

power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them who are sanctified by faith ~~that~~ that is in me.' He's sending Paul to open their eyes. He sends Paul to turn them from darkness to light. Paul expresses it over in II Corinthians 5, - II Corinthians 5 - verses 11 to 20. We won't have time to read the verses in between this morning, but in verse 11 Paul says, "Knowing, therefore, the terror ~~f~~ of the Lord, we persuade ~~men~~." "We persuade men." And then in verse 20 he says, "Now, then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we beg you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." Why should we prepare men for God's purposes? Doesn't God prepare them? Doesn't God do the whole work? What can we do? God uses us to ~~do~~ do His work. God uses His instruments to accomplish His work. And glory belongs to Him. It is He that does it. But He uses ~~us~~ us as important instruments in the accomplishments of it. Why should we persuade men to accept Christ? If God turns them to accept Christ, they will, won't they? Why should we try to persuade them? Joshua said, "Choose you this day whom you will serve, . . . ; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

I heard a man ~~say~~ say, when someone used in a message, "You should choose Christ." He said, "How ridiculous! You can't choose Christ chooses you." That's true. And you can't choose to eat supper tonight. God has given you the power. God enables you to choose whether you wanted to come to Faith Seminary or not. He enables you to choose <sup>at</sup> ~~whether~~ every step of your life. It is God that does it, but God makes you responsible to make the right decisions, and He calls upon you to choose.

We have these tremendous blessings from the knowledge of the <sup>sovereignty of</sup> ~~sovereignty of~~ God, from the knowledge of how ~~God~~ God brings men into the kingdom. It is God that ~~(who)~~ (who) does it, and not we. And yet of the fact that ~~God~~ God chooses to use us as His instruments, and the things that He chooses to do through us, we have a tremendous responsibility// to accomplish, and to see that they are done. The end is sure, and the means are ~~not~~ ordained. But both the means, and