

of truth. Either of them may be ~~ppp~~ pushed to such an extreme as to become a caricature. Yet each of these terms represents an emphasis on a vital side of Scriptural teaching and it is unfortunate that such attitudes should have developed. Unfortunately many discussions seem to develop more heat than light.

It is most vital that a Christian leader should know exactly how much of each emphasis to adopt and which false views and exaggerations to avoid. This balanced understanding requires a scholarly theological training, including an ability to examine the important passages in the original languages. Before one has had this training, he is hardly in a position to make a fair judgment on the many detailed aspects that are involved.

Paragraph A

I have never been anxious to train people to follow a party line and quote uncritically the view of particular human leaders. I would like to see men who are able to examine the Scripture for themselves and to determine the Divine teaching on each point under discussion. I have had much experience with people who make a fetish of one or other of these two designations and have often found them to differ among themselves in most bewildering fashion. Some of each group being far nearer in their views to some who used the other title than to some who used the same title as themselves. You might find it interesting in your contacts with those who speak glibly about Dispensationalism or Covenant Theology to ask them to define the two terms. If possible, get them to give you a precise statement. It will be interesting to see how completely the different statements will often differ from one another. In ~~ppp~~ most cases those who consider one of these terms to be a summary description of all that is evil have a completely false notion as to what the term actually means all use its used by intelligent leaders who are designated by it.

I would be glad to make suggestions of particular lines of study to follow in order to work into specific aspects of truth that interest you. I feel, however, that the effort to get to complete and contrasting system into focus in order to make a decision between them is not the method that is apt to be