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In our ~~issues~~ discussions of the relation of the attitudes of Luther, Calvin and other reformers, we noticed the great difficulties and problems that they faced in presenting the Gospel

clearing the Gospel from the superstitious accretions of the Middle Ages and making it a live option for the people of their day. There had always been those who wished to completely eradicate completely to eradicate all tradition and background and simply start afresh. Most of these had little following or else had been destroyed or had developed ideas and attitudes that were very far from those of the Scripture. The great distinctive ~~feature~~ thing of Luther and ~~Calvin~~ Calvin was their desire to make the Scripture primary in every aspect of life, and their willingness to take existing organizations and situations and use them for this purpose, or mold them, rather than to attempt to throw everything away and start completely afresh. (2nd) One aspect to which Luther paid no attention at all was the aspect of church government. When people suggested that they raised the question about the bishops' ruling in the church Luther said, "Let them continue to rule; only let them present the Gospel." Under the circumstances this was quite unrealistic, and there were many secular leaders who were became ardent followers of Luther, and if it had not been for their support and backing, humanly speaking, he would have been burned at the stake early in his career. When these men opposed the ecclesiastical leadership of their day Luther naturally felt a friendship for them rather than to the others. In Denmark a king invited Luther to send representatives to present the true Gospel. The church there was corrupt and lazy, and Luther's representatives gave the others full opportunity to debate the issues but they proved the defenders of the mediaeval medieval views proved so impotent that the people were very indignant against them for claiming to be religious leaders, and they left the country. The king then invited Luther to send in men to organize the religious life of Denmark, and a whole