

the doctrine upon which it is based and that is impossible, and that does not work. (167) God of love will subsist a certain length of time after the doctrine on which it is built is removed, but it soon disappears. It is a result, not a source. We find that very clearly brought out when we go on in what John, the Apostle of Love wrote here. John said, "The elder unto the elect lady and unto her children whom I love in the truth; ~~not~~ and not only I, but also all they that have known the truth; for the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever." He stresses love, and he also stresses the truth. Christianity is religion of love, but it is a religion which is founded upon truth. In Ephesians 4:15 we have a very interesting statement where the Apostle Paul said, Let us read verse 14 for context. I always ~~no~~ like not to grab a few words without the connection."That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him ~~if~~ in all things, which is the head, even Christ:" I heard a Seminary professor giving a sermon on this, speaking the truth in love. The whole burden of his message was of this particular man was "Speak truth in love." The main thing is you have a loving attitude in whatever you do." He went on to give an illustration. He said, people argue about whether the sun goes around the earth- planets or the planets go around the sun, and they argue about these things, but he said, they go right along just the same regardless of what they say about them, and it really does not ~~matter~~-- make much different to us... the important thing is that we show the spirit of love. Now, that is not what ~~Paul~~ Paul is saying at all. He says, speaking the truth in ~~love~~, speaking in love, yes, ~~we~~ should. We should speak in love. We must begin in love, but speak it, and don't remain quiet about it. God has put us here to know the truth, not to be tossed about with every wind of doctrine, to know the truth and speak ~~if~~ the truth, but to speak the truth in love. And love comes from truth. John is the ~~apostle~~ apostle of love. Yes, but John is vitally interested in