

christians in the near succeeding times (to the Apostles), being more largely, and particularly delivered in books, is *known to have been generally or ordinarily a total immersion.*"

In Stackhouse's "History of the Bible," he says "We nowhere read in the Scripture of any one being baptized but by *immersion*: and several authors have proved, from the acts of Councils and ancient rituals, that this manner of immersion continued as much as possible, to be used for 1300 years after Christ."

Dr. Kurtz, a Professor in the University of Dorpat, in his "Church History," says of the Apostolic times, "*Baptism was administered by complete Immersion.*"

Professor Augusti, of the University of Bonn, in his "Archæology" says, "*Immersion in water was general until the 13th century among the Latins. It was then displaced by sprinkling, but retained by the Greeks.*"

Of all the authorities I have quoted, *not one is a Baptist.* And if they are not enough, I can furnish you with as many more. All these men wrote their learned books on this subject at different times, and some were thousands of miles apart. Some are dead, some are living, and yet they all affirm the same thing, concerning the meaning of the original word used in the New Testament for this ordinance: and they all declare that *the mode of Christ's Baptism, and which the Apostles practised was Immersion.*

Therefore with such incontrovertible testimony, and such overwhelming evidence given by the ripest Scholars the world has ever seen, that there is only *one meaning* of the original word used by our Lord to designate Baptism: and that only *one mode* can correctly and fully set forth that one meaning, we the Baptized Believers of the Regular Baptist churches of Canada and the United States, say to all professing christians who have been only *sprinkled or poured*

"YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN BAPTIZED."

And therefore we do not invite you to the Lord's Table. Do not be so unjust as to charge us with being *narrow-minded*, for this decision is not affected by narrowness of mind, or largeness of heart, but it is the result of *right and truth.*—*Your own great scholars most emphatically declare that you are not baptized* when you are sprinkled or poured: and we sim-