

you take upon yourself to term New Testament duties ? Who imagines such a distinction taught in the Bible as a New Testament Church, with New Testament baptisms, and New Testament Church membership ? The Scriptures are one with ever-increasing doctrinal clearness of revelation, and what God Himself personally instituted of rite or ordinance never has been abrogated ; it may have been substituted or changed but never abolished. Infants were circumcised under the authority of God at first as members of His Church and in His kingdom, and when He came among men as the Christ He declared them members still ; and for the sufficient reasons given above, He Himself changed the rite from circumcision to baptism by water, still retaining the teachings of Scripture as to the subjects of baptism. So much for the objection that Christian baptism is a New Testament rite, and not an old Testament institution. Like all the other objections, it has no foundation in fact or authority to rest upon, and is both frivolous and perverting.

OBJECTION EIGHTH.—There is no explicit command in Scripture, or clearly recorded instance of infant baptism in the New Testament."

This is the last objection from the opponents of infant baptism we shall notice in this paper, as it is already too lengthy. It is not clearly or expressly stated in the Word of God that a single infant was baptized in the Red Sea, or ate manna in the wilderness ; nor is there any statement that a child