

They are not delivered simply because of their background., simply because of their history. simply because of their genealogy, but they are delivered because the blood is applied to them.

I talked to a Prof. of Talmudic lore in the U. of Chicago some years ago, and he said to me, "The Jewish religion is the finest religion in the world because it doesn't <sup>matter</sup> what you believe. All that matters is that you perform the ~~ceremonies~~ ceremonies." He said, "You can be an atheist. You don't have to believe in God. If you perform these ~~as~~ ceremonies that is all that matters." He said, "If you want to believe in grace, that's all right!" He said, "It doesn't matter what you believe. but that you perform the ceremonies." Well, how sad; how sad. that here was a man studying the writings of rabbis that began as a commentary on the Scripture originally; studying the history of the Israelites and declaring that all that mattered is that you perform the ceremonies. It is very different if you read Ex. clearly. What good did it do to kill a lamb and put the blood on the door post? Why bother to waste the time to go through that and then when they start out from Egy. why bother to give these laws of the Passover right away? Certainly it would be ridiculous unless it represented something very vital. The fact that we need atonment for our individual sins, we must be saved thro the blood of the Lamb of God which He has sent. And so ~~at~~ immediately at the beginning of the journey the importance of the Passover is stressed. There must be constant going back to remember what is the foundation of our Christian life. In the Christian life there is the communion service which we perform <sup>if</sup> and/the communion service is a mere ceremony it is absolutely worthless ( or the communion service as a mere ceremony is absolutely worthless). I heard a man give a wonderful talk, an Episcopalian priest, on the radio one time, in which he described the need of people for their deliverance from <sup>their</sup> sin and from their difficulty of life and all that. It was a very moving talk. And then ~~he~~ he ended up, "Have you been to holy communion? Have you partaken of the holy communion? What a sham to think that