

THE REVISED PLESHEY DRAFT

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The purpose of these comments is not to propose substantial changes of content or detailed changes of wording, but to indicate three points at which the coherence of the document could be improved.

A. Para. 6 would be more appropriate after para. 7.

B. Para. 20 falls between two stools. It begins by leading one to expect that the argument will be that the term 'justification' exhibits the same polarity as the other biblical terms, so that, if it is rightly understood, it includes not only the once-for-all verdict of acquittal, but also the continuing gift of new life. Half way through, however, the argument shifts, so that it now states that the other terms like 'new life' need to be added to the concept of justification. We need either to choose one stool and sit firmly on that, or if we decide we need both, we ought to make the fact clearer to the reader.

C. The content of paras. 25 (Assurance) and 29 (Perseverance) is very similar. Would it not be better to combine them, removing repetitions, and place them where para. 25 is at present?