

what is found in certain parts of the Bible, perhaps, while neglecting other parts of the Bible, and much of it not found ~~xxxx~~ in the Bible at all. It is a philosophy, rather than a theology. Now, the Christian church is not an organization which should decide on a basis of philosophy what it should do. Our human minds are very fallible. And we can make many mistakes.Reflection and philosophy are a basis, but they are not the primary basis for determination of vital questions of the Christian church and the Christian world.

A second attitude which might be taken is that of expediency. I heard once of a minister in a government, who made this statement. He said, I personally do not approve of socialism.....people will say that we don't want to have anything to do with that organization. This socialism came in apart from the activity of the Christian church, therefore we are not ~~gin~~ going to join or to support the Christian church. Now, this is not the basis on which to try the attitude of the Christian church. The Christian ~~sh~~ church should not take an attitude or hold an attitude because it will thereby bring people to itself, or it will thereby keep ~~xxx~~ people from ~~xxxxxxx~~ coming to it. This may enter ~~xx~~ in, in a small way, to its attitude, but it cannot be the primary point in deciding.

The third is that which can only be, and must only be, primary, and that is what are God's commands. It is the thing that is vital. What will win people to Him, what will make the church more popular, is not the thing that is vital. The vital question is, what does God's Word say. Philosophy cannot be primary, expediency cannot be primary. On the basis of the Scripture we may decide that ~~xxx~~ expediency may be permitted ~~with~~ a certain amount of attention or not, but on the basis of the Scripture. Reflection, based upon the statements of the Scripture, can have its proper place in carrying them on, and ~~in~~ expending them and deciding to how great an extent they apply. But always, checking everything by further study of the Word of God. Because that alone can be the basis for decision on the part of the Christian. So, I think this is very vital in taking up this