

It shows that. And it nowhere says that it ceased. And therefore a good argument can be made for its succession. <sup>A</sup>nd yet the ~~x~~ fact that we have no statement that it continues on, and when it is such an important thing, ~~f~~ I think it is a pretty strong arguement the other way. And that is ~~thexpxxxxxxxx~~ what is held by ~~xxx~~ many of our churches, the apostolic succession of the Chuch of England, very strongly, the Church of England received the bishops of the church.....(end of record)

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Of the church of England. Well, now, the Roman Catholic Church carries it one step further. They say there is one who is the head of them all, and the authority goes down through him, rather ~~thexx~~ than through a group.

Sor that these very important questions, there is no more important question for the visible church than these questions, but these questions are not cearly ~~xxxxxxx~~ decided in the Scriptures. <sup>T</sup>here are many points on which ~~xx~~ you can say the Scripture looks in this direction and in that direction but I think we have to reach this conclusion, that on this, as on so many other matters, the ~~NTxx~~ N.T. does not attempt to lay down exact and specific regulations for us to follow. I think that we must remember, perhaps,, the general who was the head of ~~the~~ French Army in 1949, when the war broke out. He was one of the great strategists of the world. And the proof that he was such a great strategist lay in the fact that he could <sup>quote</sup> ~~xxxx~~ verbally every command the <sup>Napoleon</sup> ~~xxxx(21)~~ had ever given. Every single one, he knew exactly. <sup>A</sup>nd consequent~~y~~ ~~x~~ he was the world's greatest strategist. But unfortunately, when the Germans ~~xxx~~ came forward with tanks and machine guns there was no word of Napoleon on ~~xxxx~~ what to do about tanks and machine guns, and so the poor fel~~l~~ow was lost. Napoleon had the greatest idea of strategy of perhaps any man that ever lived up to that day. <sup>A</sup>nd to study Napoleon's battles today is as fine a thing as any general can do. But he cannot take them over directly. He has to learn the principles. And in the O.T. we have on forms and ceremonies of ~~he~~ church and on govt. of the church, we have exact, one two three, A B C things laid donw. <sup>T</sup>he comong ~~fx~~ of Christ was still distant, seen through a glass darkly, and the things were supposed to be shadows of what was to come.