

Baptism (By Full Immersion, Not Sprinkling)

It is now about two hundred years since Christian Baptism, a positive ordinance of Jesus Christ, was actually cashiered and pushed away by a whole kingdom, in ecclesiastical council, at Westminster, and something substituted in its place, of mere human invention.

The circumstances, I am sure, are not generally understood. A portion of Christendom still honestly and conscientiously cleave to Christian baptism as an ordinance of Christ, and can not, dare not, exchange it for a mere human invention. They feel that thus to alter the laws of Christ by human legislation, would be high treason against Heaven; that to alter the laws of Christ in the least, is to establish a principle which would admit of unlimited alterations; that to discard one ordinance or law, is to establish a principle that is unlimited in its tendency to add others. We are strictly forbidden by the Saviour from adding any thing to, or taking any thing from, his laws, under the severest penalty. (Rev. xxii, 18, 19.)

We believe that a portion of Christendom have been blinded, misled, and seduced from the truth by the inventions of men, and been made by predecessors, from infancy up, the unconscious and unintentional agents in promoting a systematic delusion, which has been appended to the Christian system: I mean the system of church organization that stands connected with the sprinkling of babes and of adults, and thereby discarding entirely, as it does, Christian baptism.

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