

race, and death is here and everyone has to face this fact, this reality, this evidence of the fact that the world is out of joint, it is an unnatural ~~thing~~ condition, it is a condition which has come to us because of man's sin. And yet the fourth point to which I call your attention:

Death is a part of God's plan for the present age. Rom. 8.28, and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are the called according to His purpose, all things, even death, well how can that be, by man came death. Did God put death here to do good for us? No, God is not the author of evil. Evil came by man. Wickedness, corruption, defilement, rage, anger, violence, it came by man, and God did not do these things, but God uses these things, God makes even the wrath of wicked man to praise Him, and God uses death, this thing which came as a result of man's sin. God uses it to accomplish purposes in life. God uses it to bring to the attention of the unbelieving world, the reality of the spiritual things, the importance of sin, God uses it in our down lives for His own purposes. And so when death occurs we can know that even though God did not originate it, God is not the author of evil, it is the result of man's sin, that the fact that it comes at that time, the fact that it comes under those conditions, the fact that it comes then to that person, is a part of God's plan and God has a good plan in mind in everything that He permits to occur. So it is part of the "all things" of Rom. 8.28 and we know that God makes no mistakes. Man sins, man makes mistakes, but God makes no mistakes, and when Death comes and shatters our plans of one sort or another, when death wrecks that which to us seems vital, we know that it is still a part of God's plan.

Now the fifth point, Death is not the end of life, but merely <sup>of</sup> a physical existence. There are people who try to switch this thing around, and instead of the fact of death making them more conscious of the fact that there is sin and that God is real and life is real, instead of that they try to switch it around. I met a man once who said to me, oh, while you're living live in clover, when you're dead, you're dead all over. In other