

most of the world had given up. He would make statements like: 'Jesus Christ is Lord of all, or he is not Lord at all'. Statements which were calculated to make us believe that the important thing is not bringing people to believe in Christ as Saviour, but Christianizing all of society and bringing Christian ideas into effect in society, and moving away from the great central emphases of the gospel. The way to cleanse society is by bringing Christian principles into it. The best way is by bringing people to know Christ as Saviour. A few thoroughly Christian people will do more to help society than a great number of so-called Christian principles disseminated through it. I have known many instances of men who have tried -- talked very piously but who have actually been undermining faith. One man said to me once, 'What this world needs is regeneration through the Holy Spirit. Since he and I were alone and I was no longer a student in the institution in which he was teaching, he did not hesitate to speak frankly. I said to him, 'What do you mean by regeneration through the Holy Spirit?' He said, 'I mean that when he becomes a Christian he joins a Christian community. He said when a person joins a Christian community there is an interaction between his character and the character of the other members of the community and that's what I mean by regeneration through the Holy Spirit. I imagine that at the beginning of this century there were several hundred colleges in this country that were teaching salvation through Christ and trying to bring young people to stand for the Bible. Certainly few of them that are not filled with unbelief and subtle attacks on the great central truths of Christianity. With almost any of these truths, people can find some way of speaking such that will deceive people. Up to the present I have heard of no one who does not truly believe in Christianity who is not ready to say that he believes in the inerrancy of the Bible.'