

redemption. We must put that in the center, but in all the detail we must seek them in the Scripture and not in our own thoughts for we can go astray as Pet. did.

The remaining vs. here are the Call to build Christ's Church. It continues then: Then Jesus said unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. Peter had failed to deny himself. He had put his thoughts ahead of the rev. Jesus was giving. We must deny the supremacy of our own thoughts. We must deny the supremacy of our own desires and of our own feelings of what is good to us, of what is comfortable to us. We must put Jesus first. He must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul"

The foundation of the ch. is Jesus Christ. The power of the Ch. is such that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it if it keeps its eyes upon Jesus Christ. If it seeks its truth from God's Word. If it endeavors to do what God's ~~Word~~ ~~first~~ teaches and to put Christ and His revelation first. This is based upon His death and resurrection. The central message of the ch. is that Jesus died that whosoever believeth on him might not perish but have everlasting life. Oh how we fall short of putting Him first. How ready we are to let the things of our own personal desires, our own personal comforts, ~~our~~ our personal advantage reach into our minds and attitudes and crowd out the central ~~place~~ place this should have. Oh may we all make sure we answer that question truly, Who do you ~~think~~ ~~think~~ think I am? Then let us make sure that we allow Him to use us to the very utmost to spread the message of salvation thro Jesus Christ and to study this ~~word~~ word to find what it teaches on all the various problems of life and to make them the center in our activities. Let us pray:

We thank thee for this rev. you have given us in the Bible. Our own thoughts may be wrong, they may lead us astray, even our kindest thoughts, our most loving thoughts but your Word is true. We thank you for the power you have given the ch., the power of making Jesus known, of losing those bound by Satan and we know if we truly follow as you desire us to, the gates of hell cannot prevail. Be with us and help us this yr. all to grow in the understanding of your word, to grow nearer to the Lord, and learn more and more to put your purposes first in our lives. We ask in our Saviour's Name. Amen.