

effort to bring in a better world, and not on the teaching of Scripture. They would sit and listen and put up with it, and things would get worse and worse and worse and they would put up with it. Till finally they could not stand it any longer and they would step out, and start a new testimony which would stand forth right for the Word of God.

When they did so they would go from one extreme to the other. From being ready to put up with anything in order to maintain the fellowship in which they worked, they would now demand absolute conformity on every point. And you had to agree with me on every point or I couldnot work with you! It is one of the cleverest of Satan's devices to get people to fighting over nonessentials.

There are doctrines clearly taught in Scripture, but not among those that are most vital for salvation which bring great comfort and joy, and we have a privilege of believing them and of understanding them. We have a privilege we'd like to extend to other Christians. But when we take these doctrines and use them to hit other Christians on the head with and divide over them and make a breach of fellowship, of true Christians over them, we are doing Satan's work.

Personally I believe that premillennialism is very important. I believe it is clearly taught in Scripture. I believe that there is no doctrine in Scripture that Satan hates as much(except the atonement of Christ) as he hates premillennialism. It was hard for me to see why. I found such bitterness against it on many occasions, and I couldnot see why. I just aboutreached the conclusion that Satan knows that on this earth where he has become so successful, where he had become the prince of ~~xxx~~ this world, that on this very earth his power will be brought to a complete end when righteousness shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Therefore I believe he hates this doctrine and wants to lead people to disbelieve it. But I don't believe --- the main reason I believe premillennialism is important is not because ~~x~~ of what I think is going to happen in the future. God will bring to pass in the future what he plans. I can't help what He brings! to pass in the future. Someone may not see this doctrine as clearly as I see it but that's no reason to break Christian fellowship with him. That's no reason we can't work together to save the lost.

The reason I feel it's important to stand for premillennialism is not because I think it's important we know just what God is going to bring to pass in the future. The reason I think it is important is because I think the principles of interpretation that are necessary to get the millennial reign of Christ out of Scripture if carried out logically will get rid of the resurrection of Christ, and will reduce it to the great principle of the permanence of personality or something like that. I believe that to get rid of premillennialism you have to introduce principles of interpretation that are not tremendously harmful. And I say, Thank God that manyreal Christians who are against premillennialism are illogical and do not carry out consistently their methods of interpretation to these other central doctrines.