

*I.* On the day of Pentecost, Acts ii. 3, and xi. 16. But we are talking about water baptism.

*S.* No: we are endeavouring to ascertain the meaning of the word *baptize*. You said that it had but one meaning, total immersion; and, therefore, there could be but one mode. This I am to disprove: and to show, from the Bible, that it means, to pour, to sprinkle, descend upon. How did God perform this baptism? Acts ii. 3, There appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and sat upon them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

*I.* But it first filled the room.

*S.* No: the sound of the wind filled the room, but the Spirit sat upon them. Peter says, in Acts xi. 15, It fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized you with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit. This baptism was not by letting the body fall into the element, like as a heavy weight into water. The mode that God used was, according to the prophecy, a pouring out. Jesus calls it baptize. You say that there is but one mode and one meaning. Here is a mode and a meaning that is not immersion. You must, therefore, give up your own mode and meaning, or contend that there are two baptisms: the one of water, and the other of the Spirit. But this will not alter the case. For, even if there were two baptisms, we cannot avoid the conclusion, that the word does not always mean, total immersion. I have proved clearly that it means, to pour out, as used by the Great Author of the Bible. And I had rather have this meaning, than that of all the men-made dictionaries in the world. John truly baptized. So did God. John baptized *with* water. John i. 31, Therefore, came I baptizing with water. God baptized *with* the Holy Ghost. We have no reason to suppose that they did it differently. But if they did, there are two modes and meanings to baptize. The one that John gives—the other given by God. God's is, pouring. Which is the safest for us to take?

*I.* God's, of course.

*S.* You know there is but one baptism. John said, (John iii. 30,) I must decrease, but he [Jesus] must increase. John's baptism has not only decreased, but ceased long ago. Acts xix. 5. Certain disciples, who had been baptized unto John's baptism, were re-baptized in the name of Jesus. But while he did baptize, it is invariably said, he baptized *with* water. And it is unaccountable that no other term is used concerning his mode, if he immersed. But his has given place to Christian baptism. It is the one baptism: and includes that of the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. xii. 13, For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body. It is in the name of the Three, the