

say was a wonderful novel. It gives me a picture of English life--a picture of the conflict of the Normans and the Saxons and gives a revealing picture of the life at that time--more than any history. But someone comes along ~~xxxx~~ and says something about the woman who set the castle afire and it says that she was there when the Normans conquered--it was over 100 years before that when the Normans conquered--how could this be the daughter of a Saxon lord. Scott simply got his date twisted. What is the difference--it is wonderful literature and great entertainment and it doesn't make any difference if some of the minor details are twisted. If it is an authoratative books of history it must be accurate on detail. If it is simply a book of imagination you don't care about the details. Cf. the book of Pilgrim Progress and the devotional attitude. If they were elevating the book to the authority of the Bible then we should throw it out. We should not take the attitude toward the the Apocrypha that they are harmful books or bad because they are not. They are not authorative though to establish any doctrine--we can take a stand on that. This is exactly that attitude that is taken by the German Lutherns and the Anglican church. They include them in their Bibles but put down that they are not to be considered authoratative but useful for the reader. In the English Bibles nearly all the Bibles had the Apocrypha included in them. When they described how a king should be inaugurated in England and how he should put his hand on the Bible and then they mention that the Apocrypha must be in a separate section and marked useful books but not authorative and so that is the kind of Bible the king used to have. However in the last inauguration they had quite a time finding the right kind of Bible ~~xxx~~ to legally make him king. The Anglican church when it reads from the Bible says that these are the authroative books. The will sometimes read form the Apocryphal books and they are helpful to read from some of these books in their services and are helpful to read from. I think that this attitude is a very reasonable one but the difficulty in this is that you have to affect your attitude according the opposition you have. If the opposition is such the Greeeks and Romans had at the time of Christ, of reading lewd and worthless literature and much like the trash that is distributed today, in contrast to that the Apocraypha would be be valuable to read. But if you try to build doctrines thereon they become very harmful.

b. The Canon of the Christian Church

1. The importance of this question. The first great question is--What does Jesus Christ say? That is what matters for us. If Christ held a certain book was God's Word that