

the Reformed Faith. We do not believe that we are in the category with God in our determination, or in our decision. We do not believe our salvation is the result of any goodness in us. We do not believe it ~~is~~ is because we have brighter intelligence than somebody else. We do not believe it is because we were so good or so intelligent~~er~~ that we were born in a land where we would hear the Gospel, and that we would come in ~~connection~~ connection with people who were preaching the Gospel. We believe that God has controlled all things and that God had determined before the foundation of the world exactly what will happen and who shall be saved, and who shall not be saved.

So we feel it is important we put our trust not in our~~er~~ own wisdom, not in our own cleverness, not in our own ability but that we put our trust simply in God. There is a very clear statement about this in the Westminster Confession of Faith in the third chapter in the first section. There we read: "God ~~is~~ from all eternity did by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass: [yet so as thereby neither is God the author of sin, nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures, nor is the liberty of contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established." ] Now what could be stronger and clearer than that. ]

I have known people who took these words which are definitely based upon Scrippure and took them so very literally, so very definitely that their understanding of life it seemed to me could be compared to our watching a moving picture. In this motion picture you see someone come in and you see someone else show up, and this first person shows anger and misery and fear on his face. Why should he? The next <sup>reel</sup> ~~roll~~ is going to unroll just the same whatever he thinks. Whatever he does. It's just a pretense. It's just a shadow. It's not real.