

As time goes on our imaginary youngster learns a great deal about the world. He learns ^a about the existence of various continents; about the history of world events in the past. Very little of this information comes to him as a result of his own observation or ~~of~~ of his own experience. It is told him by his teachers, by his parents, or by his friends. Thus an important source of information is communication, or, as one might say, revelation, the passing on of ideas from one personality to another. Our young person soon finds it necessary to check the communications that he ~~receives~~ receives. Children ~~have a gre~~ find great pleasure in ~~telling absurd~~ making absurd statements to other children, and then laughing at them if they believe what they have been told. One is ^(ridiculed) ~~considered utterly ridiculous~~ ^(bw) if he accepts statements that others give him that are contrary to fact. He soon learns that every communication must be checked and double-checked. ~~Howevr~~ ~~However~~ ~~he finds that there are certain~~ ~~individuals~~ he cannot trust certain individuals and that others he can trust, and most tend to place absolute faith in the statements of those whom they find reliable. Our ^{young person} typical ^A does not need a great amount of proof to convince him that he is a sinner. His parents tell him how bad he is and what foolish mistakes he makes and also how stubborn he is in refusing to obey commands that he soon learns are entirely justified and right. His impulses lead him to take actions based on ideas that he knows are false. If he is confronted with this he has to confess his guilt, either to himself or to others. Everyone in his heart knows that he is a sinner. Often what he desires to do he fails to do, and what he would prefer not to do he does. He sees selfish or brutal actions of others and condemns them. Yet he finds himself ~~some~~ ~~committing~~ ~~the~~ the same actions or ^{other} actions equally bad. ^A unwise. If at this point someone brings (nc) him the story of ~~Chrsi~~ Christ and the revelation that though man man struggle against sin he cannot in himself overcome it, but that God sent His only ~~begotten~~ begotten Son into the world to save sinners, ~~he~~ finds here the answer to the basic problems of life and, recognizing the sovereign