

Abraham and to all followers of God since, a sign which would be given to their children of the fact that God would give a special blessing through a family to the descendants of those who believe on Him and the fact is that today undoubtedly 80% of the ~~true~~ believers in the Word (6.) are the children of true believers. Now it was to our shame that we do not go out and reach a large enough of those outside but it is a fact that there is a special blessing which God gives to children of true believers. And this promise of the covenant, all except the Anabaptists have believed to be taught in the Scriptures and to be symbolized by (6.5) And personally I know of no group anywhere in which I would say I find this doctrine more clearly exemplified and ~~more~~ wonderfully shown in the way God has dealt with it than in the way that these Mennonites from that time through 400 years, a little group persecuted and hated by others and yet holding to the truth of the Scripture - from father to child the belief has been continued and passed on and the thing has gone on and kept alive through these years. And in the face of whatever persecution and difficulty, it has been passed on and ~~in~~ the next generation has accepted the Lord and believed and they have passed it on to their children. Now in recent years there has been quite an increase in the Mennonites. There has been more of an evangelistic movement on the part of the Mennonites. But during these years ~~in~~ they were you might say in a way, isolated by the opposition and during these centuries they did not grow much but they ~~kept~~ ^{kept} their own ~~group~~ ^{group} ~~route~~ alive and true. And so I would say that while they stressed only one of these two doctrines and that the more important, I would say that in their lives and in their history the other one was demonstrated in a most wonderful way. Well now Newman goes on ~~next~~ here -