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criticism, that when people come and want to learn something about Christ he wikixtur will turn them over to an unbelieving church. And we think that is terrible; we think that is wicked. We don't see how we can cooperate with booklet that sort of thing. But he has nothing in this/month to say about that; he doesn't even mention that. What he talks about is one thing: that Graham asks people to come to the front xmatxthe - at the end of the service. He says this is wrong because he says there is no Scriptural warrant for it. He says the Skritk Scripture does not say you should ask people to come to the front at the end of a xernenxxxie service. He has here quite a strong statement about this on page 11 where he makes the statement that somebody from one of Graham's supporters, from some of his statements, he says, 'We must conclude that we cannot be exclusive in our methodology, nor can we sit in judgment upon those who use a different (methodology in evangelism from our own." He says, "This man appears to argue that both the use and the non-use of the invitation are fi are right, as God blesses both ministries. But if the examplisity and evangelist's choice isxa in employing the invitation is an optional one, it cannot have Scriptural evidence to warrant it, for in that case the evangelical preacher would be under an obligation and have no option. If there is Biblical authority for the practice the non-user is failing to in duty, even though God may bless his ministry in spite of its deficiency." In arthurse other words he says, "If the Bible says, ask people to come to the front; then anybody who doesn't ask them to come text to the front is windown wicked. Ruttering But," he says, "if the Bible doesn't say, 'Ask them to come to the front xxx front xxx front.". "then." he says. "you have no right to ask people to come to the front." Well, you might as well say we have no right to have pews in our churches. The Bible nowhere says you should have pews. The Bible nowhere says you should have hymn books. The Bible nowhere says you should have an invocation or a benediction. God gives us truths in His Word, and then He calls upon us, as Paul did, to try to find the