

particular point, but in relation to all this matter/ of the development of doctrine - and of course our doctrine today - there is not a single church anywhere but what much of what is given is what ;is directly taken from the Scripture - at least 60% I would say - of what you will hear in any church anywhere - is not what the/~~clergyman~~^{person} who presents it has ~~got~~ himself gotten from the Scripture, but which he has heard from others - which they may have gotten from the Sc° of they may have heard from others. We all tend to ~~tk~~ take over ideas from other people - more easily than we do to go to the Sc° and study it carefully - and find for ourselves - and ~~f~~ of course we should - because any one of us can make a foolish mistake in interpretation. And when you come up with some brilliant new Sc° insight that nobody else has heard of - the ~~chances~~ chances are you have made a mistake. Now, you might be right. You might have a new insight that valuable. But, in 99 cases out of 100, it's an idea which many others have thought of and have discarded. And so it is worth seeing what other careful students/ of the Sc° find in it. But every one gets a good part of his ideas from what he has heard from other people, rather than what he has ~~not~~^{than} studied in the Script - or, let us say, /what he has definitely checked in the Sc°. And we need to keep checking, and going to the Sc°, and seeing to how great an extent - how many of our ideas are simply what other people say. And it gradually develops - and gradually changes - and our attitudes are always changing that way - and that's why we always need to keep going right back to the Sc°. And that's why I feel that Church History is far less important than exegesis and Biblical studies. I think that in Ch. His. we see mistakes people have made - and it helps to keep us away from it. And then we also see ways in which godly people have advanced the Word - and given us (not clear) examples - they are worth while - but everything needs to be checked directly from the Scriptures. Because we all make mistakes - our minds are all fallible - and ~~they~~ they are all affected by sin. ~~But this teaching~~

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