

4/30/75 #9 chapel

God knows all things. God controls all things. We who believe in Christ have been elected from before the foundation of the world. This is very clearly taught in Scripture. It is also taught that God does not desire that any should perish but that all should come to a knowledge of the Lord, and that whosoever ~~finds~~ *repents Christ will be saved.* ~~The human mind~~ We do not have the data to reconcile what seems to be contradictions. A simple illustration will show that this is not an absurd statement.

What is light? You look at an object before you and you get a picture in your mind. What causes this picture? Is it little tiny bits of matter of corpuscle. The corpuscular theory of light The fact is we see many things about light but we don't understand them. We see how it acts but we don't know what it is. We see that God controls all things. We see that whosoever believes will — whosoever turns to Christ will be saved. We see that the people of Capernaum heard the Gospel and the people of Tyre and Sodom did not. We don't know the answer, but we know God has a perfect plan, and all the details fit together in this ~~marvelous~~ <sup>marvelous</sup> plan.

The fourth point I wish to stress today is one of tremendous importance to the lives of all of us. You have a part in God's plan. Paul says, How can they hear without a preacher? Jesus leaves us in the world after we are saved so we can win others to Him. The means God has chosen to use to build up the body of ~~Christ~~ Christ is by means of individual Christians speaking to others individual Christians about Him. It is a part of His ~~part~~ plan to win souls to Him and you are a vital part of His plan. When Christians are saved they need a lot of instruction. Everyone of us has periods of weakness and doubt when we need help of other Christians. Part of God's plan for all Christians is that they help others grow in grace. These two very comprehensive headings of evangelism and pastoral work apply to all Christians, but particularly to those whom He calls apart to full