

in the fifth one. I do think that here we have five cases, of which four talk about church officials. And one talks about Christ. Now you might say that for church officials it is bishop and the fifth one that speaks of Christ, that is different from a church official, let's translate overseer there. But there it is translated bishop. And one of these they have changed. Now that I think is definitely confusing. I think perhaps we could find a reason for their inconsistency.

But I think that this other ~~w~~ question gets at another very vital thing, which is why do ~~p~~ many protestant churches ~~w~~ not have bishops. The reason is because the word bishop at the time of the reformation, had come to be used for over official. Now that is not the N.T. use. I mean over officials over several churches. It is not the N.T. use ~~is~~ of the word. And some writers say that it would be better if the protestant churches had kept the word and had used it in the N.T. sense. The word minister is not the N.T. word. The word minister is a translation of several words, in the N.T. I say that it doesn't have any particular meaning, minister. It has just become a term. The word episcopus, overseer, is the ~~xx~~ word used in the N.T. for those in direction of the church. Well, if we had called our ministers bishops, we would be following the N.T. usage. But we didn't do it, in the time of the reformation. Now, perhaps a good reason could be made for our not doing it, but why ~~was~~ make a big ~~argument~~ argument. The word is universally used for an official over a lot of churches. Well, now if you are not going to have such officials, why ~~do not~~ drop ~~the~~ the word. Use a different word. ~~Q'~~ I think a good ~~argument~~ argument could be made for this. In our usage, the dropping of the word. Or for ~~w~~ keeping it. I think that if it weren't so widely used, it would be much better to keep it. But ~~xxx~~ since it was so widely used, why bother. Maybe that was the way they felt. They just dropped it. And so the word is not used in our churches, anymore. Consequently, if we were to make a new translation and to make it overseer, it might be all right, but whichever, make it overseer or make it bishop, I think they ought to keep it consistent.