

some detail on the future plan of God on which perhaps he has not actually revealed what His plan is-- I believe we should consider what the ~~future~~ Scripture teaches about the future, and I believe He has given us certain great truths for our edification, certain truths we get great blessing from understanding and knowing. But I don't think points on which true Christians differ are points on which we should make sharp lines of division. I don't think that is what is meant by this particular verse, "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith." I think it takes the word faith in its original meaning. Are you truly in the faith of Christ?

I remember after I got my first M.A. degree I went to a Bible Institute of Los Angeles and took a year there. I had felt I had stood for the Word of God all through college and graduate school but I felt the pressure of unbelief hitting against me. I rejected it. I am naturally skeptical in disposition and I could see the flaws of the things they were giving to me, but I felt my solid stand shaking and I felt that in the Bible Institute I would get the strength that I needed. I not only got that, but fortunately at that time there was a man there who was expert in apologetics and he answered a great many of the ~~problems~~ problems that had come into my mind.

But during the year there we used to have some marvellous addresses and some wonderful evangelistic addresses. Sometimes after one of those, students who had been most active in the Lord's work, would come forward, face the group and say, I never truly was a Christian; I've never truly been saved before; now I want to accept Christ and become a Christian. I saw some of them whom I'd heard give such wonderful testimonies and it just puzzled me. But I got to thinking about it myself. Many of them could tell the day