

that only half of the big toe remains. The stone has been so ~~erred~~ eroded away with the kisses of those who have come to kiss that statue. But I searched through that great place and I did not anywhere in it find in Latin or in Gk. or in any other lang. the words of vs. 23 that Jesus turned to Pet. and said, Get thee behind me Satan, thou art an offence unto me " Yet this is only 6 vs. later in Mt. that we had the vs. "Thou art Peter and on this rock I will build my church." Pet. was a great man, a great leader in the Christian church, a man who loved his Lord. But Pet. is not the rock. Jesus Christ is the rock and more important even than that aspect is this

The supreme importance of God's revelation. Pet. when we followed his own ideas, his own thoughts of what was right and what was good and kindly and what was desirable and expressed them, Jesus said, Thou savorest not the things that are of God but the things that are of men. He did not say the things of the devil. He did not say, You are going after wickedness . No. He said, You are putting human thoughts, the thoughts that be of men ahead of the thoughts that be of God. You are putting your own considerations your own ideas, your own wisdom ahead of going to God's word and seeing what his teaching is. That is why we consider it so important that it is worth many many hours of study to learn to understand the Greek lang. and to understand the Heb. lang. in order that we can go to this rev. God has given us and see exactly what it says and can determine what is needed and get our rev. from that father than from the thoughts of men. That is the great error in the church that it has fallen in through the ages -- is getting a few truths from the Script. and then trying to go on from them and try to build and philosophize and theorize and work out the thing from them instead of going to the Script. and seeing not only what it teaches but what are its emphases. What things are stressed, what are the basic matters there. That is the only source of our knowledge of Divine things is God's word. If we let our own thinking become supreme, become superior we are in danger of the same rebuke Jesus gave Peter: Get me behind me Satan for thou savorest not the things that are of God, but those that be of men." So we must put this central truth of Jesus Christ, his deity, the truth of His