

to give Satan great effectiveness all through the ages. And so it is not a source of understanding of God's will, but is a source of authorization for us of ~~many~~ many details, which help us to understand how we can carry out God's will, after we learn that will in a different way. And it is something which enables us to understand our age better, and to see the forces with which we have to wear a relationship. Now in this first part of the course I am going to make an assignment for the beginning of the course, which is not directly a part of Church History, but which is to give you a background for it, and for our study of ch. hist. It is an assignment which will take considerable time, and for the purpose of it I would like to have each one of you secure a preferably a large three-ring notebook. That is, one of these which has the pages full typewriter size. You can get one quite cheaply at the five and ten cent store. I would like to have it not in your regular notebook, because I want you to turn it in to me from time to time to go over it. But I would like you to get a notebook, preferably a large three-ring notebook and I would like you to put in it the various assignments that I give for the study. And this study will be a study of what we learn about the church from the Book of Acts.

They say that this is not Church History, that is apostolic hist. And we won't spend ~~much~~ much time on it in class, but it is a background for the study of what the church has done since. Because the way to learn what God's will is is to see what He has revealed in His Word. And the whole Bible is God's textbook for His Church. The whole Bible is the source from which we learn what He wants the church to believe and what He wants it to do. But in the Book of Acts we have an inspired history, we have history kept from error of the early days of the church. And so in this book we learn, of course we have mistakes in it, we have that which the devil led people to do the mistakes, but there is this difference, that the Book of Acts is not merely a true history but it is a history which God directed the writing of, and therefore He directed the writers in their selection of events. And in the remarks concerning them. Now ~~xxx~~ you have seen a statement like