

THE BELIEVER'S EMOTIONAL LIFE

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I. SOME GENERAL INTRODUCTORY NOTES

First of all, we are not going to exhaust the subject. This is a fragmentary study at best and what it may be at worst someone else will need to decide. In addition we are not going to discuss the emotions as such but the way in which the believer is able to cope and direct them in life. We may evoke more questions than answers but in this nervous, traumatic age we need to think in some detail about the way in which the believer lives emotionally. Our concept is that the total person worships the Lord and the worshipper should not be at the unnecessary mercies of any of the life forces that may otherwise disturb one.

In regard to this we must note the following and due to the lack of space we must do it in some outlined form:

--We who are believers are just people but we are redeemed, free from condemnation and destined for glory.

--In this role we are thoroughly human but by the new birth we are as well the very children of God.

--Connected to this is the truth that we are not superpersons but in truth we have supernatural resources through the Holy Spirit, prayer, and the Word of God.

--Nor are we immune to the normal problems of life, but while we participate in them we are superintended of God and not limited by them.

--Of course we are not infallible. We are forgiven and empowered to live in Christ

--And our emotional lives are under the same pressures as are those of others but are potentially, at least, spiritually governed.