

then they don't have to be worried about those particular points, they can go forward for the cause of Christ. And have the two compete with each other, not by way of trying to convince the world of the smaller points on which they differ, but on the salvation through Christ. On the ground of expediency, I think there is much to be ~~said~~ said for the denominational system, if we keep these two points before us and work at them and don't let ourselves settle down into simply being satisfied with what the situation is.

(question) Well, now, on that matter, the presbyterian view is this.

It is wrong to forbid entrance to the church to anyone ~~through~~ who Christ....(5) That is to say, it is historically held by presbyterians, and as you all must know, clearly stated in the form of govt. of the Bible Presbyterian Church, that a person can become a member of the church who believes in Christ for salvation. The door of the church is as wide as the door to the kingdom of Heaven. You have a group, an organization, which members cannot join unless they have subscribed to a detailed creed which rules out true Christians, we consider as ~~unChristian~~ sectarian and as unChristian. But, on the otherhand, the presbyterian church holds that it is desirable for a group of people to have certain general views. To unite together in a system ~~which~~ which would induce the teaching.....(6) So that in the pres. system, a very definite acceptance of the Calvinistic system of theology of the basic principles of presbyterianism is required of those who are to be ruling elders, or to be ministers, but very definitely not for membership in the church. It is in between there. It is a group of people gathered together to advance a certain view, but not a creedal requirement of the individual member. Now, there have been groups who have tried to write a long creedal thing which every member has to sign. And you will find that, as a rule, many of the men in it have little understanding of what it says and means, and it either ~~leads~~ leads to a great deal of difficulty at the ~~beginning~~ beginning to understand or it leads to an attitude where signing the creed is like dropping a nickel into the collection plate.

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