

hist. of religion. It is not the histo. of human ideas of religion. Not at all. Ch. hist. is the hist. of the Christian movement. It is not simply the hist. of an organization, it is not to know who have been the leaders of the church, ~~but~~ what decisions have been made by councils, such matters are important, but they are far from all that is meant by ch. hist. Ch. Hist. is interested in the lives of the ~~peo~~ people and the forces that molded them. Their relationships to the great movements. It is the history of the religious life of those people who have used the name of Christian, that is what ch. hist. is.

Now, in the proper sense, the church has existed where ever there are people who have been saved, people who are not lost are part of the true church. ~~As~~ If Adam was saved, ~~he~~ was part of the true church. And so in a sense, ch. hist. would begin with the Garden of Eden, but we study the hist. of the church prior to the end of the Bible under other headings. We study O. T. History, and we study prophetic hist. and ~~a~~ apostolic hist. and we learn of the hist. of the people of God in different periods under these headings. Ch. hist. is restricted, more than the term itself would require. It is restricted to the hist. of the ~~peo~~ple of God since Biblical times. We are not properly including in ch. hist. the hist. of the Christian church in the Biblical times, that goes under apstolic hist. We are interested in it in hist. in the sense not of that which we learn from God's Word and revelation, but that which we learn from human accounts of events which have occurred. It is a part of the world picture that we are interested in, but that ~~part~~ part which deals with the religious life and activites of the saved people and their relation to us.

The result of this is that in ch. hist. we pay little attention to Buddhism. Buddhism is very important in religious hist. of the world. There are millions of people who are the followers of Buddha. It is a very important movement and ~~a~~ of great importance in the hist. of religion, of great importance in the study of missions. ~~But~~ But it ihas had little, if any effect on the development of the Christian church, so we will hardly want