

false, but is this contrary to the Scripture. Or is this permitted by the
 Scripture, ^{but} ~~that~~ perhaps not the wise thing to do. Or is this permitted by the
 Scripture and the ~~is~~ wise thing to do. We will want to go on to that. It will
 be our next head, which will be a history of the govt. of the visible church,
 which will be ~~ix~~ number V. (break in record)

Let's get our minds to working on some of these questions. The main head
 on which we were discussing at the end of the last hour was D, the summary.
 The N.T. very definitely shows that the visible church is organized. Officials
 are appointed, officials act, there are special functions, that is clear.
 The visible churches, in the time of the apostles, were organized. They had
 officials with particular functions for them, they had orderly manners
 of doing business. But we do not have the form of govt. of the ~~apostolic~~
 churches. If we had a book which said the form of govt. of the church of
 Christ. Number one, there shall be the following officers, in this church.
 Number two, these officers shall be appointed in this way. Number three,
~~the~~ the membership shall consist of such and such. A form of govt. like that
 is a necessary thing with any human organization, although sometimes it sort
 of grows up, rather than being written in the first, as in the case of the
 British ~~govt.~~ govt. In the U.S. we made a constitution, and then we followed
 the constitution. And then if it doesn't fit we either change it or we
 interpret it. The British, they don't have a written constitution, but they
 have gradually developed certain ways of doing ~~the~~ things. And they have a
 development which is very set and rigid. Customs have to be followed, so there
 is just as rigid a constitution ~~as~~ in England as in any other country. It can
 be changed, as it can be changed in any other country, but it ~~has~~ developed.
 In the case ~~of~~ of the Christian church, we have evidence of definite ~~ways~~
 ways of doing things. In the time of the apostles. We do not have evidence of
 a written constitution. We have evidence that certain things, everybody knew
 was the way to do things. You don't need to write it down. And there are
 certain things which ~~the~~ gradually developed and changed as occasions
 came, like in Acts 6. A situation arose, a problem was before them, they proceed