

them to the extent of the work of Christ. It requires it. And on the other ~~hand~~ hand, the principle of the individual priesthood of the believer, the principle which has been so important in the development of most everything that has gone ahead, the principle of the freedom of enterprise, the principle of calling out the individual, and encouraging him to think up ways to advance the work of Christ, is something which is easily stifled with too large an organization.

And so the system of having a few ~~denominations~~ denominations, which recognize one another as true Christians, and which cooperate with one another in certain ways, but which have, each of them, a certain separatness from others, and yet each of them is fairly large. And so ~~it can get~~ it can get together to advance the kingdom of <sup>God</sup> God. There is much to be said for that. I feel that this attitude, that talks of the great scandal of the denominations, is a wrong attitude but I feel that this is right, that it is not too proper ~~for~~ for any true Christian to be satisfied through the fellowship of only the congregation to which he belongs. A tiny ~~group~~ group of people separate from another tiny group, ~~and~~.....(3)

So our present denominational system, where ~~it~~ in the Scripture is there any warrant for two groups of Christians recognizing each other, being separate because they have a different idea on a doctrine which is not essential to salvation or on a fine point, or on a form or way of doing a ceremony. There is absolutely no warrant in Scripture for it. But it is something that works out in a practical way. If people get the idea that their particular doctrinal viewpoint is necessary to Christianity, and others are outside the pale of Christianity, I would say ~~that~~ that they are coming pretty near to putting themselves out. The Lord wants us to have a true fellowship with all Christians and we must recognize that Christians will differ from us on some of these different ~~and~~ doctrines. On the other ~~hand~~ hand, ~~the~~ the Lord's cause may be advanced by, instead of our getting together in a little group, or in a group that is going to be constantly fighting over differences on minor matters, having those who agree on certain points get together, and