

II. A BROAD SURVEY OF THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT

A. Historical Survey

We have offered something of a definition of the subject on page 10 in our introductory material. What we now hope to do is to see something of the history and nature of the movement. One of the obstacles one will meet in such a study is the understanding of language. Without going into specifics at the moment, remember that the mere utterance of a term does not mean that the term is believed or understood as you may understand it. It is no accident that, in the New Testament, hypocrites and mere professors often say "Lord, Lord.."

1. The Biblical Background

- a. The intercessory prayer of the Lord, John 17

- b. The apostolic pattern, Acts 2, 4

- c. The apostolic doctrinal instruction, Ephesians 4

- d. The apostolic ecclesiastical portrait, 1 Corinthians 12

- e. The eternal city analogy, Hebrews 12

- f. The Old Testament camp of Israel analogy

These all demonstrate the essential oneness that is the basic picture of the people of God. We are not told, in