

been completely destroyed by its bitter enemies.

It is easy to see the background of the point at which Luther made his fatal error. As a young man (?) The young man Luther had no doubt of the complete authority of the church of his day. It was only as he studied the Scripture and gradually examined point after point that he came to see in how places its stand was ~~unscriptural~~ unscriptural (?) and how much wherever he became convinced that current standards were contrary to Scripture he took a firm stand upon them.

As a young man Luther had been taught the prevalent teaching about the mass-- that at the service of the mass the bread and wine are miraculously transformed into the very body and blood of Christ. ~~Mediæval~~ Medieval scholastics even discussed what becomes of the consecrated bread or wine that is left over the communion. mass. I met myself met a man who told me of seeing a little church in ~~which~~ which there was a curious glow of light and when he came to the place he found that there was bread and wine from the ~~the~~ communion mass (?) that had not been used that was still in the church. Superstitious idea has no foundation in Scripture. However, Luther felt ~~that~~ it so keenly as a young man that when he became a priest and thought he had the authority to change the bread into wine, as he held it in his hand he felt that he was holding the very body of Christ he almost fainted with the overwhelming thought of what it meant. When Luther made his trip to Rome rather early in his career ~~(the Italian)~~ one thing that began to shake his confidence in the Italian church ~~was~~ was the different attitude of the Italian priest, so different from his own. They ~~we~~ would say eight masses while he was saying one; ~~xx~~ they were in a hurry to get on with the ~~xxx~~ service and get more of them done, and while he was teaching had not developed until the 11th century A. D., and not been widely accepted until the 13th century, one of the matters which he condemned as unscriptural. He firmly denied transubstantiation, the idea that a miracle was ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~