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(5 3/4) ...the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that he has saved us to eternal life in what he did for us on Calvary's cross. And consequently we are anxious to follow him and do everything we can to please Him. Now ~~we~~ of course we cannot ask Him directly what we should do to please Him, because He is not here now in the body. The time will come when we will see Him face to face. But during this present age ~~we have~~ communion with Him, we have fellowship with Him, but He does not, during this present age, speak to us directly in audible words and explain to us what His will is for us. Instead of that He has given us a book in which He has set forth what He desires us to know and to do. And this book is His revelation to us. The Christian Church has always believed that this ~~book~~ is the inspired Scriptures, that this book is infallible, that it is inerrant, that it is free from any sort of mistake ~~in~~ in those statements in which it deals.

Yesterday we looked a little bit at the matter of how we got this revelation from God, and we noticed that parts of it are given us by direct revelation. He gave ideas to people. He passed on words to people, he gave pictures to people, he gave visions to people. Many different ways he gave them revelation, but this word does not consist entirely of the ideas God has given to people. It includes a good bit of that, but the word also includes much material which, while equally a revelation from God to us, has come to us in a different way. It has come through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that special act, whereby He guided the writers of the Scriptures so that the words would say to us the thoughts He wished to convey, ~~with~~ would bear a proper relation to the other inspired books, and would be free from ~~error of fact,~~ of that which happened, of historical matters, of scientific matters; of doctrine--~~of doctrine~~, of religious teaching; or of judgment--of ~~of~~ (8) reasoning.