

a. Inspiration is Vital, but is not the Totality of orthodox theology,
by any means.

Sometimes the statements by fundamentalists give the impression that nothing else is quite as important as the attitude toward the Bible. This just a little, a few words will show the fallacy of this. James says, thou believest in one God, thou doest well, the devils believe and tremble. The same could be said about the inspiration of the Bible. A person can believe that the Bible is absolutely free from error, but this will not save him. On the other hand a person may be very ignorant about the Bible, they never have thought through clearly the question whether it is entirely free from error or not, and yet may have a saving relation to Christ. This latter is not the attitude we can expect from the informed Christian but it ~~is~~ has probably been true of many who have been truly saved and have been true Christians all through the ages. It may be questioned whether orthodox Christianity will stay orthodox very long if inspiration of the Scripture ceases to have the place which Christ and the apostles give it, but it is necessary to ~~w~~ stress that while it is very important it is by no means the totality of orthodox theology. Certain other points must also be noticed.

b. Extremely Important as a Foundation.

Christianity teaches ~~that~~ not that one is ~~saved~~ saved because he believes the Bible is free from error, but that he is saved because he has faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. ~~The~~ Belief in the Bible never saved anybody. But orthodox theology holds that the Bible is the foundation upon which all Christian theology must be built. It holds that it is necessary if we are to learn things in the spiritual realm that we have a revelation from one who knows. A communication from one who can tell us things that we could not possibly learn otherwise. This communication it believes is found in the Bible. Consequently, if orthodox theology is to grow at all it must grow through further study and understanding of the 66 books ~~of~~ the word of God. It is the foundation of all orthodox theology. The foundation without that which stands upon it is of little avail. The superstructure is also necessary.