

But they say that it was prevalent as early as this as very interesting . John II Schaff has just a word. See Schaff. He just passes it over with just a word, yet that matter of changing of name which Schaff does not mention is so common now days is worth knowing and also the statement the quarrelling and bribery, well you might think that Schaff was prejudice but I quote from a Catholic Enc. that simony was at the time among bishops and popes. Now this brings us up to 535 when John II ~~de~~ dies and 535 is a date which is not extremely vital to remember but it is important to remember the general time and so you see it was about 535 it was a third of the way through at this time that the general set by the emperor conquered the Ostrogoths and drove them from Italy and made Italy part of the empire and so at 535 there naturally comes a changes in the condition of the papacy 1, they are not longer under the control of the at least of the oversight of the ostrogoths kings who are near , in the area in the control of the emperor at Const. and the first bishop now was Agepetus who is highly spoken of and nothing against his character and his actions and he reigned about a year unfortunately and he offered serious resistance to the eastern emperors , arbitrary regulations at various points he made a trip to constantinople and there ~~he~~ a man had been made ~~patriarch~~ patriarch at Const. a man had been put in that position who held monophysite views and the emperor was a great admirer of the council of Chalcedon but his wife was one who would say this is a monophysited view and when Agepetus visited Const. and saw what had happened he protested to the emperor that this man was not worthy to be archbishop to constantinople and that he did not hold orthodox views and the emperor removed him and this did not please the emperors ~~wife~~ wife at all but it did help the prestige of the bishop of Rome but after all that his criticism of the bishop of Const. would result in the emperor in removing him and getting another one, it was a great help to the prestige of the bishop of Rome, the next man who became pope reigned for only two years 536-538 and he was a son of a previous pope it is explained in the Catholic enc. and other books that