

been *unable to find in the New Testament a single express declaration or word, in favour of infant baptism.*"

As the Presbyterians are the last to depart from their traditions, received from the fathers, I would like to add one more voice to the preceding six, which is that of their great Founder John Calvin. He says, "*It is nowhere expressed by the Evangelists, that any one infant was baptized.*"

A Roman Catholic Priest and a Congregational Minister agreed to hold a public discussion, in which the Minister should prove from the Bible that his creed was founded on the Bible, and that the Priest's was founded on tradition. They met before a large audience composed of both protestants and catholics.

The wily Priest asked the Minister to quote chapter and verse, where it is *commanded* to sprinkle an infant, or an *example* of one having been sprinkled. The Minister shuffled around certain passages, which he said "*implied*" infant sprinkling; but was unable to quote a *single verse* where it is distinctly stated that an infant *should be, or was sprinkled.*

Said the Priest, "Sir, you cannot find a single verse in the whole of the New Testament, from which you can get either *authority* or *example*, to *sprinkle infants.* The real fact is, you *get your infant sprinkling from us*, the Roman Catholics. We do not go to the Bible for our doctrines, but to the councils of the Church, as we believe the Church is above the Bible."

Of course the catholic portion of the audience applauded their champion, and as his antagonist *had failed to prove his first point from the Bible*, the Priest refused to pursue the discussion any further, considering that he had gained all the victory necessary, over his antagonist.

If infant sprinkling *is not in the New Testament*, and the greatest Scholars of past ages, and all of the present age, say it is *not there*, how did it come to pass that it became a *substitute for the baptism that is there?* That question I will now proceed to answer. When, where, and why was sprinkling used as a substitute for immersion? The learned Currellæus says, "*The custom of baptizing infants did not begin before the third age after Christ was born.* In the former ages no trace of it appears.....It was introduced *without the com-*