

ward the water-side,—the people were collecting in great numbers, from almost every quarter.—I pitied their weakness, and my own folly in being there. The preacher began the service—I kept far enough out of the way, that I might not hear what he said: But as soon as they began singing and praying, a wonderful change took place in my feelings and views,—it reminded me of the primitive christians worshipping God by the “river-side”;—Acts 16. 13. But when I saw the candidate’s whole body buried in the water, and then rise up out of the water, a solemn conviction seized my mind—that it was not that insignificant thing I had taken it to be; and therefore I resolved upon searching the scriptures on that subject, which I accordingly did. And began first, by examining the different “households” to see if there really were any infants among them, as I had been taught to believe there were; but not being able to find one, I concluded that I must be wrong, and for all that I knew, the BAPTISTS might be right. In like manner, I carefully examined all the different passages with which I had been furnished, to see whether they were what I had taken them to be: when, after long—serious—and prayerful examination, I became convinced that there was *not one* instance recorded in the word of God where any were, or were ever designed to be, baptized but BELIEVERS in Jesus Christ: and that it was the duty and privilege of ALL who BELIEVED, to be baptized—and consequently mine.

After I became convinced of its being my duty, I went and requested a Baptist minister to baptize me, but this he could not do unless I joined their church; and as I was at this time a minister in the Methodist Protestant church, I could not do so: for to give up preaching for the sake of being baptized, was more than I considered myself required to do.

What I was called to suffer on this account, I have stated in my “MAN OF SORROWS.”—p. 255. &c.

On my arrival in Nova Scotia, before I once preached, I enquired of a Baptist Minister, whether they would baptize one, (not naming myself) without joining their church, and from whom I received an answer in the negative.—I commenced preaching, and baptized many others, before kind Providence sent a Minister this way who would baptize me; but when one came who would do it, I cheerfully took up my cross actually, which I had virtually long

borne. But it is to which I still continued to baptize feelings; till that on a Sabbath I publicly thrice more children from the world who ought to be baptized, and sat regularly been since I

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