

of a few verses, while another group has felt that these particular verses should be interpreted in a different way. God's people should stand firmly on the entire Scripture, accepting everything that they find clearly taught in it, but reserving judgment on points that are not clear, and showing Christian charity toward Bible believers who hold other views regarding matters on which equally earnest and intelligent Christians may differ.

It is easy to make much of a few verses and ignore the rest of Scripture. Not only is it important to find what Scripture teaches; it is important to note its emphasis. We should stand firmly upon all that is clearly taught in Scripture. We should carefully study matters on which Scripture does not speak clearly, but should endeavor, in expressing our ideas, to avoid every form of dogmatism and every type of expression that can be used by Satan to cause unnecessary controversy among equally dedicated Christians.