

(question) I would say that they were authoritative, they were selected/ of Christ to oversee the general establishment of His church. So whatever they did was authoritative. When you come to the word infallible, I think a good illustration would be the difference between a lecture, which I would give here, and an article which I would write. Not that the article would be infallible, but the article would be an awful lot nearer being so than a lecture. Because, in a lecture, I am dealing with a particular point, and I am trying to make that point clear. And I go at it from this side and that side and the other side. And then I think I have made it clear, and somebody raises a question which shows me that over from this side there is a possibility of misunderstanding and I try to explain that. And I try to make my position clear and I am dealing with particular immediate situations. And if you get the main things that I have in mind, that is what we can hope for in a lecture. Well, now, there are hundreds of subjects ~~x~~ on which I could ~~give a lecture~~ give a lecture on ten minutes notice, that I would feel that was up to whatever standard I could reach in a lecture. But if I were to write an ~~article~~ article on one of these, I would want twenty or thirty times as ~~much~~ much time to spend on it. And the ~~reason~~ reason for that would be ~~because~~ because in the article it is not merely listened to and an impression secured or certain notes taken. But it can be read over and studied in detail and conclusions ~~drawn~~ drawn from particular statements, and particular aspects, which you will not get from a lecture. And somebody can take a sentence out of context and can ~~draw~~ draw something from it and the result is that in an article which I would write, I would want to study each sentence ~~from~~ from the viewpoint of various possibilities of interpretation and to get it such that it could be useful, not merely for people dealing with this particular point, but ~~for~~ for people who had other subjects in mind and are wondering what I had to say about them. Now when I speak of infallibility, I am thinking of something which is not merely of value as meeting the immediate need, but which is in addition of value for further study in connection with other needs.

Well, now, one who wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit was