

It is an interesting thing that wherever you find ~~x~~ something that is false be it Christian Science, be it any kind of a movement that ~~is~~ sweeps and is effective and gains a great number of ~~people~~ people in it, it usually is stressing some truth, that true Christians are neglecting. ~~Th~~ Anything that is all error cannot get anywhere. It will die of its own accord. Now there may be some much error ~~xxxxxxx~~ mixed into a thing that the thing is very very harmful, extremely ~~is~~ harmful, but it will not succeed unless there is also mixed in it a satisfaction of a human need, or a stressing of a real truth. And if these needs were met by Christians as they should meet them, and if the real truths were stressed by Christians as they should be stressed, there would not be the opportunity for false cults and isms, as there is.

And so the ecumenical movement, as it is today, is utterly bad, and utterly wicked, and it is something that we must oppose. But its strength is based upon the fact that it is a false and spurious carry-over of a ~~xxxxx~~ true demand of Christ. And of certain things which are stressed in the Scripture and which we must study and understand and give proper ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ stress ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ to if we are going to be able to withstand these false movements. Well now, this thing then is something which must be common to the person who is to think seriously about church govt. The fact of the existence of the church universal. And that it is God's will that the church universal be one in a very real sense. That the communion of saints be not just a phrase that we stress, but be something real to us.

We find in the Gospels, however, the word church not used except in the book of Matthew, and we do not find such a great deal in the Gospels from this general theme. And in Acts we are dealing with a group of ~~xxx~~ people in Jerusalem, so we don't have teaching as to whether the word is dealing with all Christians ~~x~~ or whether just with those particular ones. Yet we go on in Acts and ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ they are very busy in their activity the term is used of individual groups in different places. That is used a good many different times, though there is reason to think that some of those groups were larger groups which may have included some smaller congregations.