

or. 1. 2.— calls them "children" in the commandments, "I say, 'that called'." See. calls them "free. See and 'faith' in chap. 5. God as dear Philipians. lippi." See. he writes, "Christ which the church of faith, calls them 1. And in exhorted and father doth Hebrews, unto us by 12. ver. 5. which speaks to the that they, hope by d." See. I m to "hope" apostle John ren because —1. John,

oaths and imprecations of *baptized* SWEARERS! And how are our hearts constantly pained on beholding, lying in, or reeling through the town, so many *baptized* DRUNKARDS!! And as we walk to the house of God, how are our souls grieved on seeing our streets infested with such swarms of *baptized* SABBATH-BREAKERS!!! Surely the children of Baptists and Quakers, who are *not* baptized, can be no worse than these!

Question. But would not the extremity of the cold in some parts of the world, and the scarcity of water in others render it impossible for persons to be baptized by *immersion*?

Answer. Assuredly not.—And although those are frequently considered very strong objections by our pedobaptist brethren, *reason* tells us, that they are entirely without foundation. For we believe, that there is no part of the world inhabited by man, but where, if a physician were to assure his patient, that unless the whole of his body was *immersed in water* a recovery was impossible, water might be obtained. If they had no other resource in IRELAND they would be led to discover that *fire* will melt either *ice* or *snow*; while in the hot countries they would soon find out, that *rain* was *water*; and there would be but little more difficulty in obtaining water for a whole family, than for a single individual. And it is evident, that if *men* were as willing to obey the *Saviour*, as they would be to obey the *Doctor*, in extreme cases, they would never make such *childish* objections.

Question. As you have so candidly answered all my questions, allow me to state candidly to you, that I profess to be a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ; and as I hope I have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which is the *thing signified* by water baptism, can you show any reason why I should now be baptized, after being so long a *believer*; seeing it can make me no better?

Answer. None are proper subjects of baptism, but those who have received "*the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost*;" Titus, 3. 5; and your having received the *thing signified* is the strongest of reasons why the *sign*, by you should be observed. You will no doubt recollect, that *Peter* urged this *powerful reason* why Cornelius and his house should be baptized. "Can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized, which HAVE RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST as well as we?"