

INFANT BAPTISM SCRIPTURAL; AND IMMERSION UNNECESSARY.

A FULL examination of baptism, the initiatory rite of the New Covenant, would require a volume, rather than a few pages. But we limit ourselves to the two points indicated in the title, because it is in regard to these that many young people, who have been baptized in infancy, are most frequently disturbed by the plausible, but unsound, reasonings of their over-zealous neighbours. Our sole object is self-defence. Much more might be said, even on the two questions to which our observations are confined; but the considerations about to be advanced are sufficient, we think, to convince any unprejudiced person that infant baptism, administered either by sprinkling or pouring, is perfectly valid; and that there is no Scriptural warrant for limiting the ordinance to adult believers.

We proceed, then, to the consideration of the **MODE** of baptism.

We are told that "the word *baptism* means dipping, and nothing else." But this is not correct, as we shall take occasion to show. But supposing it were correct, how would it prove that we are confined to this method of baptizing, unless we employ a form of argument which would prove it wrong to take the Lord's Supper at any