

the opposlite extreme to that is the story that is told about the man who utterly mislunderstood what Calvinism is who started a group a hundred years ago beginning a prayer leading for foreign mission.s And he said young man if the Lord wanted to convert the heathen, he would do it without your help or mine. That is the utter preversion of Calvinism. That is not the teaching of Calvinism ~~of Calvinism~~ at all. But that is the attitude of mind which ~~is~~ when the natural man gets into easily and he begins to get a little below the surface and gets away from this superficial attitude that thinks that man is absolutely free and gets into things and circumstances and begins to see how bound and fettered and controlled we are in so many ways ~~until~~ and pretty soon he makes it an excuse for everything. And the wonderful thing about the Confession of Faith is that it gives us such a wonderfully, balanced picture. It takes the teaching of the scripture and it presents it absolutely clear and plain, it mentions no words about it but it presents both sides to the picture. It presents the whole picture. It doesn't give ~~it~~^{us} just an unbalanced or a half way picture. ~~So~~ ~~to~~ ^{What could} be stronger on God's eternal decree than these statements that I just read to you. God from all eternity did by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass. Gods eternal ~~de~~ degree. And then in Chapter five 'Of Providence' "God, the great Creator of all things ~~doth~~^{doth} uphold, direct, dispose and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by his most wise and holy providence according to his infallible foreknowledge and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy." What could be stronger than the sovereignty of God, the absolute predetermination of God, the absolute of God over all his creatures, It's taught in the scripture. It is plainly taught. It is a wonderful truth. How wonderful it is if we are children of the king. If we are those who are born again into God's kingdom to know that all things are in His hands and that ~~his~~ he is (End of Record 1)

(Begin Record 2) and of humilance and abundance counselation to all that sincerely obey the Gospel. Christianity is not a council of despair. We are