

and that we learn exactly what God's will is as taught in Scripture in relation to them. Terms and titles can be very very misleading. They can be misleading when people make them an end in themselves. They can be misleading when people use them as a term with which to reproach others, because they change their usage constantly as language changes and as situations change.

Let us look at little as to how this term came into existence. We believe in historic Christianity in its Reformed expression. We believe that the Reformed expression of historic Christianity is that expression that is found in the NT. That the NT presents everything we need to know. So many matters are so clear in ~~there~~ that we do not see how an intelligent person can possibly fail to recognize them. But we can. We do. So we hope that while you are here you will become thoroughly familiar on many of the matters that are so clear in Scripture that a wayfaring man though a fool should not err therein. And we hope that on other matters you will learn to turn to Scripture and not be in haste about reaching a conclusion on which equally earnest and equally intelligent Christians have differed.

As Christianity began I believe that all the great doctrines that we believe were clearly understood/<sup>by the Apostles</sup> in the first century or two of Christian practice. But God so chose that He did not wish us to be ~~putting~~<sup>based</sup> our faith upon the word of men but upon the Word of God. Therefore He ~~taught~~<sup>caused</sup> that from the first couple of centuries of Christian life very ~~very~~<sup>little</sup> be preserved aside from that which is in the Scripture. Think of it. How strange it is in a way. That we have the marvelous writings of the NT that have been preserved-- these writings God specifically inspired. There must have been many other things written by Christians and that Christians were circu-