

persons who do right, will be saved? This is a shocking question to come from four ministers of the Gospel, truly! Are you willing that it shall go to the public, that a dispute arose in our deliberations, to this effect? You four contended that a man could be saved who did *not do right*, and I denied it. Do you intend to plead for the salvation of those who do not keep the commandments of God?

*Pres., Lu., Ep., and Meth.* No, sir, we shall defend no such doctrine. We believe that men must keep the commandments of God, or that they can not be saved. But is it not possible for a man to be saved without baptism?

*Chr.* That question does not in the least concern one of us. We all admit that baptism is a commandment of God, and that it is right to obey this commandment. Here we all agree upon what is right. That which we all agree to be right, we must enforce upon all men. There is a class of men who should think of your question. If there be any who have never been baptized, and never intend to be, they should study the question, whether a man can be saved without baptism? But it is entirely out of place, for men who know it to be a commandment of God, and right that it should be obeyed—who, also, expect to preach and enjoin it upon others, to be everlastingly puzzling their brains on the question whether it is *possible* for a man to be saved without baptism. All inquiries into that question are of the same nature as the Universalian investigations. They are not in the remotest degree calculated to make men better, or feel their responsibility to God; but, on the other hand, to harden their hearts, in the deceptive hope that they can be saved without keeping the commandments of God. We must constantly keep the words of Jesus before us, “Whosoever, therefore, shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven; but whosoever shall do, and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”—Mat. v, 19.

*Bap.* If I understand the remarks of Mr. C., I am well pleased with them. We are to dispose of this question by uniting upon what we agree to, viz: That baptism is a commandment of Jesus Christ, and that it is right to obey the commandment, “Be baptized.” We are certainly all willing to agree upon what we admit to be right, and to enforce it upon others. So far, then, as I am concerned, this difficulty is disposed of.