

Baptists are not, according to the historical signification of the term, Protestants. They do in reality protest, as their predecessors have always done, against all that is unscriptural in doctrine or practice, wherever it exists; but Protestantism, so called, is only as old as A. D. 1529, when the celebrated Protest of certain German States and princes was made at the diet of Spires. We profess to be real Protestants, and we stand side by side, and are one in heart, with all evangelical Christians. We say to those who came out from the great apostasy at the Reformation, God speed you and help you to do a good work! You have reason to protest against the errors of that body from which you came out, only you do not carry your protest far enough. We never were enclosed within Rome's pale, but we rejoice in the work you are doing, and would rejoice more fully if it were more thorough. Oh, that the Reformers had accomplished a complete Reformation! Oh, that they had left certain things behind them when they came out! How much more glorious, more