

certainty. Truth is absolute and is certain, but most of us do not know the truth on very many matters. The love of God is absolute. And certainly there is an absolute dependability to God's Word. We know that whatever is truly stated there, carefully studied, and understood is true. There are great absolutes in life, and John Dewey and the others are entirely wrong when they declare, There are no absolutes. But the number of absolutes is comparatively small. And so No. 2 is

(2) The Matters that are not absolute. O how easy it is to divide people into the good people and the bad people, but there is no such division. There -- It is all too often that we say, Oh that man is a Christian therefore I can trust him entirely. And then we find that ~~the~~ the man whom we considered being a Christian whom we could completely trust has done something that we think was unjust and then people say, A bunch of unbelievers wouldn't act like these Christians do. And they are entirely wrong. The average standard of ethics and morality of those who name the name of Christ is way above that of the unbeliever, and I've known people who have been among Christians and have come across meanness and injustice and have said, Oh the unbelievers wouldn't be like this. I say, You just go out and work with the unbelievers a while and you will find that the standards average way below the standards of professing Christians. But yet the fact remains that there is no Christian who may not fall into sin. There is no Christian who can ~~not~~ be fully trusted in all matters and neither is there any unbeliever who is completely bad. People <sup>will</sup> say, Look at that man. ~~What~~ I thought he was ~~just~~ such a wicked, such a mean man, and yet look how nice he is to his dog and his cat. There must be a lot of good in that man. Well there is. Everyone retains something of the image of God. And there is good in everyone, there is bad in everyone, but the standard, the average of the Christian is way above the average of those who do not know Christ. And the important thing is not where we are ~~at~~ but which direction we are moving in, because none of us stays still. But we can't move very far in an upward direction if we have not first taken Jesus Christ as our Saviour and asked him to come into our life and to take control of it. We can only depend on the Lord. I used to love Dr. R. A. Torrey speak. He was a great big man. And he would say, Whenever I have put my trust and dependance on a human