

example of those who plead their descent from Abraham as a title to heaven. You may plainly see that all the arguments you have adduced or that can be adduced rest on mere probabilities which, when fairly examined, are very improbable, and in many cases positively disprove infant baptism. No subject was ever treated more plainly and positively in holy writ than that of believers' immersion; how then will those answer at the judgment seat of Christ who set it aside to give place to such a baseless unmeaning ceremony as infant sprinkling. The bible from beginning to end has often been ransacked in vain to find one command or example for infant sprinkling, and the most of pedobaptists I meet with are becoming ashamed to defend it.

Since the commencement of these conversations I have endeavored to treat every subject introduced fairly. I think the candid will perceive that the Holy Spirit in the New Testament has pointed out the exact steps by which a sinner can repent and enter into the pardoned state so plainly that a child may understand it.

A. I readily confess that I never before heard these subjects treated in the same way. I was for years anxious to be a christian. When I thought of the love of Jesus in dying for my sins I could weep over it; but had no idea that I could be forgiven without passing through a painful ordeal, called "a state of conviction." I thought if I were so fortunate as to get through that state, I might then get faith, and so become a christian. In order to this I attended meetings where many professed to get the blessing, but there appeared none for me. I heard ministers say a great many good things, but none told me the exact steps to be taken to obtain pardon. The nearest I ever heard was, believe on the Lord Jesus and thou shalt be saved, and then I would hear that faith was the gift of God, which would bring me to where I started. I prayed most earnestly for conviction, prayed for saving faith but all to no purpose. Almost discouraged I determined to read the New Testament most earnestly. I was astonished not to find a place where Jesus turned away a person for want of conviction; or where he asked any one how much he felt, or how much he prayed, but was willing to pardon the worst sinner, whenever he was willing to turn from his sins and serve him. I read his commission. It was plain—terms and all.

I read how the apostles preached, and how the people turned to the Lord, and I was baptized believing in the Lord Jesus as the Son of God, and my Saviour. I enjoyed great happiness in thus giving my-