

of His kingdom. A. was impressed more and more that the grace of God is the great outstanding and all-important factor; that no one ~~is~~ can be saved except as God bestows His grace upon them, and A. developed from this the idea that God had determined from all eternity who those were whom He would save. <sup>This</sup> ~~It~~ ~~is~~ ~~taught~~ taught in the Scripture, but he gave it more prominence in his teaching than had been given by any of the church writers ~~who~~ subsequent to the apostle Paul, whose writings have remained to us. He stressed it, that God has predestinated those who are to be saved, that He has determined to bestow His irresistible grace upon them, and to turn them from darkness to ~~the~~ light, not by works of righteousness that they have done, but not because they are good men who decide to do the right thing; not because they use the will power they have, but because God pours out His marvelous grace upon them. And so there were many points of theology on which the two sharply clash. They had a different idea of Adam; they had a different idea of what the fall was; they had a different idea of man's relation to Adam. A. said Adam - every man was in Adam. We - When Adam sinned we all fell. We were in him, and we were federally represented by him, and man's estate today he deserves. ~~We~~ All sinned in Adam. And then, of course, he continues to sin in this present life. But Pelagius felt that Adam's will was absolutely -- not as A. said, turned toward the doing of good, but was like something that was absolutely in a vacuum, can go one way or another -- and that Adam chose the evil, and that someone else is in the same way, and he can choose the good or choose the evil, but that we are in no way affected by the sin of Adam. And so all through their theology it affects their attitude at every point. Once you get the ~~right~~ true view, then bring them out in bold and sharp relief. -if-you-had-a-course Of course, there were those people whose views were related to A., and those people whose views were related to Pelagius, as there are today, and probably Pelagianism is today, or at least was, ten or fifteen years ago, the leading religion