

THE BIBLE BAPTIST.³

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Sprinkler. I understand that the communion of the Lord's Supper is to be administered in your church; and that you have invited the members of sister churches to unite with you on that occasion. I wish to enjoy the privilege.

Immerser. To what church do you belong?

S. As Christ only died for me, I would, in remembering him, forget all other names; and rejoice with all who love him to show forth his death. But you may call the church to which I belong, the thorough-going Bible Baptist Church.

I. Then you believe in Baptism?

S. I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. But I regard baptism as a divine command, binding on all who are fit subjects of the kingdom of heaven.

I. You have then obeyed it?

S. Yes. On a profession of faith and repentance—after I was thirty years old.

I. Brother, I am glad to meet with you; and do most cordially invite you to the table of your Lord. But will you permit me to see your letters?

S. Certainly. Here is my certificate.

I. (After reading.) I am sorry that I cannot recognize you as belonging to the church of Christ.

S. Is not my certificate a good one? Is not the Congregational* church, a church of Christ?

I. Congregationalists do not hold with believer's baptism.

S. Indeed they do. They believe that the promise is to believers, and to their seed. They require that believers and their households should be baptized, according to the practice of the apostles, in obedience to the command of Jesus. As Lydia and her household.—Acts xvi. 15. The jailor, and all his.—Acts xvi. 33. The household of Stephanas.—1 Cor. i. 16. You do not require half as much

* Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Wesleyans, and some other denominations of Christians, coincide in their views of the mode and subjects of Baptism.