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heaven. The probabilities are that they are on their heaven. And this is certainly true if the person has made a sincere profession of faith in Christ. If, however, if a person is in a church where the gospel is never proclaimed but where social gospel of some message from philosophy is substituted for the Word of God, he may be simply receiving a sop to make him feel that he is doing what is right, and yet actually never getting the key to eternal life or if he has actually accepted Christ, never being taught how to grow, in his Christian life. I think, personally, that it is far more important whether a person knows Christ as saviour, than whether he belongs to any sort of an organization that may call itself Christian.

A few years ago, a friend told me of a big evangelistic campaign that was being carried on in Atlanta, Georgia, the converts were constantly being told, be sure now that you ~~do~~ join a church, go to the church of your choice, join the church of your choice. These words were rung over and over into the minds of the people. It had been the desire of the evangelist that this campaign should be sponsored by all of the churches in town. However, there was one very large and extremely baptistic Baptist Church which had absolutely refused to have anything to do with the meetings. The minister felt that he did not believe any of the message that was being given and that it would be foolish to have his people submitted to that influence, consequently he had no connection with them. Some of his people came to him and said we are losing all the chance to build our church, many people are coming forward in these meetings and they are now going to other churches, but our church is not having the opportunity to grow. My friend told me that this minister gathered together some of the leaders of his church, told them that here was a chance to build their church, gave them some instruction in how to talk to people to persuade them that this was the church they ought to join, that he then went to the evangelist and said that he thought he had been wrong, the movement was a great thing for the town and he would like to support it. The evangelist --I don't know whether