

and not just be carried along by what we hear. He wants us to learn to grow as individuals who can think, who can study the Word of-r-for ourselves, I constantly say to our students at the Seminary, don't you ~~take~~ anything because I said so. Don't ~~x~~ take anything because we say it. Study the Word and see what the Bible says, Whatever the Bible says, that we can depend upon, that is correct. But God wants us to be, not such that the wind will just blow us over, but He wants us to be stalwart trees that are rooted in the Word of God, and can stand for the truth, no matter what happens, ~~x~~ and so he continues here, So speaking the truth in love, and you know when I was in Seminary, this attitude that has become so pervasive now, was in them and we had a professor there who ~~it~~ gave a ~~serve~~-sermon in the chapel, and I will never forget that sermon, but speaking the truth in love, ~~an~~. He said Whatever you do be sure you have the spirit of love. Now, he said, people can argue whether the earth goes around the sun or the sun goes around the earth, but they go on just the same, no matter what you say about it. His whole point was be sure you have a loving spirit, and ~~what difference~~ difference does it make. That's not what Paul says, Paul says ~~spea~~-speak the truth in love, yes, don't speak the truth out of inimity, don't speak the truth as bitterness but don't keep quiet, speak the truth, stand for what is right. Speaking the truth in love may grow up unto him in all things which is the head, even Christ. We are in Christ ~~instantaneously~~ when we are converted, ~~but~~- when we believe on Him as Saviour ~~x~~ we are in Him, and yet we are to grow up in Him, it is an instantaneous ~~beginning~~ beginning, but it is a process too, we are ~~x~~ to grow up in Him in all things, which is the ~~the~~ head, even Christ, ~~when the whole~~ from ~~the~~ whom the whole ~~body~~ body, fitly joined and compacted, by that which every joint