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against the TR. You compare the TR with our evidence on the earliest MSS and you find that the difference does not affect any important doctrine in any way. But the word Christ does not occur as much in earlier MSSI as it does here. But the earlier documents teach the deity of Christ, the atonement, the great doctrines every bit as clearly as the TR does. If somebody wants to use the KJV I have no quarrel with them, but when someone says we must follow the 5 or 6 MSS that Erasmus and ignore the hundreds of MSS that were made before as 600 A.D. it is utter nonsense. But that's not a basis on which to divide Christians. I think it is wicked when Christians divide over such a basis. That is putting secondary matters first. My observation is that when we put secondary matters first, Satan tries hard for to get us to put primary matters second and very often he succeeds.

I would say the same thing is true about ordinances and ceremonies. In the OT it is explicitly said how the Passover is to be monducted, how all the services are to be conducted. All this is explicitly stated in the OT. People were looking forward to Christ. They saw Him through a glass darkly. They did not know much about Christ, and they were given simple ceremonies to suggest things to their minds and it was vital these ceremonies be done in exactly this way. Now Christ has lived and died and we know the great facts about him. Ceremonies are of far less importance than they were before. God has not prescribed how we are to perform ceremonies. Are we to have communion in our seats and have somebody bring it to us? Are we to come up to the front and take itlike many denominations do? Are we to use only unleavened bread? Are we to use