

this claim, in view of this fact it is necessary that we have a good idea of what these facts are in ancient times. I mentioned to you, for instance, in connection with the claims that the bishop of Rome is the divinely appointed authority over the church, I mentioned to you that ~~Martin-L--~~ Marcelanus, who was the bishop of ^Rome in 300 A.D. was ~~s~~aid to have given up his faith in order to escape martyrdom. Well now, it is not proved, it may not be the case, but it was declared in ancient times to be the case, and there is no proof to the contrary. Of course, that might happen in any church. There are weak men in any church; but it would hardly happen to one of the men who would be the divinely appointed successor to Peter, with divine ~~authro-~~ authority over the whole church. So for that reason, though I didn't spend more than five or ten minutes on him, I was disappointed when some of you ~~did-~~ left a space blank after "Marcelanus" on the test, instead of immediately writing, "Bishop of Rome" after his name. Well ~~now~~, in number VII here, "The Relation of the African Church to the Bishop of Rome" we notice it's importance to us because of the claims that are made today for the ~~ishop~~ bishop of Rome, for the Roman Catholic Church. It is important to us also because, as we have already noticed, Augustin is actually one of the men who influenced counted so much in developing the power of the bishop of Rome, and the reason for that, of course, is, was his great conflict with the Donatists in Africa when he did everythin he could to get an enflrced unity of the church in African[?], and insisted that the robe of Christ was one, and that the church must be one. Well, you carry on that influence, and it tends toward an organic unity all through the world, and naturally points in the direction of some central human authority over this organic unity. Now of course, A., like Chyprian before him in Africa, held that the authority was the whole group of the bishops, the leaders of all the churches acting together, that they were the authority, but that is a concept much harder to get than the concept of one ~~p/~~ particular group as the authority. So it is interesting to us to see what was the ~~African~~