

authority of the pope in matters of doctrine, who did believe that an ecumenical council could settle matters. And then, when Luther, in the ~~xxxxx~~ debate at Leipzig was faced with the situation, suppose an ecumenical council is called, and suppose an ecumenical council says that these indulgences are right, will you accept it? Luther was forced to face the situation, Luther said no. All the ~~xxxx~~ world may be wrong, but what the Word of God says is right. And he said, I will stand by that, and he lost many supporters who had the feeling that an ecumenical council ~~is~~ settles a matter.

But then Luther's followers did say, these first seven ecumenical councils what they ~~xxx~~ decided was a wonderful statement of Christian truth, and we still believe it today. They gave us a ~~x~~ wonderful statement of Christian truth, but personally I do not accept it in the ~~xxxxxxx~~ least that because the council at Nicea had decided it, or because the Council of Constantinople did, but I am thankful for the fine statement which was accepted by these people, which was a helpful statement in the clarification of our understanding what is taught in the Bible. But I accept it only because the Bible teaches it, and a million ~~xxxx~~ human beings saying ~~x~~ yes to it doesn't add or detract. God's Word is the sole authority, from the true Christian viewpoint.

(question) No, the council ~~is~~ in Acts, for one thing, ~~xxxx~~Christianity had not spread through a large enough group for anything of this kind to happen, it was perhaps somewhat similar in nature, The Council in Acts did not decide any doctrinal matter, it decided a matter of action. Of course there were countless doctrinal implications in this action which they decided. It was a decision on the part of the apostles as to what the procedure is to which we should adopt in a certain situation. And of course deciding ~~xxxx~~ this procedure recognized doctrinal understanding which they had not had before. But I don't think that they felt that they had a right as a council to add to or take away from God's Word.

(~~xxxxxxxx~~) Is there any more at this time, for this is very important and I want to be sure that you all understand it. Well, if there is not, then, we will go on. That will finish number seven, the Council of Constantinople.