

the immersion commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ in Mark xvi. 16, Matt. xxviii. 19, Acts ii. 38, viii. and x. No man in his senses can doubt that this is water baptism. Take the passage in Matthew: here the Apostles were commanded to "teach [disciple] the nations, baptizing them." Now the baptism of the spirit was the miraculous work of God. Jesus never commanded his disciples to baptize the nations with the Holy Spirit! Thus the Lord Jesus did himself on the day of Pentecost, and at the house of Cornelius. Was the baptism of the eunuch that of the spirit, when he and Philip went into the *water*; or was Cornelius baptized only with the spirit when Peter said "who can forbid *water*." He who cannot see that baptism in water is a duty binding on all believers, must be singularly blind.

19. Why did you not quote the whole sentence, and then you would have seen the reason why Paul was thankful that he had baptized so few—"lest any should say that I had baptized into my own name."

20. But he did baptize some, on your own admission, and according to your views must have done wrong. A respectable critic reads that passage—"Christ sent me not so much to baptize as to preach the gospel." Paul's bodily presence was weak. He always had companions in his travels; he was the chief speaker, (Acts xiv.)—the others performed the baptizing, unquestionably.

21. No man, sir, after labouring hard to persuade people to believe and be baptized (for these Corinthians had all been baptized, Acts xviii. 8, 1 Cor. vi. 11, x. 1, 2, xii. 13, and xv. 29), and then see the disciples forming parties, calling themselves by the names of those who had baptized them, but must in his heart thank God that he had baptized so few of them, and, therefore, they could have no pretext for calling themselves by his name.

22. Why not quote 1 Cor. vii. 19—"Circumcision is nothing, nor uncircumcision is nothing, but *keeping the commandments of God*." Baptism is not circumcision, and those passages quoted have no reference whatever to baptism; but baptism is one of the commands of God under the new covenant!

23. To say any thing on a subject of so solemn and delicate a nature as that of the death of a loved friend or relative, which would call up an unpleasant sensation, is far from my heart. I should rather you or any person would imagine that such arguments were irresistible, than injure your feelings; but, sir, when such things are called up and spread before the world, they become public property; and those who use such circumstances as arguments to induce sinners to live in disobedience to the gospel, should expect something plain! Well, what does the happy and triumphant death of any person prove? Hume's friends say that he died with all the composure of a man dropping into a gentle slumber; and who ever did more to overturn the christian's hope of immortality. Nearly every Universalist paper on which I place my eyes, records the happy and triumphant death of some of its devotees. And with the same composure, too, the Hindoo worshipper of Juggernaut falls before its ponderous wheels, and in a moment passes into eternity! So of all the religions in the world: but