

belief that they were ready to give their lives for it and to spend the rest of their years presenting this idea and presenting the truths that Jesus had ~~given~~ given them. And making the start of the Christian movement so strongly that in 300 years the mighty Roman Empire ~~capitulated~~ capitulated after effort after effort to destroy Christianity.

How could this tremendous change have taken place in the disciples? You remember on the road to Emmaus they said, We thought it was He who was going to deliver Israel. And now he has been taken and killed. How could such a great change take place in them? if he was not actually raised from the dead?

So someones have said that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most clearly proven fact in all history. Certainly it is the great foundation stone of our Christian faith, that God performed this tremendous miracle and that Jesus Christ did not ~~remain~~ remain in the grave but that He lives today as the exalted Saviour and Leader of His people. What a tremendous change was produced by this.

But you know, in those who will not accept Scripture truth, they have to try to find some answer to it, and yet they cannot get away from this fact of the change in the disciples. So in recent years quite a change has taken place. In fact it began about 40 years ago. Before that the unbelievers simply denied the ~~crucifixion~~ crucifixion [resurrection]. The attitude of the liberal ministers and professors was Christianity is beautiful morality, wonderful ethics, lovely and great noble ideas, and all this miraculous stuff is just empty baggage we must do away with. The result was that 40 years ago the average liberal ~~minister~~ minister was rather dry and uninteresting and not very effecton.

Then a great change took place about 40 years ago. A change that was largely led by a Swiss pastor named Karl Barth. This movement was called neo-orthodoxy. Many people rejoiced in the tremendous change ~~because~~ because the neo-orthodox preachers were just filled with fire, with enthusaism and they were presenting great supernatural things that we can believe in. But actually they did not believe any more than the liberal ministers.

Karl Barth, for instance, believed in the bodily resurrection of Christ. And he believed in the physical return of Christ to this earth. But he said, these are not two different things, these are the same thing! ~~That~~ He said, the one is not something that happened in the past, and the other something that will happen in the future. But he said they are both here right now. What's that mean? {Laughter}

But these men spoke with such fire and such enthusiasm that many Christians thought it was a wonderful change from the old dry, destructive criticism and liberalism in the years before that. Karl Barth was here in America about 20 years ago, highly acclaimed, greatly praised, and considered as the great ~~neo-~~ neo-orthodox leader. He often talked about the resurrection. The wonderful thing about the resurrection.

Carl Henry who was then editor of Christianity Today told of an experience he had. His headquarters were in Washington, D.C. There Karl Barth had a meeting with journalists and other people. These men would rise up and ask him questions. Carl Henry said he got up and said, Carl Henry, Christianity Today. He said, I would like to ask you, Dr. Barth, suppose someone had been able to put up a moving