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WHAT DENOMINATIONAL SCHOLARS SAY ABOUT BAPTISM

- (1) Adam Clark (Methodist): "Alluding to the 'immersion' practiced in the case of adults wherein the person appeared to be buried under the water, as Christ was buried in the heart of the earth. His rising again the third day, and their emerging from the water, was an emblem of the resurrection of the body." (Commentary On Colossians 2:12)
- (2) Conybeare And Howson (Episcopalians): "This passage, (Rom. 6:4) cannot be understood unless it be borne in mind that the primitive baptism was by immersion." (Life And Epistles Of St. Paul, Vol. II p. 169)
- (3) John Calvin (Presbyterian): "The very word 'baptize', however signifies immerse, and it is certain that immersion was the practice of the ancient church." (Institutes, Vol. III, p. 343)
- (4) John Wesley: (Methodist): "We are buried with Him'. Alluding to thh ancient manner of baptizing by immersion.
(Notes)
- (5) Lightfoot (Episcopalian): "Baptism is the grave of the old man and the birth of the new. As he sinks beneath the baptismal waters, the believer buries there all his corrupt affections and past sins: as he emerges thence, he rises regenerate, quickened to new hopes and a new life. This baptism is an image of his participation both in the death and resurrection of Christ." (Commentary)
- (6) Tholuck (Luthern): "For the explanation of this figurative description of the baptismal rite, it is necessary to call attention to the well-known circumstance that in the early church, persons, when baptized, were first plunged below and then raised above the water." (Commentary On Romans)

Isn't it amazing how men of different denominations (which sprinkle for baptism) can agree and unite upon a given Bible doctrine? What is still more amazing is the fact that that which the world claims divides people into various religious camps (the Bible) was in reality the source that brought them together. Oh, that man would give up manmade creeds, man-made names and man's churches for the Bible only, the name "Christian" and the church of Christ!

NEWS & NOTES: We rejoice in that the following made confession of sin and requested the prayers of the church: bro. Doug Vaughn, Sis. Norcie McCarty, bro. David Vaughn. Man God bless them. We are saddened to learn that bro. David Vaughn has been in the hospital with a cut foot. Ovie Fyffe was baptized while away in a meeting conducted by bro. Bernard Bolton. We rejoice

 * ORDER OF SERVICES *
 * Lord's Day: 10:00 a.m. Worship *
 * 7:30 p.m. Worship *
 * Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Bible Study *

"Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger and not thine own lips."
(Prov. 27:2)