

And Mr. S—— was firm, and I was obliged to submit to what I then deemed a very great hardship and a grievous wrong. But I long since learned that he was right in putting the order of the Lord's house above the clamour of private affection, or personal interest and feeling.

In refusing to invite Bro. H—— to the Lord's Table, he acted upon *strict Presbyterian principles*, and upon *strict Baptist principles* as well." I appeal to every intelligent and thoughtful person, and ask, "Wherein do the Presbyterian, Episcopal, Methodist, and Congregational denominations differ from the Baptist on the subject of communion?"— You must admit that all *five are close communion bodies*. Then it is a settled fact that all five have solemnly pledged themselves, that they will permit no person to sit down at the Lord's Table, *who has not been baptized*. And any church that violates this law of their creed; any local church that, *for the sake of appearing liberal*, invites and permits any to sit down to the sacred ordinance *who have not been baptized*, is amenable to the disciplinary laws of its denomination, is a traitor to the King of kings, and must be classed with that mixed multitude of heretics who handle the Word of God deceitfully, and teach for doctrines the commandments of men.

I fancy I hear some say, "Well, I never looked at the subject *in that way before*, but I now see that we are all close-unionists. And on that subject I will never think the Baptists as pursuing a course different from other churches, as *all demand that a person must be baptized before he partakes of the Lord's supper*. But please to tell me, Mr. Adams, why is it that the Baptists do *not invite and permit members of other denominations to sit down with them at the Lord's table?*"

Now you are approaching the real point at issue. We do not invite them to the Lord's Table because those who have not been baptized, have no right there. And as those who have been only sprinkled, have not been baptized, they have no right to be at the Lord's Table. So you see that the real point at issue between us, is *not the communion*, but *baptism*.

Then let us pursue the subject as to, "Why the Baptists do not accept those who have been sprinkled as baptized