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are not honoring the Lord unless everything is quietand hused and there is a feeling of solemnity. They like to have a robed choir come in and they get a real feeling of religious awe, and I believe this is something of which there is a certain amount in every human being. I think everyone is affected to some extent by this. I was interested to hear one of the leaders of the Inter Varsity tell of their leading individuals to the Lord who had no use for the church, no use for Christianity, and then they came to see themselves as sinners, and came to accept Christ as Saviour and then he said in many cases they new wanted to go to the church where everything was quiet and hushed and where thechoir marched in with gowns, and so on. There is something in that that appeals naturally to everyone to some extent, and to many people exclusively almost. And yet there are those who have no use for it. We had a very fine teacher once in the seminary who was telling us about a church, and he said, Oh that's the kind of church where they have candles. Well there is nothing woong withhaving candles if you get blessing from having candles cnadles why should there be anything wrong with from them? On the other hand there are these who like the worship the Lord with loud singing and lots of excitement and the Lord can bless us in that regard. It's hard to combine the two, but there is real blessing to enjoys both. One should go to the type that he enjoyed, /t// to the type that fits his type of personality, but he should not look down on the other. He should consider those who prefer find the other as equally Christians if they love Christ equally well. And you will give great Christian leaders of both types of attitude. The kind of music.

Then there is the $\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}$ forms of ordinances. Martin Luther said, This is my body. He said, Swingli has a differnet spirit than we have andhe cut European Protestantism in two because of his attitude toward the Lord's Supper. Luther was a great Christian one whom God used to raise a banner for Faith in Christ in a wonderful way, but at this point he took a particular ceremony and make it a dividing point between Christians. When God could so easily have made it clear by two sentences in Scripture if He wanted us to Teel that one particular form or ceremony in one particular way was of tremendous importance. If you like one particular form, or ceremony, or type go to that kind of church and join that sort of thing, but don't wake a division between Christians because there are things far more important -- our relation to Christ and our being members of the Body of Christ.