

Jesus Christ's sacrificial atonement at the center. You cannot direct your life properly unless His atonement is at the very center. They say that every road leads to Rome, well everything in the Bible leads to Christ, and not just to Christ, it leads to Christ's death for the sin of those who would believe on His name. I have been so disappointed, time after time, when I've been in a church and heard a wonderful sermon with some wonderful Christian truth, unfolded, developed, beautifully presented, and the truth is presented on this particular aspect, and then it stops. And I say, if a sermon is what it should be, it will lead to the death of Christ, because there is nothing which is worth anything in our Christian life except as it is founded upon that foundational truth, and time after time, when I've heard a sermon, when it comes to the end, I've said O my, (12) tied up here, it's shown that the only way to get these blessings is through the death of Christ, and that the one who isn't saved through the death of Christ is outside of these blessings, and that it's through understanding that that we get the meaning of this altogether. I'd like to see everything tied up to that which is central, and that is brought out very clearly in this fifth chapter here. It is the Lamb as it has been slain who is able to open the book.

Now I gave a talk at a Christian college one time on chapters 4 and 5, and pointed this out, how the book of life cannot be opened without the two facts: creation and the atonement, and afterwards, a professor of Bible came to me and said I don't quite think you interpreted that right, he said, chapter 6, the first seal of the book is opened, and he says you go on and have the seals of the book open and things happen. Now you say the book is the interpretation of life. And I didn't have the answer for him then, and when I had thought about it a bit I was no longer there, couldn't give it to him, but I'm quite sure I have the answer to it. This book here is not just any book which is what happens in the last days, this book of revelation is the book of the revelation, the unveiling, and the unveiling is not simply the unveiling of the truth, the giving us an understanding of <sup>truth,</sup> ~~the~~ ~~the~~ it is the clearing up of the ~~problems~~ of this world. It is the bringing this age out to its