

sect but all through its history there have been those from time to time who tried to make it a sect. They take some point at which we differ from some other denomination and say if they hold that, we must hold the opposite, and try to push it off into a corner as though <sup>holding</sup> a circumscribed view which has not been held by Presbyterians through the ages, which is not characteristic, and which is contrary to the genus of Presbyterianism. The first outstanding feature in the attitude of Presbyterianism has been its attitude toward the Bible. We notice the attitude of Martin Luther towards the Bible. I think one of the grand things about John Calvin is <sup>the fact</sup> that John Calvin always insisted that if he derived a definite teaching from the Bible and then he derived another definite teaching from the Bible, and then you put these two <sup>teachings</sup> things together and you get a third, he would say, "I <sup>will</sup> ~~would~~ not stand on <sup>my</sup> that third or declare it as true simply because to my human mind it seems <sup>LOGICALLY</sup> ~~logical~~ to grow out of these two things I have from the Bible unless I find it also definitely taught in the Word of God. To John Calvin the Word of God was our only source of knowledge in religious matters, and that is where our Westminster Confession starts. It starts with God and how we can know God. And while we can know that God exists from the evidences in nature, to know anything about God we must turn to His Word. Presbyterianism means standing solidly on the Word of God. And then Presbyterianism has always definitely stood for the necessity of individual salvation.

In the Free Church in Scotland I was much interested, when I was there, to see the line they make between "member" and "adherent." Many of the churches have great numbers of adherents, but no one can be a member of the church unless he gives definite evidence that he has been converted and has been saved through the Lord Jesus Christ. People are welcome to hear the messages, they are welcome to participate in the services but a careful watch is taken that membership be restricted to those who truly know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. Presbyterianism has always held that salvation is an individual matter. No one is saved because of who his parents were or where he happened to live, or anything else, except whether he personally has accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and been born again through His precious blood. And our Presbyterian leaders have been characterized by their zeal and their desire