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right way of baptism. Well, now I can readily imagine myself as getting up in front of them in one sermon and saying, "Now, many of you people think that immersion is the only right way of baptism. Personally, I think that sprinkling is the best way of baptism, but I think immersion is all right if you want to be immersed, I don't object to it, but I think sprinkling is better. I can imagine myself as saying, "The Scripture teaches that there are great blessings for the children of believers and it gives the sign and seal of those blessings, which is infant baptism, and I believe that you are missing a great blessing if you don't have the seal but I think your children have the blessing of God upon them even if you have made the great mistake of not getting the seal for it!" Well, I can imagine myself giving one sermon for that and presenting it, but after that I think I'd feel I was called of the Lord to that church in order to reach the lost with the gospel and I think that I'd say to the people, "Well, now, if you want to argue baptism, well you can argue it among yourselves all you want. I've told you what I think. This is my view of it. It is not one of the primary things of the gospel. I don't see why I should have to go and start a new church over it. I don't think I have to leave you for it. You called me to a church that doesn't take a position one way or the other on it. I won't stay here if I can't baptize the children of those people who want me to baptize them, but I am not going to insist that the rest of you have to have your children baptized. I'm going to tell you what I think and let it go at that and when it comes to immersion I'll be pleased when you come and have me sprinkle you because I think that is the Scriptural method, but I think the important thing isn't the mode, I think the important thing is what it stands for, and I feel that my purpose here is to reach the lost and if you don't agree with me on this particular thing, why I'll tell you what I think, but I don't see any reason to preach more than one sermon in two years on it. Well, now, on the other hand, if something that affects positive Christian action, if somebody comes around and they say, "Well, now, these