

deposit in vaults, some hang up the body until the flesh decays. But not one buries by forcing the body through the element—not one resembles the mode, the way of immersion—not one the death of Christ—It was a death lifted up on a mount, on a cross—And our baptism is unto the likeness of his death. A death for and unto sin.

*I.* Your views would be satisfactory were it not for the fact that Jesus himself was immersed. He was baptized in Jordan, and has commanded us to follow him.

*S.* Has Jesus commanded what part of the body, and how much of it, should be baptized? Has he ordered how it shall be done; by immersion, or pouring, or sprinkling? I will cheerfully obey the precise command he has given, when you show it to me in the Bible. What is his command?

*I.* Go teach all nations, baptizing them, &c. Matt. xxviii. 19.

*S.* How, then, can you undertake to call me disobedient to his command? What words of it have I disobeyed? I have obeyed according to the mode prophecied; practised by our heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit, both with the Spirit and with water: the mode that Paul calls baptism. I have studied the meaning of the word—not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth—but which the Holy Ghost teacheth. 1 Cor. ii. 13. And have obeyed as I have been shown of God. Has Christ given a new meaning to the word? Has he commanded us to be immersed under water?

*I.* I believe that he was immersed.

*S.* I have no doubt that you are sincere in that belief. And I as sincerely believe that he was not. But our belief is not the word of God. I asked you, does the Bible say that Jesus was immersed?

*I.* It says, When he was baptized, he went up straightway out of the water.

*S.* Can we not correctly say, a thing came up out of the water, that had not been entirely under it?

*I.* Yes: as of a horse, a boat, &c.

*S.* How do you know this was not the case in this instance? Does the Bible say how deep he had been in?

*I.* No: but I suppose \_\_\_\_\_

*S.* Unless we can prove our suppositions from the Bible, we agreed not to give them. The law of liberty will not permit us to condemn our brother for an act against which we can produce no law from God. Does the Bible say that Jesus went entirely under?

*I.* I cannot see why he went in, unless he went under.

*S.* Our not being able to tell why he did not go under, is no proof that he did.