

As one walks deeper into the things of the Lord, he also will come to the conclusion that the Bible is free from error and every part of it is dependable and it might be then that the Christian will find difficulty and have problems presented to him in a distorted form, and then is when we want to show him that this is what we believe and not that--we want to show him that it is a reasonable doctrine and one can see immediately the place of Christian apologetics in this phase which is important in Christian life. Often one can ruin the opportunity of serving the Lord effectively by going out and always talking on things which are vital for the Christian to know but which drives away the unbeliever instead because you are going at it from the wrong end. ILL. of telling a man about getting his face dirty if he takes this certain train, or vice-versa, but if this train will make the trip in half the time the other would and if this train gets him to his destination and the other one gets him out in the country someplace, whether or not he gets a little dirty is immaterial--but if he is taking this train, he might then be interested in all these other minor details. Christ is the center of Christianity but for the Christian there is something besides which is vital--what did Christ believe and for what did He stand and what did He say that we should believe. Christ wants us to study it all to see what it ~~teaches~~ teaches all the way through. <sup># 22</sup> If there is something that is not true, it will drop of its own weight--everything that has going forward in this world has something good in it, something that is true. Now the harm in it might be so much greater that it overshadows the good and the result of it is entirely harmful and should be utterly destroyed but we should discover the true elements that give it its impetus of going ahead and we should see if those elements aren't already clearly taught in the Bible, and perhaps the reason that these false doctrines are gaining such headway is that we have been neglecting some truth in the Bible--not as the primary factor in Christianity but as a vital fact therein. ILL. of Christian science religion. These people that believe this cult are pretending to have a peace of soul, etc. and trying to get into the kingdom by some other means, but we who are going through the true gate are missing many blessings that we ought to find. We are fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. We are to <sup>be</sup> wise as serpents and meek as doves. The Lord wants us to take the wisdom of this world and use it for His glory but He does want us to absolutely avoid the wickedness of this world and in no regard to imitate sin or wickedness. ILL. of man who was in South Pacific and the alcohol problem--used to release their inhibitions. That doesn't ~~mean~~ mean that we should hold on to our inhibitions and just grin and bear them? No!