

talked about the freedom of God's divine grace. Every night, he said, there was a man who sat. . .

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. . .there was a man who sat on the front row who looked extremely interested. After six or seven sermons on this theme, he said one night the man came up to him after the service, he said, you know, Pastor, I got a new idea tonight, he said I saw that the grace of Christ is really entirely free, that there is nothing at all that we can do to earn it.

Anybody who has had any experience in teaching knows how difficult it is to get ideas across to others. I'm sure at this season of the year, many of you are struggling with your income tax reports. You look over the instructions and you try to figure out just what they mean. The ideas are there all right but ~~it~~ they have been written in order to meet the needs of thousands of people, many of whom have very different situations. To get the part that relates to your particular situation, to see just how it applies to you, to ~~it~~ figure out just ~~exactly~~ what is next is often a baffling task. Revelation is one of the most common facts of life but it is also one of the most wonderful and in some ways one of the most ~~the~~ difficult facts of life. ~~As~~ A student, whose mind had become confused by the so-called neo-orthodox teaching of Barth and Brunner, came to me the other day, he said, how can God who is infinite reveal ideas to man who is finite? Are not the two in different spheres? How can He reveal a specific idea to us? My answer was, yes, we are in different spheres. It is difficult to reveal, and yet God is almighty. Within our limitations God can reveal ideas to us, God can certainly express His mind to us, much better than we can express our mind to Him. And much better than we can communicate ideas from one of us to another. Just then I thought of an illustration, my son has dog. He tries to communicate to this dog. He tells it when he wants to go out. The dog tries to communicate to us. He tells us when he wants to go outdoors. He tells us when he wants to come in. He gives us some idea when he is hungry, and