

withdrawn fellowship; for in some instances such persons are admitted by some immersionists. Sometimes we are referred to Bunyan, Hall, and Spurgeon, who approve of communion with other Denominations; but we cannot endorse error from these men any sooner than from men of less note, and we must never follow the example of any man if he has not Divine authority.

To these principles let us be faithful, and in them united.—To our own table we may invite whom we please, but to the Lord's table we may receive only those sanctioned by his word. We should be explicit on these points, the want of explicitness has led to very serious difficulties already, and it will be a dark day to us when we open the door of communion wider than the word of God justifies.

The Lord be praised, we have hitherto observed the teaching of the Bible on this subject,—may He enable us still to do so, keeping us in union, zeal, and holiness, until by Divine grace we give the world the Bible in its purity. The responsibility therefore which rests upon Baptists in this respect, should inspire us with increased devotedness to the cause of God, until that glorious day is brought about, when the watchmen “shall see eye to eye,” and the earth “shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea,” and there shall be but one Catholic Church acknowledged throughout the world. “May the Lord hasten it in His time.”

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