

church has the power of binding and loosing souls by bringing them the message that Jesus Christ would die and would be raised from the dead, and that whosoever believeth on Him might not perish but have eternal life. And thos who accept this marvellous testimony are saved from their sins, saved through all eternity, and the church has this marvellous power of the keys, of opening the gates of heaven for soul& that will believe in Christ and the gates of hell shall not prevail against those who put their trust in Christ.

But as the disciples went out into the Roman world and they founded part of the church of Christ, local churches here and there, each church had its overseer. The Greek word is, which in the English pronounciation of the Greek word is, "bishop," and he might be called an overseer or he might be called an elder. But as these chruches grew in many places and there was a large number of people meeting in different places in a town they came to call the leading past or the bishop and called the heads of the other churches around, elders, and thus the t erm "elder" and bishop came to be differentiated. And then, as time went on, the bishop of the leading church, the church in the greatest city in the empire, the old capitol, Rome, came to be looked up to as a man who might give good ideas and suggestions on difficult problems and he, in turn, came more and more to think that he was in some way a successor to Peter and the real head of the church.

And then the Middle Ages came down, and the great hordes of the heathen flocked into the empire and eventually were converted but &ivilization disappeared for a long time, and when the modern ages begin to come with the time of Martin Luther, you have one church, you have people all through Christendom who are united to-