

usually a matter of conscience, and after a severe struggle, while changes to other Churches are always matters of convenience, to please friends, to secure patronage, or make their path more easy?

7. Why not be baptized (immersed) and then remain in the Peco-Baptist Church where one belongs? For what reason should you remain there? From your associations or attachments, education or worldly interests? All these motives are selfish and highly displeasing to God when they stand in the way of duty. They do not sound like Jesus' teachings about parting with a right eye or hand. No motive but a worldly one can induce persons to remain, after baptism, in a Church where they do not baptize, and thus in all subsequent life fellowship and sustain that which they condemned in their baptism. It is one of the greatest inconsistencies for a baptized person to remain in an unbaptized Church. No one dishonors baptism so much as he, who, having acknowledged his convictions by following Christ in immersion, ever after denies them by communing and retaining his membership in a Church that sprinkles.

8. Suppose your salvation depended upon your being baptized according to the example and command of Christ, what would you do? You would be immersed with the least possible delay. Should a fear of being lost exert a greater influence on a christian, than the love of Christ? Christian friends, will you do more from a fear of punishment than from your love for the Saviour? Listen to the words of Jesus—"if ye love me keep my commandments," "ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." How will the neglect of so small a thing that Jesus requires of you, appear at the Judgment.

9. How shall we know the truth in this matter?

Three steps will make any one a Baptist. *Resolve to do all your duty as fast and far as you see. Pray earnestly, and read the Bible carefully, taking it as your only rule.* All who adopt these rules come to the same conclusions. Do not neglect this. We are all accountable to God for all we *might* know, as well as for all the good we *can* do.

It must be universally conceded that Baptists are conscientious. In their practice of the ordinances, they are not exposed to temptation from worldly or selfish motives.