

5)) portions of the Church through the ages. Now, when John Calvin went to Geneva, he hadn't intended to stop there; he was just going through. But a man named William Farel, who was trying to do a job in Geneva, and having a difficult time to do it, thought that this young man Calvin could be of great help to him, and called on him to join him in the work, and Calvin became convinced it was God's will he should do so. Calvin joined with Farel; they worked directly with the City Council of Geneva, and in the minutes of the Council it says, William Farel brought to us a young Frenchman and asked that he be associated with him in the work. And for the next few times they say, Farel and the young Frenchman came to the meeting. But then the time came when a change came in their attitude toward this young Frenchman. The established churches of just a little distance away were insisting, This is a cult, this Protestantism; the Presbyterian church starting here is a cult, an ism, some sort of a queer sect; this is not real Christianity. Farel said, LET's look at the facts and show you that we are standing for the true Christian Faith as it's been held since the time of the apostles. So they met with 3 noted scholars from these others churches, and John Calvin went along to hold the books for them, and to be just a general flunkey in connection with the debate. They went to this town, held the debate; the other scholars said, You claim to be following Christianity, but look at this great Christian father of the Second Century, look at what he says, and they presented one of the views of the practices of their churches as they said he said it. Then they went on to say, Look at this matter about ~~the~~ confession or purgatory, you say that these things are not true, they're not needed in Christianity, but look at Tertullian, look at Irenaeus, look at Augustine, look at these great fathers of the Church back in the second, third and fourth centuries; they held the way we hold; listen, Augustine said so-and-so; Tertullian said so-and-so, and they quoted in the Latin a few words from him.

And then this young Frenchman couldn't keep quiet any longer. He stepped up to Farel. He said, "May I say a few words?" And Farel saw how impatient he was to say something, so he said to the group, I have here