

ply put into practice their own words. It is *they* who furnish us with the *reason* that prevents us from asking you to sit down at the Lord's Table. When *all* the great Lexicons say *bapto* means *sprinkling*; when all the great church historians say that the Lord Jesus was *sprinkled* by John, and that that was *the mode* practised by the Apostles; when you can bring us a single example from the New Testament of *a baby being christened*. THEN AND NOT TILL THEN CAN WE, MAY WE INVITE YOU, WHO HAVE BEEN ONLY SPRINKLED, TO THE LORD'S SUPPER.

But the eighteen hundred years of Scholarly studies and historical researches by great men, offer you not the least encouragement to hope that you will ever be able to do these three hard things. If ever you sit down with those who form part of the three millions of members of the Regular Baptist Denomination of this Continent you will have to be as honest as Deacon Haydn, of Eastport, Maine. He was a member of the Congregational church in that town. His daughter Ruth was brought into peace through faith in Jesus. She became very thoughtful and desired to unite with the church. One day she said to her Father, "Pa, will you please take the Bible and mark with your pencil all the verses where Infant Sprinkling occurs?" With considerable feeling and yet with great frankness he answered, "Ruthie, they cannot be found between the lids of the Bible." She was immersed and joined the Baptist Church and in less than a year her Father, too, was immersed and joined the same Church.

We are despised by pedo-baptists as close-communicants, but in reality they despise us for being *loyal* to the *Word of God*. We are called narrow-minded for not inviting others to the Table of the Lord; but the truth is that unseemly epithet is ascribed to us, because we will not encourage others to disobey the commands of the Lord. We are reproached as sitting in judgment on our pedo-baptists friends consciences; but the fact is, we simply observe *the Order of the First New Testament Church*, as recorded in the second chapter of "the Acts of the Apostles."

"Then they that gladly *received* his word, were *baptized*: and the same day there were added unto them about three