

How does God work in the Church?

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I What work does he want to do? – in or thro'

- a) in
 - (i) Conformity to Christ
 - (ii) Community growth
 - (iii) Communication of Himself
- b) 'thro'
 - (i) Kingdom's Agent
 - (ii) Beginnings Ü Fulfilment
 - (iii) Chaos Ü Completion

II How does He engage? – models

- a) Rationalism (Descartes) thoughts, mind
Battery
- b) Empiricism (Locke) phenomena, sense
T.V.
- c) Romanticism (Schleimacher) ascetic, feelings
Radio
- d) Existentialism (Kirkegaard) choice, will
Computer

III What co-operation from the church is required?

- a) Word (Preaching, proclaiming)
 - b) Prayer (Worshipping, unity)
 - c) Faith (Believing)
 - d) Obedience (Seeking-Kingdom, Holiness)
 - e) Endurance (Suffering, martyrdom)
- i. Job ch 1-2; 19
 - ii. Paul Phil 1:19; 1:15, 17; 1:29
Job 13:27 LXX = Phil 1:19
c.f. also (Job 9:25; 19:25; 30:23) LXX