

- f. Orthodox Theology places its emphasis on that which is emphasized in the Bible, not on that which is rare or which seems obscure.

It is a sad fact that denominations have been founded and great theological wars have been waged over matters which ~~are~~ are not clearly taught in the Bible. It is not simply necessary to believe that all the Bible is true, it should also be recognized that God who is the author of the Bible stressed and emphasized those matters that He desired us to emphasize. The features where they are common to orthodox theology has held in the different Christian groups are clearly emphasized ^{and stated} in the Bible, presented so plainly that "a wayfaring man though a fool need not err therein." Alas, how often people take something that is based only on the interpretation of one particular verse, or that is based on a questionable interpretation of a certain Greek or Hebrew word and make it the cornerstone of their theology. Orthodox theology should hold, should place its emphasis where the Bible places its emphasis and should hold that what God wished us to put in a place of major importance He has repeated and stressed and expressed so plainly that an honest person must admit that that is what the statement means.

g. Why We Accept the Bible as God's Word.

The Christian does not accept the Bible as God's inerrant word because he believes that he can prove that everything in it is true. If this could be done it would not be an infallible book nor an expression of the mind of God but simply a statement of what we already knew.

If a man receives a letter from a friend in a distant country, he does not try to prove that the letter is dependable by thinking that he can give evidence that every one of its statements is true. If he could do so there would be no need of having the letter. If he has reason to be sure that the letter has come from the individual who had signed it, and if he had confidence in this individual as a man of care and of truthfulness, then he can have confidence in the statements of the letter.