

From the light that the Lord has been pleased to give me, you are in danger of doing the same work, presenting before others *truths which have had their place and done their specific work for the time, in the history* of the faith of the people of God. You recognize these facts in Bible history as true, *but apply them to the future. They have their force still in their proper place, in the chain of events that have made us as a people what we are today, and as such, they are to be presented to those who are in the darkness of error.* The true workers of Jesus Christ are to *cooperate with their brethren who have had an experience in the work from the very rise of the third angel's message. These followed on step by step, receiving light and truth as they advanced, bearing one test after another, lifting the cross that lay directly in their pathway, and pressing on to know the Lord, whose goings forth are prepared as the morning.* You and other of our brethren **must accept the truth as God has given it to His students of prophecy,** *as they have been led by genuine, living experience, advancing point by point, tested, proved, and tried, until the truth is to them a reality. From their voices and pens the truth in bright, warm rays has gone to all parts of the world, and that which was to them testing truth, as brought by the Lord's delegated messengers, is testing truth to all to whom this message is proclaimed.* {2SM 102.3}

"I saw that the shepherds should ***consult those in whom*** they have reason to have confidence, ***those who have been in all the messages, and are firm in all the present truth,*** before they advocate new points of importance, which they may think the Bible sustains. Then the shepherds will be *perfectly united* and the union of the shepherds will be felt by the church. Such a course I saw would prevent unhappy *divisions*, and then there would be no danger of the precious flock being divided and the sheep *scattered* without a shepherd." EW 61:3-62

Early Workers to Speak.--God has given me light regarding our periodicals. What is it?--He has said that the dead are to speak. How?--Their works shall follow them. We are to repeat the words of the pioneers in our work, ***who knew what it cost to search for the truth as for hidden treasure, and who labored to lay the foundation of our work.*** They moved forward step by step under the influence of the Spirit of God. One by one these pioneers are passing away. The word given me is, Let that which these men have written in the past be reproduced. And in the Signs of the Times let not the articles be long or the print fine. Do not try to crowd everything into one number of the paper. Let the print be good, and let earnest, living experiences be put into the paper. {CW 28.1}

A few are still alive ***who passed through the experience gained in the establishment of this truth. God has graciously spared their lives to repeat and repeat till the close of their lives, the experience through which they passed even as did John the apostle till the very close of his life.*** And the standard-bearers who have fallen in death, are to speak through the reprinting of their writings. I am instructed that thus their voices are to be heard. **They are to bear their testimony as to what constitutes the truth for this time.** {CW 32.1}

We are not to receive the words of those who come with a message that contradicts the special points of our faith. They gather together a mass of Scripture, and pile it as proof around their asserted theories. This has been done over and over again during the past fifty years. And

while the Scriptures are God's word, and are to be respected, the application of them, ***if such application moves one pillar from the foundation that God has sustained these fifty years, is a great mistake.*** He who makes such an application knows not the wonderful demonstration of the Holy Spirit that gave power and force to the past messages that have come to the people of God.-- Preach the Word, p. 5. (1905.) {CW 32.2}