

ing, that is, *water*, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost, that is, *the spirit*,

You object, sir, to the phrase the renewing of the Holy Ghost as the result of baptism. Well, I will try and make it plainer for you. Come along with me to the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. This is the account given by St. Luke of the first Whit Sunday, or Pentecost. Now, when the people heard the preaching of St. Peter they were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Now what did St. Peter say to them? Did he tell them that they must get their good neighbors all together and unite in prayer at some anxious seat in order that they might be converted? Nothing of the kind. St. Peter had not so learned Christ, but he did say unto them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Would you, sir, make the same reply if the same question were asked you to-day by convicted sinners. Your printed sermon, proclaims you would not, simply because you do not believe that doctrine of the Gospel, and you left the Church rather than acknowledge it in the baptismal service. Just like St. Paul, St. Peter regards the gift of the Holy Ghost and the remission of sins as the result of our baptism, and you boldly tell the world you do not believe it, and yet you affirm, on page 7, that the "Bible only" is the rule of

your faith. Have I given you the Divine word correctly? Then all I ask of you is to believe it, a duty which, I greatly fear, you are not prepared to do.

Let us now take the specific case of Saul of Tarsus, when he became convinced of his sins, and the voice answered him, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." Saul made a similar enquiry to that of the Jews on the day of Pentecost, or Whit Sunday, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"—Acts ix. 6. The Divinely appointed minister was there who had received authority to teach, and when Ananias appeared he said, in answer to Saul's enquiry, "Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins."—Acts xxii. 16. Now, sir, honestly, what would you have said if you had been present and heard Ananias teach that lesson to Saul? We imagine we hear you. You are a Puseyite Ananias! You believe in Popish ritualism, and evidently have no sympathy with us in what we call the Reformed Episcopal Church. Away with you, Ananias, away with you, we don't want to hear any more of that kind of preaching; and St. Paul, to the very day of his death, knew no better than to believe what he was taught, viz., that in baptism we obtain the remission of our sins and are saved; in other words, that "we are made members of Christ, children of God, and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven."

Thus far I have noticed all your objections to the Church; and I think I have proved from the word of God that they are