

to drown. Was this what our Lord commanded in the commission (Matt. 28 : 19) ?

#### BURIED WITH CHRIST.

Baptism, we are told, is a burial. And the ordinary Baptist imagines he has vanquished all opposition when he refers to Rom. 6 : 4 and Col. 2 : 12. But there is no reference in these passages to water-baptism.\* In 1 Cor. 12 : 13, we read, "by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body." It is to this baptism of the Holy Ghost that the apostle refers, as is evident from the effects ascribed to the baptism. In Col. 3 : 3, the apostle says, "Ye are dead and your life is *hid* (yes, buried) with Christ *in* God." Being baptized with the Holy Ghost, we are in point of law one with Christ. Thus the apostle says, "Crucified with Christ" (Rom. 6 : 6); "Sufferers with Christ" (Rom. 8 : 17); "Dead with Christ" (Rom. 6 : 8); "Buried with Christ" (Rom. 6 : 4); "Quickened with Christ" (Eph. 2 : 5); "Raised with Christ" (Eph. 2 : 6); "Seated with Christ" (Eph. 3 : 6); "Glorified with Christ" (Rom. 8 : 17). All these passages bring before us the indissoluble union between the believing soul and the Saviour, through which we are "dead to sin," and can "live no longer therein." Not by water, but by the Spirit of the Lord are we crucified, dead, buried, and risen with Christ. Let us pray for this baptism, and may the Spirit be poured out upon us, and the "blood of sprinkling" be applied to every heart.

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\*For a full discussion of Rom. 6 : 4, and Col. 2 : 12, see the Author's "Immersion, a Romish Invention," pp. 50-55.