

John moved the Roman church more into the progressive economic and emotional spirit of our times. Whether he was a madman, one inspired of the devil, or a true saint, is beyond the limits of our course. But he infused the Roman church with a more cooperative spirit than it had known for centuries and his aim with the council seems to have been to have diffuse power from the Vatican prelates to the totality of the church.

Vatican II made many changes in the Roman superstructure without really bothering the foundation much at all. A number of the points made Rome more possible for Protestants and I will discuss some of these in detail. In two constitutional moves the church gave more open sanction to the body of Christ but, as noted earlier, gave up nothing of its strong position as the unilateral spirit body of Christ.

Perhaps the most telling incident of this came at Geneva when Paul VI visited the headquarters of the World Council of Churches. He introduced himself simply by saying.. "We are Peter."

Current Roman overtures include joint evangelism studies with protestant bodies and certain academic initiatives. It is a very interesting subject to watch and to see how it falls out. In the mind of TWT, the great church described in Revelation is not so far away as some think.

E. Notes on Ecumenism and Evangelism

1. Question in beginning: How can liberals make use of a biblicist in evangelism. Answer: very easily if he does not shoot at the nest.
2. The World Congress on Evangelism
3. Effects and efforts of evangelism in ecumenical perspective.
4. And a note, in case you think we have forgotten, on the impact of Billy Graham in this whole sphere of things.