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Peter ~~is~~ is doing now, putting his human ideas, his idea of what is right, his hope as to how the kingdom is going to be as primary instead of the teaching that Jesus Christ had stressed, that he, the son of Man, must suffer many things and be killed and be raised again the third day. The one who is truly to follow Christ must turn aside from his own ideas, and be ready to take what Jesus gives us in his word, and accept it no matter how repugnant it may be to our whole natural ideas. He must be ready to turn aside from his own hopes of what he thinks would be best, and ~~to~~ to take that which God said, for he knows that all things work together for good, to those that love the Lord, even if they don't seem to us to be12 3/4....at all, and what is the will of Christ is the best and not what impresses us as best, for what would be our will, or what seems most reasonable to our intellect. We must put the two together, and when we put the two together, we have the dynamite that destroyed the foundation of the idea that in successions of human beings we have the right, infallibly, to determine what we should believe, and what we should follow, and infallibly, to direct the church ~~is~~ of the Lord Jesus Christ. I do not see, regardless of how you interpret ~~it~~ v. 18, how you can possibly interpret v.23 in such a way as to maintain that Peter was the infallible Pope, the authoritatively established leader of Christendom. Well, I don't think we need to spend more time on this ~~is~~ point, Some of you may find yourselves working in a community where there are many R.C.s and some of you may go as missionaries to a R.C. area, and if you do I hope you will study this passage much more than other studies and I hope you will be able to deal with these matters clearly and plainly in the light of God's word truly in such a way not simply to drive people away, immediately by a statement that seems terrible, but to lead them along in their thinking, to see the irrationality of that which they are following, and to see that the Bible ~~is~~ ^{that} the R.C. church said ^{is} is the foundation along with the14 1/2.....that it takes a position very different from that which would attribute its infallibility to Peter or ~~xxxxxx~~ which would ~~is~~ give him a true authority to the church.....

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