

==== and I agree with Machen that the Holy Spirit could convert the whole world if He chose but I don't see why he could not do it in the first century. Why would he have to wait and do it gradually? The question is, Does the NT teach that the whole world is to be converted? What the Lord said is that you are to preach this gospel for a witness, then shall the end come. That is to reach those whom He has ordained to salvation.

There pre-millennialism was a comparatively minor thing at Princeton. I mean it wasn't a big subject of controversy. Eschatology was only covered in the last semester and fairly briefly. But I remember one fellow, a graduate of Princeton who said to me one day, The principal verse in the NT for pre-millennialism is in Acts 15, that the tabernacle of David will be raised up. He said, Just plain exegesis doesn't prove that at all! So he gave up pre-millennialism and became an amillennialist for a week and then he became a postmillennialist. I could not see how that verse was so very important one way or the other. Unfortunately, at least in the first edition of the Scofield Bible it said, Dispensationally this is the most important verse in the NT! Actually, I think if you interpret the verse correctly I think that verse fits with premillennialism much better than with any other view. I think it is a misinterpretation of the verse to find anything else in it. I wrote an article on it once. At that time I felt, I'm ^{not} a premillennialist on account of that verse. There are certainly plenty of other verses and sections that bring it out very strongly.

On this matter of eschatology, Robert Dick Wilson used to say when he was at Westminster: he said to me many times, I'm