III. CONCLUSION TO THE STUDY.

There are many more doctrines that might be considered but these are all basic. They make us what we are and give a formal expression to our convictions. The more highly developed doctrines go beyond these and enter more into how much and how fully we understand. These basic Christian beliefs are easily comprehended by all and we may each grow by them. We should not, of course, stop at this level of study but should desire to increase in all areas of truth. But we start from here and as we are firmly grounded we are given the solid basis for further growth.