

was dependent on keeping the Law, and of making every tiny detail of the observance of the Law a matter of vital importance for salvation. Paul swept all this away, and showed us clearly that it is only through faith in Christ that we can be saved. For us, as for the Old Testament believer, the Law shows us how far short we come and how much we need a Savior. The moral Law gives all of us an understanding of the kind of life that God wants us to live. Neither they nor we were ever under Law in the sense of being saved by it.

Certainly no one can put himself into the Christian ministry, nor can any group of men put another man into the ministry. It is God alone who can call men to His service, and can give them gifts. All that men can do is to recognize the calling of God. I have not had much contact with Mr ... for the last year or two. Before that, however, I had a good many talks with him, and it is my opinion that God has given him real gifts for his service. I hope that he is not moving in the direction of putting too much emphasis on minor points on which there may be proper differences of opinion among Christians. He did not impress me that way before.

On the matter of the Second Coming, I feel that it is very vital that we recognize the clear Scriptural teaching that Jesus is coming back to set up His kingdom of righteousness and peace upon this earth....

You refer to 2 Thessalonians 2:7. That verse states that the Antichrist cannot be revealed until the one that hinders is taken out of the way. I think that the one that hinders is the Holy Spirit acting through the Church. The Holy Spirit will still be exerting a certain influence on wicked men after the Church is taken out of the world, keeping the world free from utter disintegration, but the great thing that keeps wickedness from working itself out fully today is the presence of true believers here, as the Holy Spirit works in and through their lives. Their removal will allow wickedness to take tremendous steps forward. To my mind this is the correct interpretation of 2 Thessalonians 2:7, and I know of no other suggested interpretation of the verse that seems to me to make much sense.

In Luke 12:40 I read: "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not." In many other verses I find the same exhortation. I believe that these many