

fellowship, and breaking of bread can be understood in no other sense consistently *with* the connection. In the Apologetic of Justin Martyr, who wrote about 41 years after the death of the apostle John, is a good comment on this passage.—He tells us that—“on Sunday all christians in the city and country meet together, because it is the day of our Lord’s resurrection, and then we hear read to us, the writings of the Apostles, and Prophets; this done the president makes an oration to the assembly to exhort them to imitate and do the things they *hear*, and then we all join in prayer, and after that we celebrate the Lord’s supper; and they that are able and willing give alms.”

We must judge *doctrines*, in order to separate what we believe to be the truth of God, from the errors of heresy; but far be it from us to condemn *men*, for this is the sole prerogative of the Redeemer.

PROGRESS OF REFORM.

New-York, March 1833.

“We now consist of about 70 members; three from Elder M’Clay’s church lately united with us—one was brother Daniel Monroe, who had been a long time a deacon, and was considered one of the pillars of the Church. Last Sunday, in the midst of some hundreds of spectators, we immersed four for the remission of their sins, namely, Dr. Barker’s, the Elder’s wife—a most amiable young disciple; and a young married man who had been a deist, and had publicly harangued against the Saviour, but has come to that very cross he despised, and humbly confessed his sins, wondering at the mercy which saves such a wretch through that precious blood, shed on the cross to wash away his sins. A young woman was also baptised, and an elderly woman from 60 to 70 years old—both had been members of the Presbyterian Church. It was a joyful day to see those different descriptions of characters entering the visible kingdom through water, with songs of joy and praise.

Benjamin J. Hendrickson.

EXCELLENCIES OF THE SCRIPTURES.

I love the sacred book of God,
No other can its place supply;
It points me to the saint’s abode:
It gives me wings and bids me fly.
Sweet book, in thee my eyes discern
The image of my absent Lord;
From thy instructive page I learn
The joys his presence will afford.

And while I’m here thou shalt supply
His place, and tell me of his love,
I’d read with faith’s discerning eye!
And get a taste of joys above.

I know his spirit breathes in thee,
To animate his people here;
May thy sweet truths prove life to me,
Till in his presence I appear.

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