

express command is concerned, female communion must be abandoned or the objection to infant baptism must be abandoned. There is no express command for observing the first day of the week as a Sabbath, and yet it is almost a universal custom. There are a very few Baptists, known as 'Seventh-Day Baptists,' who are consistent enough with the ground they are compelled to take to oppose infant baptism, to repudiate the Christian Sabbath and keep the Jewish Sabbath. The nature of the evidence in both cases is the same.

3. "It has been objected that infants can not believe. It is not insisted that they can believe. The reply rests upon other grounds.

"(1.) Infants could not believe when they received circumcision, and yet that very circumcision was a seal of the righteousness which was by faith. And faith was required of all who were old enough to believe, in order to receive circumcision; yet children who could not believe were included with their believing parents, and circumcised without being able to believe.

"(2.) Faith is more clearly in order to salvation than it is to baptism. 'He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.' This, some contend, excludes all but believers. In a limited sense it does, but only so far as to exclude all unbelieving parents with their children; but it includes all believing parents, and the children of believing parents are included with them by the very terms of the covenant. This has been proved. If it were not so, it would exclude infants from salvation; for it is added, 'he that believeth not shall be damned.' This shows that these words of the commission do not take cognizance of the case of infants, or it would exclude them from salvation, and of course we are left to fall back upon the terms of the covenant to learn what relation they sustain to the ordinance of baptism, which has been proved to be the initiatory rite of the covenant of grace. It does not say he that is not baptized shall be damned, but only 'he that believeth not;' so that while infants are included with their believing