

baptism as we do. Therefore I told you that you might call my church the thoroughgoing Bible Baptist Church.

*I.* You know there is but one door into the sheepfold. And he that entereth not in at the door, but climbeth up some other way, is a thief and a robber. Christ is the door, and Baptism is the way to Christ.

*S.* I thought you held differently—and required a man to come to Christ first, and be converted: and then to be baptized. But do you not believe that some Congregationalists will be saved?

*I.* Certainly.

*S.* Then they cannot be thieves and robbers—for none such can enter heaven. They must, then, have entered in at the right door, and have come in the right way; which is not a *mode* of baptism, but by repentance, faith, and obedience to Christ.

*I.* I do sincerely believe that there is but one baptism. Congregationalists do not believe this. Therefore, I am compelled to reject them.

*S.* Indeed Congregationalists do hold that there is but one baptism; while they reject the idea of there being only one valid *mode*.

*I.* I believe that the mode is essential to baptism; and can prove there is but one mode. Eph. iv. 5.—One Faith, one Lord, one Baptism.

*S.* The Bible does not say, one mode of Baptism; but one baptism. Now, I believe in but one baptism, the Christian baptism with water, in the name of the Trinity. What more would you require of me?

*I.* If there is but one baptism, I suppose there can be but one mode.

*S.* It is not worth while to talk about suppositions. If the Bible is silent about it, have we the right to say, that a man is disobedient, who believes in one baptism, and has obeyed it, because he does not agree with us about that which neither he nor we can find in the Bible?

*I.* Our Church has determined that there is but one mode; and I am bound to obey, and not to wound the feelings of my brethren.

*S.* Are not all our brethren, for whom Christ died? And is there no danger of wounding the feelings of the larger number of them, by unchurching them: denying the validity of their ministry and ordinances: refusing them Christian communion: and, in this respect, treating them as publicans and sinners: while you cannot show the least authority for it from the Word of God? Do you not believe that God blesses the ministry of Congregationalists, and trains up, in that church, many shining lights, with whom you hope to commune in heaven?