

would be quite proper. The Lord told his disciples that they must be such as serpents, *i. e.* in one respect, but a serpent would not fairly represent a disciple, as it lacked the essential features of the dove. Although the passage does not prove the salvation of those who die in infancy, I have no doubt of the fact. Their connection to the first Adam brought them into the grave, and their connection to the second Adam will bring them out of it: and as sin is not imputed where there is no law, I have no reason to believe that God will punish them forever, whose capacity no law can reach.

*A.* It is said that Peter told the Jews at Pentecost if they repented and obeyed the Lord that both they and their children should be saved.

*B.* The same argument would prove the salvation of all that were afar off. The facts are these—50 days before, the Jews had condemned the Saviour, and cried “Let his blood be on us and our children.” They now saw that he was the Son of God, and knew not what would befall them and their children. Peter said repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, &c., and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the promise is to you and your children, and to all that are afar off, &c., but upon the same conditions. It is to you, if you repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, &c., to your children if they do so and to all that are afar off if they do the same. Three classes are here mentioned, and it is a violation of reason, justice and truth, to make the terms of one different from the rest.

*A.* Some say that this promise was the one made to Abraham.

*B.* They may as justly say it was the promise made to Moses, Joshua or any one else. The name of Abraham is not mentioned in the chapter. It was the Spirit of God bearing witness with their Spirit that they were born of God that was promised.

*A.* It is said that Paul told the Jailor that both he and his house should be saved if he believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; and that it is likely there were infants in the house.

*A.* Paul never told a man that his faith would save another person from his sins. He told the Jailor how he and his house could be saved and then preached the word of the Lord to him, and to all that were in his house. The result was, that he, and all his were baptized, and believingly rejoiced in God; as unconscious babes are incapable of this