

That's 1000 years after the time of ~~Christ~~. C rist. But by that time there were bishops in Rome who declared that God had established them to be supreme over all the earth, and that every monarch was bound to obey them. One thing that made people think that this claim was true was what happened at Canossa in N. Italy when the German Emperor had been excommunicated by the pope and all his people ~~xxx~~ turned against him. As a result he walked barefoot in penitent garb down through Germany in winter, across the mountains into Italy and the Pope came North to meet him.

At Northern Italy at the castle of Canossa he got there when the Pope was there and the Pope made him stand shivering and barefoot with comparatively little on, all day in the courtyard waiting to see him. Then they led him inside the castle where he spent the night and they put him out in the courtyard again and kept him out that way for 3 days before the Pope let him come to him. Then he came, knelt ~~x~~ before the Pope and promised to do everything he wanted.

The Pope then raised him up and promised to support him as emperor and that is often referred to as evidence that the Pope had gotten supreme control over the world ~~the~~ the new kingdom, the kingdom of God!

But people forget that when Henry IV went back to Germany he reniged on everything he had promised and he now gathered an army and opposed the forces of the Pope and that Pope actually had to flee and died in exile.

Pope Innocent III one hundred years later was able to carry out over a longer period his power in various kingdoms and ordered the kings in Europe to do this and that and to stop doing this and that. He was the most powerful of all the popes in his power over the various forces of Europe. But no Pope since has anything like the political power that Innocent III had 700 -- 750 years ago.

The power of the papacy was never complete. It, like the power of Isalm to a large extent disappeared.

5. Social gospel.

This was a viewpoint which was widely presented~~ed~~ just a few ~~years~~ years ago. In all our big churches that were hundreds of churches in the U.S. at which 100 years ago the gospel was presented with power and with absolute loyalty to the Word as the ministers understood it. But 50 - 60 years ago had ministers who felt that their work was to bring in the kingdom of God by introducing social reforms of various types in the world. One of their greatest enthusiasms was prohibition. When I was a boy there was hardly a church where you did not hear two or three sermons a year on prohibition, on how terrible liquor is, and the terrible results that have come from it. Certainly the results today are much worse than they were in those days because our cars go so much faster than they did then. But the movement of prohibition of alcoholic liquors, and of doing