

- Ideals (hopes) tended to become equalized and anyone's visions given credibility with all others.
- Uncertainty about what the church should really be and what it should aim to accomplish.
- And large questions about the church role in the societal, moral, political picture.

We have not solved these things yet! They continue to keep us confused. In the earlier centuries the church may not have been right but it had a view that was fairly uniform. Our present ecclesiastical picture has been shattered with many hostile views and presentations of these things. I will probably elaborate on it in class and hope you can stay awake for the whole thing.

#### B. The Nature of Reactions

We do not need to write or say a lot about this but a brief defining of the terms is needed.

1. Separatist reaction indicates the concept of some that those who adhere to the faith of the Bible should not be involved in programs or churches (religious activity) with those who do not so adhere. The concept is that..as Christ has no agreement with Belial, those who are Christ's should not have agreement with Belial.
2. Non-Separatist reaction indicates the continuance of the idea of a church within a church...those who were evangelical would continue to promote truth even if the framework in which they were making the promotion were to be anti-truth and contrary to their efforts.
3. No overt reaction ( I haven't thought of a clever name for it, yet) but it indicates the movement of the great majority to just allow matters to stand as they were with no corrective or no designed program one way or the other. A very easy mood into which one may fall.

And of course not everyone or everything may be so easily programmed but this is how it seems to me and so it is the thing I am mentioning to you in such short divisions.

#### C. An Analysis of Separatist Reaction

As attempted in definition above, separatism is the term describing those who felt tolerance of unbelief was impossible and consequently they separated their affiliations from systems and institutions in which said practices were taught. Different lines of separatism will develop historically and, as it is a reactionary force, there will not be the sort of uniformity of ideal as to keep all the parties working together in a practical or harmonistic way.