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As this is the last of the four meetings concerned with the subject of inerrancy I would like tonight to sum up the principal aspects of the subject and summarize the conclusions and perhaps to deal with some particular problem areas.

First, I think it is very important that we recognize that belief in inerrancy is not necessary for salvation. It is a great mistake to try to lead individuals to Christ by trying to prove to them that every statement in the Bible is free from error. We do not believe in Christ because the inerrant Bible tells us about Him; we believe that the Bible is inerrant because Christ says that it is.

The great fact facing each individual in this world is that he is a sinner. As Paul said in Rom. 7, "the good that I would like to do I do not do, and the evil that I do not want to do I do." There is that within each of us which we know is capable, we deliberately make wrong choices. We deserve God's wrath for our sins. Jesus Christ offers us salvation and deliverance from this terrible predicament. He offers us salvation. He offers us immediate justification and progressive cleansing and sanctification. Once we come to know Christ as Saviour then we are interested in knowing His will. A belief in inerrancy is not necessary for salvation. It may be useful in discussing the claims of Christianity to be able to show particular places where Christianity has been attacked and where the attacks have been proved to be without foundation. Thus evidences of the corroboration of the Scripture and where it has been attacked are useful in leading one to be ready to open his mind to the claims of Christ. But the effort to convince the unbeliever that the Bible is free from error is a wrong move. There are thousands of matters discussed in the Bible. To take them up one by one and prove every one of them would be an impossible task. We do not believe the