

for reasons sufficient to itself. We wrote that in. But the modernists cleverly worked it so that take in Collingswood there were 600 people walked out with Dr. McIntire, 6 people sued for property and got it. I would think property is one of the big reasons why there are more individual separatist or fundamentalist groups probably today that are Baptists rather than Presbyterians though the main reason I think is because they tend to stress this and we tend to think it's a very minor thing; we don't want to waste time on it.

Dr. Buswell's claim was that if people study the Bible and put their emphasis on Christian teachings that the tendency among the less educated and less careful study automatically moves toward the Baptist view, and the more intellectual moves toward the Presbyterian. That's what he said. Now much truth there is to it I don't know. But much feeling-- as I said personally I'd like to sidestep the whole business. I feel what matters is whether we are baptized by the Holy Spirit and if the Holy Spirit has baptized us into Christ to my notion it doesn't make a lot of difference what form it uses. If the Lord wanted a particular form he could have said so in two sentences and there would be no argument about it. When it comes to an argument about what the word means, the word originally meant to immerse; it did not mean to dip; it did not mean to put in and take out; it meant to put in and leave there. It is used in some Greek texts for sailor's drowned at sea-- they were baptized--baptizoed, immersed in the water; never came out of it. The word came to be used for any cleansing with water. When they speak about the baptizing of couches, it seems unlikely they were dipped into it.