

and discovered doctrines that were not previously known. Most of the discoveries, most of the great positions the church has taken were clearly stated in the Word of God from the beginning and were believed by the early Christians I have no doubt.

But then someone tried to understand them better and he put the emphasis on one side and got off into errors. Or someone put more emphasis on the other side, and he got off into errors. So we have our four great church councils which denied the going off this way, and denied the going off that way. And denied the going off this way. And in the end produced a statement which merely said what anybody could easily find simply by reading the Scriptures.

Christ's two natures are not divided. They are not separate. And they are not mixed. Each has their separate entities, but they are not mixed. He is fully God; he is fully man. The divine unity. It is incomprehensible, but very important for us. And Jesus said that we can be united with Christ. The individual believer can come directly to Him. He gave us the right to come directly to Him with no intermediary in between. We have direct access to him.

Let us look at Col. 1:24-27 --(Reading text.) Our unity with Christ -- no mediator is necessary -- we have direct access to Him. This also is brought out in John 17:9 (reading text).

Eph. 5:5-7 stresses the fact that those who truly believe in Christ have this unity with him, a unity which unbelievers can make no claim to. There is a sharp difference between the one who believes in Christ and the one who is outside of the area of salvation. (Eph. 5:5-7 reading text)

There is a sharp division among men. And there is only one division that is vital. National divisions, racial divisions, sexual divisions, divisions of any kind among human beings are not important. There is one division that is important: those who are saved, and those who are lost.

Of course, God can tell immediately who are saved, and who are lost. God has foreordained before the foundation of the world those who are to be saved. He told us in John 17 of "those whom the Father had given him." God has foreordained that before the foundation of the world these, but we don't know who they are. We have no right to believe that any particular individual is going to eternal destruction. He may be headed toward it. God may use any one of us to lead the most dissolute, the most unpromising person in the world to salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.

You have no reason to take for granted the salvation of someone else because they speak pious words, and perhaps do some good things, and perhaps live highly moral lives. I think a great mistake we can make is to assume someone else is a fine Christian--perhaps a better Christian than I am. And I feel related with him, and perhaps I give vent to human expressions that are unworthy