

# The Tri-lemma;

OR,

DEATH BY THREE HORNS

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CONCLUSION

While the original manuscript of this book was published in another century, to the honest reader it is evident that the basic issues have not changed. The evidence presented in this work is thoroughly documented to support all claims.

Two facts stand out in bold relief in conclusion. First, no Protestant church nor reformed Baptist movement can lay any valid biblical claim to the right to administer baptism—no more so than can the Roman Catholic Church. It is the constant refusal of Baptists to recognize such invalid baptisms that has cost millions of them their lives at the hands of those who have sought to impose their beliefs by the power of the sword when they had no biblical support and no force of logic in their reasoning. This is why Baptists fear the meddling of the state in church affairs, for inevitably the state seeks to impose such invalid baptisms upon them by force.

Second, it is apparent that the tie between Rome and Protestantism was never completely severed—hence the way left open for the return that is today taking place under the ecumenical movement. In it all Rome has held, and still holds the upper hand, and will compel Protestants rather than Rome to concede its error.

Another important factor is now clearly on the horizon. Many Baptist movements are selling their birthrights for acceptance into the great Protestant fold.

Southern Baptists (SBC) are teaching in their seminaries that Baptists are Protestants. Northern Baptists (ABC) have identified themselves as Protestants long ago. Some Baptist groups that think of themselves as fundamental accept the loose baptismal practices of the universal (invisible) church theory, a concept born of the Reformation, and which cannot be sustained by Baptist history.

If so-called Baptists are to identify themselves with Protestant history and

Protestant practices then their authority as a scriptural administrator of baptism becomes no more valid than any other Protestant church, and true New Testament Baptist churches are compelled to reject it.

We, as Baptists, have reached the "valley of decision." To continue the road of other true Baptists in history can soon bring the same persecutions upon us. To drift with the trend of our ecumenical age can cause us to deny our Lord, His Church, and our reward at the judgment seat of Christ.

Baptists, its time to make up your mind! (I. K. C.)

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