

Ecumenical Movement, as we call it, has been getting. And I can just imagine the leaders of the World Council turning green with envy as they think of how the word they have been pushing and pushing and pushing these years the Pope has just taken away from them and blazed it over all the papers and magazines with his name and his face connected with it. When I was a boy we didn't hear about Ecumenical. That was a word you didn't know anything about. And now in religious circles you hear it everywhere, and today the man in the street knows it too, but what is this word? How wonderful to have a great ecumenical council. Yes, but what is an ecumenical council? Well, ten years ago, eight years ago, I heard a paper given at Faith Seminary, at the Ministerial Institute we had by a distinguished visitor from the Netherlands, the Reverend J. C. Meredith, a paper which I well remember, in which he took this word "oikoumene" the Greek word from which ecumenical comes and he went through the cases of it in the New Testament, and he showed us that this word in the New Testament is never used to represent the Church of God or to represent the specifically religious organization or movement at all, but that it always means the inhabitants earth from a political viewpoint rather than from a religious viewpoint. It's a political word, it's not a religious word at all. And he brought out an outstanding illustration of it, the second use in the New Testament in Luke 2:1. Where we read "And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Ceasar Agustus that all "oikoumene" should be taxed. Well thats what ecumenical is. It's something which deals with the political world and it is used particularly in connection with Ceasar. Jesus said "Give unto Ceasar that which belongs to Ceasar, and give unto God that which belongs to God." And the "oikoumene" belongs with Ceasar, not with God.

Well, I was sent a copy of our Sunday Visitor a few years ago. They only sent me the religious section of it, I don't know why. I think some pious people in Wilmington sent copies of this section to all of the ministers in the . At any rate, I got this and I was quite interested to see the discussion of religious questions on the front page of this popular Roman catholic paper, and on it it referred