

points made Rome more possible for Protestants and I will discuss some of these in more 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 only true spirit-body of Christ. Perhaps the most telling incident of this came at the Geneva headquarters of the World Council of Churches when it was visited by Paul VI who simply introduced himself 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 see how it falls out. In the mind of TWT the great church described in Revelation 17 and 18 is not so far away as some may think.

7. Note on Ecumenism and Evangelism

It may be questioned how liberals can use evangelists who proclaim the saving message and the answer is simply that so long as the evangelist doesn't shoot at or disturb the nest, the liberals can use any offered service very nicely. The leading example is the ministry of Dr. Graham, of course, and the great meetings of the World Congresses on Evangelism. Liberalism does not have much life force in itself and must depend on contributions from other members of the societal order. Evangelicals can supply some of this and so long as they can accept the status quo of the church they are useful.

D. ALTERNATIVE IDEALS AND MOVES

In this major portion of our notes the discussion has centered on the ecumenical dilemma and the rise, etc., of modern unbelief. We have surveyed some of the reactions to the matters in the area of separatist and non-separatist church moves. But now we look at alternative ideals to ecumenism and the cries for unity. As in earlier sections, our discussion is not total but necessarily proceeds in fragmented sections.

1. Conditioning factors

The largest evangelical reaction has been a "so what" sort of response with a few notable exceptions. There has not been a single-class reaction that could fit the total picture. The lack of unity in reaction is striking. Some deny the problem, some compromise, some hide, some buy guns (!) but to a large extent the reaction has consisted mostly of assorted forms of anger in which the fire is either banked or put out. Those who have reacted openly have often done so with intemperance and have damaged their