

I don't think we can say that the N.T. clearly teaches that the people of Greece ~~and~~ serve the Lord without any relation to the people of Palestine. It does not say that. But ~~neither~~ neither does it say they are subordinate to the apostles. Neither does it say that the two have to get together. And ~~both~~ vote between themselves what they want to do. It does very clearly show that ~~here~~ there was a very definite relationship at that time with the apostles giving orders to to people of the church. It definitely shows that. Whether that continues or not is not stated. Now, it is pretty hard for somebody, he is in a mighty weak position if he gets up and ~~says~~ says, I am giving authority, I am in authority ~~as~~ as the successor of the apostles. Let see their proof of it. There is nothing in the ~~Scriptures~~ Scriptures about it. Someone is in an equally weak position if he says, there is no reason one part of the church needs to worry about what another part thinks, because there is no such authority today. Well, there was such authority then. You see ~~what~~ what I am trying to bring out is the fact that you cannot take either ~~position~~ position and say, this is what the Scripture teaches. You can say, this is what I infer from the Scripture, but if you are honest when you are doing it, you will say, there is ~~also~~ also strong evidence which could be presented from the other angle ~~too~~ too.

Well, now let us look at a second question. Number 2, should all matters be decided by a majority ~~vote~~ vote. Should all matters be decided by majority vote? Well, the apostles got together right after the death of Christ, and they said, Judas has fallen, there should be a man to take his place. And then Peter, when he presented this matter, the Roman Church, will say, Peter as head of the church immediately after the resurrection of Christ, began to administer the ~~church~~ church. And so the first act which we have in the church, after the resurrection of Christ, after the ~~end~~ end of His physical Presence, was that Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, Peter took the initiative. But as you read on, what do you find Peter did. Peter presents to them a situation, and he shows that the situation is what might be expected in the ~~light~~ light of Scripture teaching, shows that the Psalms say, let another one take his