

## **Skipper Hall on Christianity as a World Faith**

Some people think that our problems would be solved if everyone would accept Jesus as Savior and Lord, and we would have heaven on earth. And they do not realize that when you make this acceptance of Jesus, it becomes an ideal but you do not know or agree on how to spell out what it means to be a follower. So the human beings will always be divided on what it means in detail and it has to be solved by experience and conflict and adjustment — as I see it. And that makes the Christian faith a world faith that can perhaps survive the change of the years to come, because it has the capacity to absorb the most spiritual and advanced thinking that comes to be the truth. And it's possible to crystallize that under the dynamic of His personality, although it's also like Bonhoeffer said; the gospel can't come to pass without it being called Christian.

– Bryan “Skipper” Hall, March 30, 1980 (As told to James L. Smith)