

except to those who are already in Christ by faith, is to call back those who are running in the road in order that they may hug the sign-post. This is the Baptist error.

3. "Baptismal Regeneration" confounds the sign-post with the living movement of the traveller. "The washing of regeneration" is the washing caused by regeneration: as "the renewing of the Holy Ghost" is the renewing caused by the Holy Ghost. Therefore "the washing of regeneration" is a much more vital matter than the supposed "regeneration" of washing.

4. The typical Jewish ceremonies had a real spiritual significance, which we should seek to understand, and desire to realize, as the children of God.

St. Paul, in the same sixth chapter of Romans in which he has, in verse 3, urged the significance of Baptism, says in verse 17, "But ye have obeyed from the heart that type of teaching whereunto ye were delivered." (See Revised Version and Greek Text.)

He there refers to ceremonial Baptism as a "type" (mark, figure) of teaching to which disciples (learners) have been committed; and he recognizes the truth that the heart must ratify for itself the purification that is indicated by the type.

The Word of Grace, like "the rain which cometh down from heaven," comes to us from above. Grace always precedes faith. Thus Christ discipled nations by His teaching. But under the influence of this teaching the redeemed have obeyed the injunction: "Wash you,