

has any defect in their character must be immediately removed from it. And that, of course, is absolutely impossible. A true church must include only people who believe in the deity of Christ and the truth of the Word. It ~~should~~ ^{should} include only people who sincerely consider themselves to be saved through the blood of Christ. But it doesn't mean that there are people who feel that they have attained, that they have reached perfection at all. People in the world may have a high ethical standard, some of them, than even members of the church have, but everyone in the church should be one who ^{is} sincerely following the Lord and trying to ~~improve~~ improve. It ~~isn't~~ isn't the state you've reached, but the direction you are moving in, that is vital, and the church should have a very definite standard, but it cannot preach, insist on perfection, because such a thing is not possible in this world in which there is sin and ~~this~~ world in which Satan reigns. Well now, just exactly what the real attitude of the Donatists was in this regard, it would be very ~~difficult~~ difficult to say, because ^{while} there is a great deal of material on it, most of the material that has been preserved comes from their enemies, and there isn't so much of what they actually wrote that is preserved, and many think that they were a very large group. They had hundreds of bishops. And when you have such a large group as that you would have different opinions and different viewpoints in different sections of it. It is inevitable. You can not just make a sharp line: this is the Donatist view, and this is its opposite. You cannot do that, although you might be able to ~~give~~ make a better approximation of their views with a great deal of study. But at least-- certain outstanding things stand out, and one of them is ~~that~~ this: that the Donatist would say that the man who had been ordained a bishop ~~was~~ why then he was a 14 1/2 , he all his essential books-- he cannot be a . What a position.... (end of record)