

a division among those who truly believe in an inerrant Scripture, and those who perhaps misinterpret some points and perhaps are wrong as to what they think is ahead. If they are solid on the things that are present now-- salvation through Christ and a life devoted to Him.

The term premillennialism is I think a very poor term, for the doctrine it stands for. A worse ~~the~~ term still is pretribulation, as if tribulation were a great point to the Christian. Jesus said, You shall have tribulation. We must have tribulation all through our lives, if we are Christians. You can't imagine greater tribulation than they are having today in Russia, and in Afganistan, and in Ethiopia where hundreds of Christians are being massacred.

Tribulation we shall have in this life. Whether there is to be tribulation after the rapture or not, that is not a point of great importance. But it is a fact of great importance to know that the NT over and over in nearly a dozen times tells us we must be ready constantly so that when Christ comes ~~He~~ will find us at His work. That is the important thing. Pretribulation is a very poor term to express what I think is a very important truth, the importance that we shall be ready whenever our Lord shall come.

God wants us to put our stress on the things that are vital and to be tolerant on secondary matters, and the number of Christians who have wasted time and emotions in fighting other Christians over matters that are not primary, is one of the sad things of the world.

Are you looking ahead? Are you ready to make a straight furrow? Now there are differences among Christians as to types of church services. I remember when I was a student in seminary one of the professors was speaking about one of the others and this other said, How can the Anglican church get along with such variations? He said in the Episcopalian church there is the high Episcopals who go through all this various ceremonies and all this varied esthetic following of a definite form; and then there are others who have services that are so very informal. The High Church and the Low Church. The man said to me, I can't understand that man. He does not see how people who like lots of ceremonies and ~~who~~ people who like a very informal service can belong to the same church, and yet ~~these~~ ~~people~~ he sees nothing wrong that in each of those and in so many of our denominations there are those who follow the Word of God and those who deny it and deny the deity of Christ. A thousand times more important!

Some people get tremendous pleasure in going through a definite form and ceremony if they don't rattle the words off so fast you can't understand them! But if they think of those beautiful words that Cranmer wrote. If they think of the teachings of the Scripture that are in it, what a blessing they can get from it. Others prefer a very informal service. But why should the body of Christ be rent over our differences over particular ceremonies of any kind. God does not want to divide the Christians over such matters. Are you looking back or looking forward?