

the church. Of the true church, of the universal church. The universal church is not a democracy. It is not an organization in which a group of people get together and ~~xxx~~ say, let us see what we would ~~xxx~~ like to do. And if we find that if the majority of us want to go in a certain direction, that is the way to go. If we find that the majority want to go in a different direction, that is the way we go. That is not the universal church.

The universal church is the body of Christ and He is the head of ~~xxxx~~ it. It is the kingdom of Christ, ~~xxx~~ and He is the king. It is an organization which receives its direction, its nourishment, its foundation, from Him. And which, therefore, has no right of any decision on anything, save as He makes it clear and gives it to us.

So that leads us into C, what Christ's headship means. And Christ's headship, then, of the church, means that he has ~~xxxxxxx~~ founded it, it means that He controls it, it means that it receives its nourishment from Him, ~~x~~ it means that it has no source of authority except ~~xxx~~ directly from Him. That is, we are speaking now, of course, of the church universal. He directs its method of growth, and He determines who belongs to it. No man can put someone into the universal church, no man can ~~we~~ exclude anyone from the universal church. Only Christ can do that. ~~xxxx~~

And then, D, what is the govt. of the ~~xxx~~ church universal. Well, we noticed that govt. is an unfortunate word, it comes to mean anybody having ~~x~~ authority over somebody else, but actually there are three phases involved in it. And the first phase of it is the putting an end to wickedness, evil, punishing it, excluding it, this as far as the ~~x~~ universal church is concerned, is of course entirely in the hands of Christ. He has told us that He ~~x~~ does not put anyone into His universal church except one whom He intends to complete the good work which He has begun in him. And consequently there is no need of His excluding evil out of the church after it has come in, because He does not permit it to come in. He does permit, of course, everyone who comes into the universal church is evil, but He brings in only those who ~~xxxx~~ are justified through Him, and seen ~~xxxx~~ as righteous in Him. And who are on the path to