

this. Paul made a great mistake when he ~~was~~ was in Athens by preaching on the altars of the unknown god, and by proceeding to use philosophic arguments on Mars Hill in dealing with the people. And then Paul made this great mistake, and when he went down to Corinth he resolved to correct the mistake and he merely gave a simple message of salvation through Christ, and he ~~says~~ says in Corinthians, I resolve that you should know nothing save Christ. Well, that is an inference, which from the human history one might be altogether justified in drawing. If the man made a great mistake here, he corrected it at another place. But in this case we have a divine history, in which the Holy Spirit has led in the selection of events described, and we are given in full that wonderful talk which Paul gave on Mars Hill, and there is no statement in the epistles or in Acts anywhere to say that Paul was mistaken ~~in~~ in it. There is none whatever. And when we have in the inspired Book, an account of the acts of the apostle who was leading in the work of Christ, and we have no definite statement for strong inference that he made a mistake in what he did, we must go very ~~very~~ slowly in saying that the apostle made a mistake. Though I would say that that is the type of inference that is very dangerous to ~~make~~ make. Now of course anyone could make a false inference, but that is a thing which I insist upon, not that the deeds of the apostles were perfect, by no means, they were fallible men. When they spoke as instruments of revelation, when they wrote by the inspiration of the ~~Holy~~ Holy Spirit, their words were kept from error. But when Peter and Paul wrote together, they were ~~not~~ not both infallible and were not both true.

The apostles made mistakes, they were fallible men, and it was only as God led them in their writing, ~~that~~ of part of the Scripture, that their word was free from error. Nevertheless, the Holy Spirit in selecting the account of their deeds is giving us examples and when He is giving us mistakes for us to avoid, we can be sure that He will ~~make~~ make it clear to us that these are mistakes to be avoided. So the deeds of the apostles, and the deeds of the church in the early days, in general, are as described in the Book of Acts, are certainly examples for us, save when we find in the