

But it is both remarkable to compare the instructions for the Lord's Supper ~~and~~ in the N.T. with the instructions for the sacrifice in the O.T. To see how small the ~~amount~~ amount of ~~the~~ details given. And that is true in the ceremonies of the Christian church. There is a situation ~~in~~ in which the church goes out into all the world, there are different circumstances, there are changing conditions, there is a much longer time involved, and we are given principles rather than precise ~~the~~ details.

And it is God's will that we learn ideals and objectives in the N.T., rather than precise details and that we use the brains he has given us to try to find means of fulfilling these objectives. And therefore, if the N.T. said the church ~~is~~ should be organized exactly this way, it would be up to us to do it. But when it clearly does not, and leaves some of the most important things uncertain, it is vital that we get whatever it is clearly said in the N.T. on details of organization, but more important is that we get the purpose in mind. That we get what the ... (4) are in mind. <sup>A</sup>nd then that unless we have clear ~~is~~ proof as to the precise method of what to do in the situation, ~~we~~ we use the brains God has given us to try to find a means that will fulfill the objective. I think that is one of the ~~most~~ important things we should recognize in connection with Church Government.

It is an important matter. The N.T. stresses it. It is vital. ~~The~~ A great deal of Paul's labor and attention was given to carrying it out. It is vital. But it is vital that the objectives be clearly had in mind, and methods sought to fulfill them, rather than if we try to find, like the French Marshall, an exact word of command to fit the circumstance. He~~s~~ hasn't given us the ~~exact~~ exact words like that in this connection. And so there is a great deal, there are ~~definite~~ definite things important to observe, but there is a great deal in it which is a matter for our consideration of ~~the~~ means, of objectives, and how to reach them.

And for that, ~~therefore~~ therefore, it becomes of importance that we run through Church History briefly, seeing what the views of people have been on the matter. And checking by the Word of God, not merely to say is this true, or is this