

stream there is anything wrong. I've known a lot of them like that (laughter). My personal opinion is that you will find that most people in your churches don't know anything about the difference between arminianism and calvinism. But if they are Christian people and they want to believe the Word of God, you won't have much trouble convincing them of its great wonderful teachings of the Sovereignty of God and of the comfort they can put in knowing that he that has begun a good work in them will continue to the day of Christ. The great doctrines of Calvinism you won't have much difficulty in teaching them, with most groups of Christians. But if you are going to start in and put in a big red flag in front of them, you've got to subscribe to these five points right away, or I won't come to you, why, and some of our graduates do that, you know. Some of them do. Of course, if there is somebody there who is going to insist that you preach sermons that are contrary to the Scriptural teachings on these points, you shouldn't go there. But you are very unapt to find that. The Westminster group says the reformed faith is the issue in the world today. That is the vital thing, to get the Reformed Faith across to people. Well, I think that is utter nonsense. I think the great issue is the word of God and ~~its~~ its teaching and I think that what we call the specific doctrines of the Reformed Faith are wonderful matters of comfort, and blessing and encouragement. And I think it is wrong to deprive a Christian of having the blessings he gets from those matters. But I don't think they are things to divide churches or to keep people out. And of course, in our presbyterian set-up, its different from the Dutch set-up, in our Presbyterian set-up we say the door of the church is as wide as the gate of heaven, and a person who comes into the church has only to give a credible evidence that they have saving ~~gaxkx~~ faith in Christ. And that is all we demand for admission. They don't have to make a doctrinal statement of any kind. But for a person to be a teacher, a leader, an elder in the church, he should subscribe to the doctrinal viewpoint of the church. That's our position. Now the Christian Reformed, I think, tries to make all their people sign a creed that recognizes all the detailed things of their confession. And the result is you get your attention on minor things, and you are apt to forget the major.