

Christian unity and seeking proper individual~~xxxx~~ initiative, forwarding the Word of ~~the~~ Christ, must both be held before our eyes. I think that is already been pointed out.

Let's go on. Six is the same way. Complete independency is non-existent. I stated that before. Complete Christian union is unworkable. We must seek to find the proper area of action between the two. That is, I don't think we should be ~~xxxx~~ satisfied with what we find in our group. We don't have to go out and change things overnight, anyway. We do not have to make great changes in our life, but I think we should have principles in mind and see where there are points directly for which we should strive.

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I have known people who say, the church controls the people. I have ~~heard~~ heard this statement made, when you get the general assembly of the Pres. Ch. it is the same as if ~~you~~ you have all the people there together and whatever they decide is for the whole church. Now, I think that is un-Presbyterian, and I do not believe that there~~is~~ is any warrant for that in the Scripture. <sup>The</sup> church has certain definite spheres of authority. Now, number 1, the visible church should provide the opportunity for the personal strengthening that comes from fellowship with other ~~xxxxxxx~~ Christians. Certainly this is the basic reason for the establishment of a church. The visible church should provide the opportunity for the personal strengthening that comes from fellowship with other Christians. One can live as a hermit, and study ~~the~~ Scriptures, and pray to God, and be a true ~~the~~ Christian, but it is not the normal thing. God commands that we should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but should work together with other Christians. And have the strengthening that comes from worship in groups.

Number 2, the ~~the~~ visible church should provide effective and ~~some~~ sound instruction in Christian ~~principles~~ principles. This certainly is very very important. And here, of course, is perhaps ~~some~~ some warrant for denominations. But it is not a Scriptural~~warrant~~ warrant, but ~~xxxx~~ on the grounds of the