

fortunate that the problem was solved by the fact that Dioscurus died about a month later and consequently there was no longer the two men to clash over and so they all agreed to support Boniface. And so Boniface got them together then and he issued a bull declaring that Dioscurus was utterly accursed for his opposition to the true and right pope and he got the clergy all to sign the statement and the Catholic enc. says we do not know what means he used, to persuade them to sign them, since 60 out of the 67 had voted for Dioscurus instead of him, we do not know what means he used to persuade them to sign it but they did sign it but two years later he died also and then he was succeeded by John II but before John II became pope there were two months of hard fighting and considerably difficultly until he became established, speaking of John II, the Catholic enc., says at this time Simony, the selling of church office was very common at this time as to the election of bishops and popes and so it would seem the man would become bishop who could pay the most money for the office at this time or who could get the most support. Now right at this time there was an invasion in Italy at the death of John II in 545 Theodorici was already dead ~~as~~ as we noticed and his successor was not as bale as he the general of eastern empire sent this general with an army and he conquered Italy and he took it away from the Ostrogoths and so now a new pope was, a new bishop was elected at this time who opposed the arbitrary course of the emperor in Constantinople seems to have been a man a very fine quality, a man whose name was Agepetus (laughter) issued a bull reeking the action of Boniface and declaring Dioscurus ever accursed, he decided that he should be a pretty good man and the previous pope had been wrong, so which one was infallible was hard to say. (question) Dioscurus. (question) ~~X~~ we will speak quite a little about him after. I did not mention the emperor's name yet I mentioned his general, the emperor was Justin. We will mention him more at length. (question) John II he is not particularly important I would like you to remember Boniface II name and you can gather the events the situation around him. But the <sup>roman</sup> catholic histories say that Boniface II tried to nominate his own successor as Felix IV had done preceding him