

there is ~~xx~~ no evidence of continuation of that sort of an organization. It was a very fine attitude for a brief time, when the church was in the height of its enthusiasm, and ~~f~~ of its first love. But it seems not to have been continued, and even in those first days it ~~xxx~~ had its difficulties. So you see, what the church did ~~xxx~~ has to be studied and examined ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ in the light of the rest of the Book of Acts, and in the light of the rest of the Scriptures. Nevertheless, in general, what the church ~~xx~~ <sup>did</sup> in the Book of Acts, is an example of what the church should do, throughout the ages. And what you find the church believing in the Book of Acts, unless we are told that they made a mistake, it is an example of what the church should believe. And so if we want to learn what the doctrines of the church should be, what the organization of the church should be, what the ~~x~~ ceremonies of the church should be, if you want to learn these important matters, there is no better source than the Book of Acts, taking of course, the relation to the rest of the Bible.

~~B~~ Church History is not the source for this. Now, in ch. hist. we are learning how these things worked out in actual life for nearly two thousand years. And we see what they believed, what they argued about, what they felt was important, some cases they discussed wonderful things, and in some cases they made great mistakes, but to see whether they were right or ~~xx~~ wrong, to check back to the Scriptures. And you can't always tell from the Scriptures whether they were right or whether they were wrong. Sometimes you say they were absolutely right, sometimes ~~x~~ you say they were absolutely wrong, but in many cases, you say they were in ~~an~~ an area where the Scripture does not tell us exactly what they were to do, and they were free to consider situations and to see what would take the principles of the Scripture, and apply them to their age in which they were living. So that it is not a part, something that we are going to discuss, but it will be very important for your understanding of Church History for you to have the background ~~xxxx~~ of the Book of Acts, in mind. And I am going to ask every one of you to get this notebook and in it to go through the chapters of the Acts. Now I am a little uncertain whether to start with chap. one or chap. two. Chapter one, I think maybe, though, we will