

English captured New Amsterdam from the Dutch and renamed it New York. Just about the same time the Portuguese recaptured this area from the Dutch. So you see you had very few protestant settlements in Latin America, but they didn't last very long, and they didn't have any intermingling with the other people in Latin America. So they had no influence on the area. Now the Spaniards were always a very small group down here. They were a little group of overlords and that was true in Mexico and it was true down here. The Portuguese were somewhat larger proportionately, but still quite a small group. The great bulk of the people were the Indians and the original conqueror, Pizarro, Cortez and these others had as one of their great desires to convert these people into what they considered to be Christianity. Oh how subtle Satan was. Here was Christianity which overcame all the force of the Roman empire and with 10 great persecutions they were unable to stop it. And it went on and on until Constantine saw that the only thing to do was to make it the official religion of the empire. You couldn't stop it, and it just seemed absolutely impossible by a head-on attack for Satan to stop Christianity. And so what he did was to get into it and pervert, or change it. And the result was that all the magical positions of the Church of Rome were ^{gradually} built up, which used the name of Christ and which claimed to hold to the great body of factual teaching of the Bible, but which was twisted around so that the way of salvation was lost and the important thing came to be certain rights and ceremonies or to utilize certain names rather than any true knowledge of salvation Through Christ; and yet how very earnest and zealous these Spanish and Portuguese conquerors were for what they considered and thought they considered to be Christianity; and so you find that these early conquerors put up a cross immediately when they took any new land, and immediately brought monks over to reach the natives. The Spanish kings even gave a whole area in Mexico south of what is now California, called lower California--that long peninsula, 100 miles south of California--he gave to the monks, to the jesuits. And he gave this area here--Paraguay to the Jesuits, and in these few areas the Jesuits controlled the area completely and even the representatives of the king of Spain couldn't come in without the authority of the Jesuits, and this Roman order of the Jesuits held the territory of Paraguay down here and they went out to the natives