

Lecture 7: Speaking the Truth in Love

Father, we thank You again for lovely weather. We thank You for Your love to us which is the same yesterday, today and forever. While everything else changes, You remain the same. We pray Father, that You will be with us, and help us in our understanding. As we think about some difficult and sometimes controversial issues, we pray that You will grant us a clear vision of Your way. So Father be with us we ask for Jesus' sake, Amen.

Review and Introduction: In the last lecture, Professor Barrs summarized lessons from the period of the Schaeffer's time in St. Louis. He ended the lecture by beginning a review of the outstanding issues raised by the Separated Movement. The first four were: 1) commitment to truth, 2) distinguishing between essentials and non-essentials, 3) commitment to the purity of the church, and 4) how to regard those who remain in a "mixed" denomination. He continues his review with the fifth issue: cooperation.

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III. Separated Christianity (cont.)

A. Evident in their work

B. Concerns of the Schaeffers

C. The issues

1. Commitment to truth over against falsehood

2. Necessity to distinguish between essentials and non-essentials

3. Commitment to the purity of the church

4. How to regard those evangelicals who remain in "mixed" denominations

5. Cooperation at the local level

1. Children for Christ

2. Francis' Europe experience

3. "Second degree separation"

D. The dangers of being part of the separated movement—negativism

1. Ingrown—Pride

2. "Witch-hunting"—Narrowness

3. Man-centered rather than God-centered

4. Conservatism for its own sake

5. Definition of being against something rather than for the truth

E. Speaking the truth in love—Bishop Pike debate; Wesley and Whitefield

IV. Continued Prayer for Direction (Tapestry, page 246)

V. Independent Board of Presbyterian Foreign Missions/Europe (Spring 1947)

A. Condition of the church

B. Awareness of dangers of neo-orthodoxy

C. Status of children's work

D. Represented the IBPFM and the American Council of Christian Churches (ACCC)

E. Family in Cape Cod