

IS YOUR QUESTION—

“Where Shall I Study?”

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“Let not him that girdeth on his armour boast himself as he that putteth it off.” (I Kings 20:11.)

Once a person has been saved from sin, and has been called of God to the teaching or preaching ministry, he must then study in order to acceptably serve his Lord.

Is your question now, “Where shall I study?” If it is, then you will do well to choose a theological seminary which is

SOUND IN FAITH,
SCHOLARLY IN APPROACH,
SENSIBLE IN EMPHASIS.

I. *Choose a Seminary which is sound in Faith.*

Theological seminaries may be divided into three types: (1) those thoroughly sound, (2) those ultra-modernist, and (3) those somewhere “in between.” When a student is faced with the question, “To which of these three types shall I go?” the answer depends upon his purpose. If to serve the Lord Jesus Christ, then there is no question as to which type he should attend; the thoroughly sound seminary.

Let us suppose, however, that his purpose is not only to serve the Lord but also to get along as well as he can himself. He would say, “I know I want to serve the Lord, but maybe I can get a little more for myself out of it if I don’t go to a sound seminary that has a stigma attached to it. I don’t want people to say, ‘Here’s a man who stands for a certain old-fashioned view and he isn’t up to date on these modern denials.’ Can’t I find somewhere an old institution that has a great name and is somewhat sound since it has a few sound men — or at least, men who give indication of being somewhat sound — on its faculty?”

Well, in answer to this we say that, if a person desires to get a training with which he can serve the Lord, but is unwilling to go to a sound seminary, then he should *not* go to an “in between” one, but his second choice should be very definitely the ultra-modernist seminary!

At this point, one might question whether it is possible to go to an ultra-modernist seminary and still hold to one’s faith. Theoretically, it certainly ought to be possible. A person conceivably should be able to go to the seminary and say every day, “I am not here to learn to serve the Lord; I am here to get a degree and a certain amount of prestige that will give me an opening into a church. When I get to that church I will preach the theology that I learned as a child, that I learned in Sunday School.” If such is one’s purpose, he might perhaps be able to go to the ultra-modernist seminary — well known for having cut loose of the inerrant Bible — and refuse adamantly to accept anything that he hears, rather simply memorizing sufficient of what he hears to write it down when required, get his credits and take his degree.

Very seldom does it work out in actual practice, however, that a man rejects everything he is taught every school day for three seminary years. He usually ends by being “taken in” by antichristian doctrines.

Ultra-modernistic seminaries do not exalt the Christ of the Bible, who came to earth for the express purpose of being a substitute for sinners, thus to satisfy divine justice. They present, rather, humanistic self-help approaches to per-