

allusion is decidedly in favour of pouring and sprinkling. And that this is the true state of the matter appears by this : That the Scriptures commonly join material and spiritual baptism together as counterparts of each other, and express them by the same word, and describe them, as to their mode in the same way. The consequence then is, that as the baptism of the Spirit is pouring, shedding, &c., and as the baptism of water is to represent that, and is described, as to its mode, in the same way, that mode must of necessity be pouring or sprinkling.

OF THE USE OF INFANT BAPTISM.

AS I have often heard it asked, What is the use of infant baptism? I think it necessary, before I conclude, to say something in answer to that question. With regard to the use of baptism, I consider it in the light of a mean of grace, and I view it in the same way when applied to infants. I do not suppose that infants, properly speaking, receive any present benefit by being baptized, but that this is designed the more to engage the attention of parents and others to the rising generation. I view infants, when baptized, under the notion of persons entered into a school; and, therefore, I consider parents, pastors, deacons, and church-members at large, as brought under an additional obligation to instruct those children who are become scholars, as they become able to learn, in the peculiar truths of the religion of Christ.