

### Brigham, Gershom, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Relation

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I Acknowledge the Existance of One Supreme Uncreated being  
Subsisting in three persons Father Son & holy Ghost, each of them  
God, yet but One God; I Acknowledge the Scriptures to be of divine  
Originale & that they are profitable for doctrine for Reproof, for  
Correction & for Instruction in Righteousness, and Able to make  
us wise unto Salvation; I beleive that in Consequence of  
Adams transgression; the whole World are become Guilty before  
God, & that we are all by Nature Children of wrath: being also  
conceived in Sin & born in Iniquity, & that we have been a<sup>d</sup>ding  
continually to the Stock of Origonel Sin that dweels with  
in us whereby we have Reason with the Apossel to Cry out  
and Say O recharad man that I am who Shall deliver me  
from this body of Sin & death, but thanks be unto God  
Through Our Lord and Seavour Jesus Christ, that he has been  
pleased to Open a dore of hope to them who belive in his  
Name. I accordingly look for Justifycation & Eternal Life Only  
thro' Christs aloneing Blood, disclaming all merit of myself.  
depending entirely on what he has done in Order to promote

a Reconciliation with an Offended God & to Recover man to a Capacity of Enjoying him forever – and that the holy Spirit is to <sup>be</sup> the applier of the work of Redemption to the Souls of them who believe in the Eternel Son of God, who under took the work of mans Redemption, lived here on Earth, for our Example Instituted & appointed the Sacraments of Baptism & the Lords Supper as pledges & Seals of the Covenant of Grace, Saying come unto me all ye that Labour & are heavy layden & and you Shall find Rest to your Souls; being leaden with Sin & Iniquity I desire to commit myself & all my concerns into his hands & to give myself up unto God through Christ who gave his Life for to Redeme us from the Curse of the Law, & Saith do this in Rememberance of me I am Sensible that I have Neglected this my duty too Long. Considering I was born in a Christian Land & of Such Pearents who early devoted me to God in Baptism & Instructed me in the principles of Relegion while young and that I have Lived under the Preeching of the Gospel <sup>and the Reeding of the word of God</sup> all my days: whereby my duty was plainly

pointed out: but So foolish & unwise was I, that  
I litly esteemed the precious Oppetunities that was  
put into my hands to get Wisdom, for which I  
desire to take Shame to myself & thus publukly  
Ask forgivness of God through Christ, & of all  
whom I have any way Offended, desireing your  
Christian prayers for me That I may have an habitul  
Temper of mind, that is agreeable to the Gospel, that  
I may be a Worthy partaker at the table of the Lord

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