

Why do the greatest Scholars translate Baptizo "To Immerse," and yet continue to practise Sprinkling?

"While Pastor of the Baptist Church in the village of O—— I received a call from the Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, of a somewhat remarkable character. He was a quiet, pleasant gentleman rather cool and reserved in manner a little inclined to have his own way, but honorable, noble, generous and kind. In all our acquaintance I had never seen him indignant at anything, until that particular day already alluded to, when to my great surprise, he was deeply agitated, and evidently very much offended. Without waiting to be seated, or even to remove his hat (he was usually a polite man), he cried, "Sir I called to ask you a question, and I want a direct answer—Yes or No—and I will not be put off with anything else."

The shock staggered me for a moment, but presently "Richard was himself again," and I gently prevailed on my friend to be seated. "Now, my dear brother," said I, when his hat was gracefully hanging on the rack, and he was settled in my old study chair, "ask as many questions as you please, and I will pledge you an immediate, straight, categorical reply. I will say Yes or No, or I don't know, or whatever other word or words the nature of your question may require. Please say freely all you have in your heart to say."

Looking me straight in the eye, and relaxing none of his firmness and fierceness of manner and tone, he replied: "Sir, did you tell Elder W——, a few days ago, that Dr. Lange translates Christ's word baptizing, by IMMERSING? Did you tell him, sir, that Lange translates John's words (Matt. 3. 11.) "I indeed baptize you with water," by the words, "I indeed IMMERSE you IN water?" Returning his intense gaze with interest, I replied: "Yes, sir, I told Elder W—— all that, and more of the same sort." "Why did you do it?" said he, his voice trembling with excitement. I replied, "Because I thought he ought to know it." Said he, "Now, sir, do you not know that Lange is a Pedo-baptist, a prominent divine and theologian in the Lutheran Church in

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