

living, self-denying piety, which the world has ever seen, has been exhibited by Baptists; and Baptists can with more justice and propriety, than any denomination in existence, claim to belong to the church of the Martyrs. "*The noble army of Martyrs*" were mostly Baptists.

There are many things which prevent people from becoming Baptists, at the present day. One is, the popular cry, "baptism is not a saving ordinance;" and certain people, 'it seems,' intend to do only that which is essential to save their souls. They do not cry "Lord, what *wilt* thou have me to do;" but, "Lord, what *must* I do." It does not seem to be love to the law or requirements of the Master which animates them.

Others never have enquired about this ordinance at all. They have taken for granted the correctness of their forefathers' practice, and never have enquired into the teaching of the word of God. Others cannot sever the ties which bind them to dear pedobaptist friends. They know the Baptists are right, but they cannot be quite loyal to their own convictions on this subject, for the reason mentioned, yet, they will not have their own children sprinkled. Then too, Baptism is a cross. It was meant to be such, that it might be a test of our obedience to our Lord. And the prejudices which have been so carefully fostered and perpetuated by pedobaptists, add to the weight of the cross when it is to be taken up. But reader, ought we not to ask the Lord, "what wilt thou have me to do," and then obey Him at whatever hazard? Let me appeal to you in the sight of the great God, on this subject—Baptism is an institution of God, one which *Christ* honoured by His personal obedience, leaving us an example that we should follow in His steps. Christ obeyed this command, "fulfilling all righteousness." The meaning of the ordinance, is "the answer of a good conscience toward God," a "putting on of Christ." Have you obeyed the command, "repent and be baptized every one of you?" Many good and just men indeed never obeyed the command to be baptized in the sense contended for in this pamphlet, but the question is, what does the Lord require of *you and me*, not what this or that man did. I am sure you will not say that anything which the Lord commands—which Christ obeyed—which the Apostles practiced—which the great majority of the holy martyrs performed, is of no importance.—May God lead us all into all truth!

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