

Let us open our Bibles and hear what the Lord saith. as to the mode of baptism. The apostles were baptized with the Holy Ghost (Acts 1:5), and the Spirit was "poured out" on them (Acts 2:16, 17-33); they were baptized with fire (Matt. 3:7), and a tongue of fire came down and "sat upon each of them." Three thousand receive water baptism during the few closing hours of a single day, and in a city where there was no place that opposing and dominant Jews would permit to be used for immersion. Paul was baptized in his own room (Acts 9:17, 18), where he could not have been immersed. The inspired record says "*anastas ebaptisthe*," having stood up he was baptized. The jailer of Philippi was converted in the jail, at the midnight hour, and we are told that there "he was baptized, he and all his *straightway*" (Acts 16:33). No immersion here. Cornelius and his household having had the Spirit *poured out* upon them, water was brought and poured out upon them as an emblem of this spiritual baptism (Acts 10:47, 48. See Alford *in loc*). The children of Israel were baptized with or by the cloud as the symbol of their baptism by the Spirit, and the cloud "poured out water" upon them as it passed from before them to the rear (Psa. 77:17; also Judges 5:4). *En*, as occurring in 1 Cor. 10:2, often means *with* or *by*. See Luke 11:20; 14:31; 22:49; Acts 1:5; 4:7; Rev. 6:8; 13:10; etc. Noah and his family were baptized with the flood, and they rode safe and dry over its waves (1 Peter 3:20, 21). The Saviour was baptized with His sufferings (Luke 12:50) when His sufferings were "laid upon Him" (Isa. 53:6). The Great Baptizer is Christ Himself, and He baptizes His people with the Holy Ghost when He "pours out" the Spirit upon them (Titus 3:5, 6, R. V.)

From all this it will be seen that the word *baptizo* in the Scriptures, as in all preceding literature, has no specific reference to mode, but expresses state or condition brought about, as the context shews, by the bap-