

from the church universal, one who is not truly a member of it. Now if a person falls into sin who is a true Christian, we can expect Christ to chastise him in some way and bring him back to Himself. And He may wish men to act as His agents, to some extent, in it. But it is Christ Who alone has the right and power to determine it.

Now, in the second phase, the phase of cooperation/ together. We find that God has not made us as machines, but He wants us to use our ~~intelligence~~ intelligence, and in this phase I think there can be no question that if we are true servants of Christ, it is His will that we consider the problem of how we can cooperate without getting in each others way, with other members of the church of Christ. How we can work with them. To cut ourselves off from people who are true Christians, and say we will not cooperate with you, we will not work with you in any way, it is certainly not in accord with the teaching of Scripture. But to how great an extent do we work with others who are not in an organization to which we ~~belong~~ belong, to how great an extent, and how do we work so they and we both work effectively without interfering with each other's work, even if it is not always necessary or desirable that we actively cooperate together. That is the second phase of govt. and surely in that it is His will that we should think it through carefully. And do our best in thinking it through, but then I think we must have ~~faith~~ faith to know that if we think it through and do our best and pray about it, He with His providence will work things in such a way that there will be an intervention of the activities of different Christians. As Paul said, I planted, 'Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. We have no evidence that anybody, any human being, commanded Paul to plant in any particular place and commanded Apollos to water in a particular place, nor even that Paul asked Apollos to water in a particular place. But it would seem to be Paul's belief that Jesus Christ directed it providentially in such a way that his planting and Apollos's watering would work together and God would use them both in connection with His giving the increase.

(question) Discipline would come partly under one, and partly under two.