

But it would not be right to deal simply with this attitude of the apostolic church without going on to a third point, which is not ~~mentioned~~ found ~~in~~ in the New Testament, but which we know ~~from~~ from history, and that is this: Despite the lack of direct interest in social betterment, the Christian church has been by far the greatest force for social betterment in the world's history. The Christian church did not go out and talk about polygamy. It talked about a new life in Christ. It ~~a~~ talked about the creation and how God had made man and ~~a~~ woman, and what ~~an~~ marriage meant. And human beings had enough intelligence through a period of time to draw a conclusion and to see the wrong of polygamy. They did not go out attacking slavery, preaching against the wickedness of the terrible situation, of having slaves, but in the course of a few decades or centuries, Christians came to realize that two men ~~who~~ who were ~~not~~ brothers in ~~Christ~~ Christ, it was very illogical that one of them should have a power over the body, and the mind, of the ~~other~~ other. And the Christian master more and more freed their ~~slave~~ slaves. And the Christian slaves would be excellent in their conduct and ~~exemplary~~ exemplary in their lives, and won many of their masters to the Lord. <sup>?"</sup> ~~And~~ And the institution of slavery disappeared, from the Roman world, ~~not~~ directly as a result of the Gospel, even though the activity of the ~~Christian~~ Christians was not ~~directed~~ directed to the destruction of this institution of slavery.

~~Christianity~~ Christianity, in other words, on social problems goes at the root instead of at the branches. You can get the finest type of organization, the best sort of ~~government~~ government that you could possibly imagine, and have wicked men trying to use it, and it will pretty soon become corrupt and defiled and worthless. You can take the worst sort of social organization in the world and make the men involved Christians and you will find that inevitably they will improve its worst features, showing ~~Christian~~ Christian love one ~~to~~ to the other, ~~and~~ despite the institution which might be there, and in the course of time, inevitably, it will change those institutions. The greatest force for social betterment in the history of the world has been