

His body? Will they be with His body at the end of the trip? These are questions that we ask and to which we do not find the answer in the verse, but we go on to succeeding verses and we find that a number of them seem to be made rather clear as we go on. I think it is very important that we, in studying any matter on which there is uncertainty, that we say of each verse, "What are the possibilities?" and even if a possibility we are quite certain is not correct, in the light of other Scripture, yet if in the light of a particular Scripture it is a possibility, it should be considered. Now we go on then to the next verse, and we read, "This we say unto you by the word of the Lord." What does he mean by that? "By the word of the Lord". What would you think, Mr.---? It seems to me that there would be two possible interpretations.. One would be that he is referring to something Christ said during His earthly , that there was a definite statement Christ had made and Paul is here referring to that. I do not know of any such statement. If we do not know of a particular statement of Christ to which he was referring then we are shut up to the possibility that it is a definite revelation which the Lord has given to Paul. In either case it has not merely the authority of inspiration as all Paul's statements have; they are true, and God's word is dependable, but here he stresses, even as Micah does, "The word of the Lord hath spoken". This is something that God has revealed and don't question--it may be hard for you to believe but it is a revelation. It has God's authority back of it. Now, of course everything has. This doesn't detract from the authority of other statements in Scripture, but it shows that Paul considered it of a matter either of considerable importance or a matter difficult to believe and consequently he wants us to realize that solidly behind it is the authority of God as having revealed it. And what is it that is said by the word of the Lord? That we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord. Now some will say, "Paul says here, 'We which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord,' therefore this proves that whatever you mean by the Lord/<sup>it</sup> is some-