

while yet being uncircumcised. Then God commanded him to circumcise his children. The majority of Christian denominations through the ages have believed that the parallel should be carried out in relation to baptism.

Personally, I hate to see any division over these matters. I believe that the Presbyterian teaching on this point is what the Bible teaches, but the important thing is certainly not the sign, but the great truths for which the sign stands. How wonderful it is to know Christ personally, and to place one's little ones under the blood of the Savior, knowing that if we look to Him, and do our part in simple faith, Jesus Christ will lead them to personal faith in Himself.

I have never written a book or pamphlet on this particular subject. I have tried here to give a very brief statement of my belief regarding it. Baptists and certain others feel very strongly in a different direction. Yet Spurgeon, who was a Baptist, held very clear views as to God's blessing upon the children of Christian parents.

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In regard to the matter of baptism I personally hold very definitely to the position that is expressed in the Westminster Confession and believe that it is what the Bible teaches. I do not believe that there is any scriptural warrant for holding that baptism should be only by means of immersion. The Greek word translated baptize (*baptidzo*), as used by the early Greeks, originally