

other way? Anybody who knows anything about human beings knows how weak and fallible and illogical we are, and how ~~fr~~ frequently we ~~turn~~ turn this way or that way because of some little silly, trivial thing. And then we get over here - we're going this way - and then we begin to find reasons for going that way. And then we ~~begin~~ begin to find more reasons, ~~for~~ and it's very hard, once we've started one way, to shift us over to the other. The idea that everybody in this world has an equal chance (opportunity) to receive the Gospel is just nonsense from any viewpoint whatever. There are many who never hear the Gospel. There are ^{those} ~~many~~ who hear ~~it~~ it a hundred times, clearly given. There are those who hear it three or four times given in a very confused and mixed-up manner. People ~~do~~ simply don't have equality of opportunity in this world. You can't help it. You have to recognize the fact that the reason you came to know Jesus Christ and to desire to follow Him is not because of any goodness in yourself; not because of any cleverness/^{that} you had in ~~deciding~~ deciding what was the thing you'd like to do; not because you were sensible enough to see how much better it was to follow God than to follow Satan. But a whole lot of factors/^{entered into} ~~entered into~~ the decisions and attitudes that you have taken, and in the end, if you look at situations you have to admit ~~that~~ it is only the grace of God that led me to hear about Christ, that led me to follow Christ, that caused me to be born again and come into His kingdom, and gave me these wonderful opportunities that I have. Oh, what ~~a~~ blessings the Christian has/ through these great Calvinistic doctrines. God makes all things work together to good for them that love ~~in~~ Him, to those who are called according to His purpose. God is with us; God is leading; we struggle; we try. We make tremendous efforts to accomplish things; and we fail. God is controlling it all. He has predestined everything from the beginning. And we can rest back in His arms and be assured that there's no need to worry, or to be disturbed, because of the sovereignty of God. What a ~~marvelous~~ marvelous assurance, and help and blessing the Christian receives from his knowledge of these great Calvinistic doctrines. Every time I teach Reformation church history I am greatly amused