

named and registered in the church book! And just think how convenient, when the recording angel comes to gather up the saints he has only to refer to the church books, and make the proper transfer!!

But irony aside. That the whole family in heaven and earth are named, we admit. But whose prerogative is it to confer the name? The Lord by the prophet says "I will call her beloved which was not beloved." Doubtless the only name that religiously affects us, is that which God confers. He gives "a white stone, and in it a new name written," a duplicate of which will be found written in heaven. But to have a name among others, some Arian, Socinian, Papist, Pagan, or Turk, vagrant, vile, or vicious, as they may turn out to be, is neither creditable nor religious. And a name written in a musty, moth or mouse eaten church book, will aid but little to find our name in the records of heaven, and will be of little consequence when the Books are opened, and they whose names are not found in the Book of life shall be turned into hell. But, why spend so much time on a subject so ridiculous that it is seldom presented in public by the advocates of the doctrine of infant sprinkling? But who is it that does not know that the arguments of which they are ashamed before the public, are the very ones that they ply in private with the most triumphant success? Take from this system the influence of parental sympathy, and it will crumble to the ground like the massive, mud walls of Babylon, and its existence be known only from history—a monument of the age of ignorance and superstition. Were not constant appeals made to the feelings of kind parents on this and like subjects, how long would infant sprinkling be continued? The judgment and consequences of the christian world are against it. And the more pious and scriptural the church is, in other things, the more numerous the cases in which this practice is refused or neglected. Compare the Methodist church with the Catholic,—none of the latter dare neglect it. Also the Congregational with the English church. The more deep-rooted superstition and ignorance are, the more tenaciously they cling to this practice. But who are they who preach and write most in defence of it—the priests of Rome or Wesley—of England or Geneva? Dear sirs, the farther you can get your flocks from Bible ground, the less labour it will take to keep them there. Gravitation decreases in proportion to the squares of its distance.

I will just refer to one more of the Pedobaptist arguments at