

of the empire. He said my authority is due to the fact that Peter is bishop here. And that has nothing to do with Rome being the leading capitol of the heathen empire at one time, that has absolutely nothing to do with it. He said that Peter was the bishop here and today if you go as I did to the large Church in the world, that great cathedral of St. Peter in Rome you stand there in that great tremendous building, there is nothing like it anywhere in the world, you look up at that great ~~above~~ and there you see that tremendous letters around it, ~~Now~~ Thou art Peter and upon the Rock will I build this church.

400 years since that great church was ~~just~~ built and of course Leo held that view very clearly.. It is a fact that the heathen empire having its center at Rome has nothing to do with its authority, the apostle Peter was bishop there, and that Christ had made Peter as head of the church. And consequently Peter had never been at Constantinople and there was not any Constantinople at this time and so had could Constantinople have any authority even though it is mentioned in comparison with Rome.. Well that is what Leo thought but the Council of Chalcedon did not agree with it. It passed by almost unanimous vote, as far as we know unanimous, passed this statement that the bishop of Constantinople has the supervision of the churches and the supervision in his area just as the bishop of Rome does in his area, because after all they, its right Rome should have it, it had not been the great imperial capitol but this is the new great imperial capitol and there for it is only right that it have great authority in its area. Now Leo did ~~not~~ denounce it and while the Roman Catholic church today accepts the authority of the ecumenical council and whatever they said is final and this 28 canon, they say that pope Leo refused to sign it and so that never has any standing. And so it is very interesting here that along with pope Leo's great influence in the council, that very council made the very statement showing that it did not recognize in him any authority anywhere related to Peter, but only the authority as the prominent man who had made a very clear and wise statement, in connection with this particular council, and Leo denounced this 28th canon of Constantinople. (question) No. I could not say, I said this is almost