

take a statement of the scriptures and build a theory on it and then infer from that something further without checking his full inference and checking it by scriptures and unless he could find scriptural proof of his further inference he would say it is only a speculation. It is not something we can stand upon simply because it seems to go along with our previous discovery. It must itself be based upon teaching of the scriptures. It is only as we take this attitude which Calvin took, that of taking the Bible as our foundation and scientifically studying it and gathering our conclusions from that we can go forward with any certainty in the field of religion. It is easy to say well, I make a ~~hypothesis~~ presupposition and then I am sure of it because I make a presupposition. You don't get sure of anything by making a presupposition, you get sure of a thing by getting facts and by making a theory and applying it to more facts. This results in making the entire O.T. a revelation of God and I think that is one of the most important things in our whole Seminary course. We will be dealing with it again and again. It is the basis of the Christian life, is taking the Bible as your authority and seeking what it says and standing upon it and as long as we stay close to the Bible and use it as our source and study it, we are in a situation where God can give us new light out of His Word as we read it through, but when we get to where put any other thing, no matter how good it is, in the primary place, ahead of the Bible and use the word of God as only a sort of aid toward, a sort of proof text or something we are getting into a situation that is dangerous.

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The Bible to them is a banner, not a source of life. And the same is true of the Roman Catholics, they say they are basing on the Bible, that is God's Word, the scripture, naturally the rank and file pay no attention to the scripture and the things that are vital and stressed in their church life are not vital and emphasized in the scriptures. They are either very slightly stressed there or not even mentioned. The scripture to them is a banner, not a source their source is their church position but Christ said You make the Word of God of no effect through your tradition. The Word of God is the vital thing, we may have tradition that is based on the Word of God, that helps, we may have tradition that hinders but whatever we have it must be in a secondary place and the Word of God must have the primary place if we are truly to be a Christian Church or to have a Christian attitude. Now of course the note ~~is~~ regarding inspiration is not the point of approach to the non-Christian and you are very very foolish