

tendency is to have more care to elect this course in some present trend or in the examination of some new human ideas than to elect a course that tries to go into the Scripture, into a passage of Scripture, and really see what is there. It is a natural tendency, but it is not a tendency that God approves of. My ideal of a seminary which will never be realized anywhere, and which may never be realized actually, is to try == but my idea would be to take two years and study nothing but Greek and Hebrew, and get those languages so we knew them thoroughly. Then to take about three years and simply go through the Bible, examining each passage in the original and trying to get an understanding of what is there. And then to take two more years and draw together the material from different sections and build out theology strictly upon the Word of God.

Now of course that is not possible, so we will have to cram it together to get a little and get a start in each of these lines. And if a person goes on and studies in each of these lines through his life he will possibly grow in all of them and become more able to understand the Word of God.

I picked up a book not long ago which is widely used - a book of theology, written by a man highly thought of as a theologian, an orthodox man. In the introduction to this book he made this statement: he said a dogma cannot be made by any human being; dogmas come out of the consciousness of the church. The church reads the Scripture and over a period of years or centuries in the consciousness of the church there emerges a dogma. Well, I don't want to name the man because he has written some good things which are helpful, but this I think is utter nonsense. God has given us the Word of God from which to get our teaching. And the fact that certain people hold a view proves nothing. The question is what Does the Word of God present?