

and should move forward slowly and carefully in order to learn more of its truth, getting our results from the Scripture rather than from the ~~idea or~~ ideas or guesses of other human beings.

There are many If we take those individuals in both groups

who write <sup>3</sup> dogmatically <sup>2</sup> and <sup>1</sup> strongly and sharply we will find that in

each case there are many matters that are ~~assumed~~ inferred or assumed *that are*

~~and not actually found in Scripture. We will find~~ In each case <sup>some</sup> that there

~~are ideas that are read into Scripture rather than found there. We will~~

~~find that in each case verses~~ <sup>might</sup> can be presented which raise serious

objections to the ~~conclusions~~ <sup>are</sup> that they infer <sup>not</sup> or assumed, and <sup>in each case some</sup> that

*the* ~~methods~~ <sup>will</sup> be used <sup>by</sup> to explain away these <sup>verses</sup> which, if carried through

consistently, could ~~not~~ explain away any Scriptural doctrine. ¶ A vital

error in both is the attempt to make a complete system in which everything

fits together and all problems can be explained. This is a ~~not~~ natural

human failing <sup>occurring to some extent, in the work of</sup> which is found in most interpreters of the Bible and

particularly <sup>of</sup> in the great bulk of theologians. <sup>on the basis of</sup> Taking a few facts they

will construct a system, some parts of which are definite and ~~not~~ clear,

other parts of which rest upon inferences and assumptions and actually

deal with matters or areas that God has not revealed to us. ¶ I believe

~~that~~ that the sort of Bible interpretation that the Lord desires us to

have is one that stands on what is clearly taught in Scripture and

admits that there are many questions to which we do not know the answer.

¶ Thus if I were asked the question, "Are you a <sup>C</sup> Covenant <sup>T</sup> theologian, or

are you a <sup>D</sup> dispensationalist/?" I <sup>could</sup> reasonably reply "Yes" to both

questions. However, since many who would say "yes" to either question

to hold/attitudes or ideas that are not taught in Scripture I hesitate

about saying "yes" to either one, for fear of being misunderstood. I