

been redeemed through the blood of Christ. And sometimes when I have heard sermons like ~~theeEasz~~ that from men who have had a modernistic background or who are in a church where there is no outstanding example of Christian witness, I just wonder whether the sermon is actually bringing any good to the people who listen. Whether they are building without the foundation on which the building is necessary, and therefore it will not stand at all, and whether he himself will not -- I heard of a case like this where a man had had a real Christian background sometime earlier but ^{if he has} had lost his faith in the central foundation truths of Christianity he can have beautiful teachings and wonderful ideas that can mean much to those who already have this foundation, but apart from the foundation they are absolutely useless. Sometimes I feel that there is a question in my mind whether a sermon is really a Christian sermon if it does not in some way relate what it deals with to the basis of Christianity -- the death of Christ and our salvation. I have heard wonderful Christian preachers, men who are as orthodox as anybody you would ever meet, and men who could give marvellous evangelistic sermons, give sermons in which they dealt with subjects of the Christian life truth and present excellent things, but with no reference whatever to the work of Christ. And has it has been said, All of have been at fault, I think it is important that every fact of importance in Christian life and activity/relate to the foundation ~~xxxxxx~~ laid through Jesus Christ and his atoning death and resurrection and who really definitely Of course if his people have heard this over and over, you might say I do not need to mention it, and yet they soon forget. How closely ~~relatadz~~ anything important in the Christian life should be related to this, and in addition to that if you have any sizeable number of people in the service, who knows who many be there that does not know the Christian truth, that has never come into a personal relation with Christ, and no matter what you are talking about it should be possible to make the way of salvation clear in the course of the sermon so that anyone who might be there who did not know how to be saved, and who perhaps in anguish of heart would find the answer to that great need. And so I feel that we cannot stress too much that redemption is central and primary to every aspect of Christian life, and ought to be stressed in every sermon.