

world is that Jesus Christ is coming back to bring an end to the wickedness of this age and set up His own glorious kingdom of righteousness and happiness and the a-millennialist shares half of that optimistic outlook because he believes that Christ may come back soon to an unconverted world to bring an end to evil. But the post-millennialist believes that through the preaching of the Gospel all the world is going to be converted. And I must say one has tremendous faith if he can believe that that's going to happen after we've not made any further progress in 2000 years than we have. And there are very, very few people today who hold the post-millennialist view - very, very, very few. It takes tremendous faith and it's grand to have faith provided your faith is grounded in something solid. But I know of nowhere in the Bible that it predicts that the Gospel will conquer the world - I know of nowhere where it makes any such prediction. But it does predict that Jesus Christ will come back and put an end to wickedness and that while He tarries we should preach the salvation by grace, that as many as possible may come to accept Him and be saved. And if the Scofield Bible in its notes has done all these wonderful things that he says are its virtues, I think it's done a tremendous lot of good, even if it has not supported the eschatological view that he maintains which is this glorious optimistic view that we, by our preaching, are going to bring in the kingdom. It would be wonderful if God chose to bring it that way. But very, very few theologians have any faith that it's apt to be - very, very few. In fact he's almost the only one I know. (Comment from the audience - "Except the modernists"). Well, there though I think we should sharply distinguish. A sound, a Bible-believing post-millennialist and modernism can superficially sound very similar because the modernist believes that the whole world is going to become righteous and wonderful through social improvement and betterment. The post-millennialist believes-the true post-millennialist believes that through the preaching of the gospel all the world will be won to Christ and that will change the world. Superficially they sound alike but actually a real post-millennialist is a real evangelical Christian and actually he's miles apart from a modernist who believes in human betterment through human effort. Actually he is (11.75) and it's just unfortunate that in the past many of them spoke of both groups so that they could be confused. But Boettner isn't that way. Boettner is a sound, earnest Christian who stands for the great doctrines of the faith and I'm just sorry that on this particular point he has