

resurrection to life; the man is risen again, he is alive." Benson also admits the passage to refer to the ancient manner of baptizing by immersion.

2. Presbyterians. Rev. Thos. Chalmers, D. D., LL.D., says on this passage: "The original meaning of the word baptism is immersion, and though we regard it as a point of indifference whether the ordinance so named be performed in this way or by sprinkling, yet we doubt not that the prevalent style in the apostle's days was by an actual submerging of the whole body under water. We advert to this for the purpose of throwing light on the analogy that is instituted in these verses. Jesus Christ by death, underwent this sort of baptism, even immersion under the surface of the ground, whence he soon emerged again by his resurrection. We, by being baptized into his death, are conceived to have made a similar translation. In the act of descending under the water of baptism to have resigned an old life; and in