

gradually through the king's force and power. In Denmark the situation was very different.

Thus both in Sweden and in Denmark the royal power over the church was very great, even though the situation was quite different in the two. The Church of England claims to have apostolic succession and recognizes that the Swedish church also does, ~~xxxx~~ has, but in view of the complete change break ~~of~~ in the ~~xxxx~~ continuity of the Danish church it feels that the situation there is different. A minister of the Swedish church can preach in a Church of England pulpit; ~~a minister~~ minister (?) it would be illegal for a member of the ~~xxxx~~ Danish church to be allowed to do so, since they do not have apostolic succession. Apostolic succession is another of the ~~xxxx~~ shibboleths not representing much real meaning, but ^{something} ~~smoothing~~ that becomes very active in people's prejudices and ideas. Let us try to avoid shibboleths and to build on the solid teaching of God's Word. W Even those who claim to ^{not} In our day there is ~~xxxx~~ not so much interest in organization; ~~xxx~~ the interest is in other aspects, but in all of these there is great danger of our adopting shibboleths instead of carefully searching the Word of God to see what it actually teaches.

Calvin strongly resisted the idea that the government should control the church. This Although his only difference in doctrine with Luther was over the meaning of the communion service, and ^{here} ~~here~~ the difference was not very great. In matters of church government he felt very strongly, while Luther did not actually enter this field at all, but took -things as they came. Calvin felt it was very vital that the church should have control over its own church life, and should have the right to exclude ^{from} ~~from~~ its membership those who would ~~be~~ bring ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ^{unbelief} in doctrine erroneous doctrine or erroneous wicked life practices into it.