

in chief but if you are conquered by a force that can break up into a lot of little that each decided for itself what it wants to do. But from 568 on to the end of the century you have these Lombard groups gradually spreading over Italy the emperor nominally still controls Italy, he has his representative at Ravenna in northern Italy, who is supposed to be the ruler of Italy and he has told the bishop of Rome that no new bishop can be installed without first the exarch, the representative of the emperor, giving his approval approving the selection of the Roman clergy and the Roman people and personally giving his approval that the man be installed as the bishop of Rome. And he claimed authority over Italy but actually the Lombards are little by little seeking this town and that town and this village and that village and soon they have all of north Italy and south Italy and Rome is more or less isolated and so these are rather chaotic days and they are days that the bishop of Rome is the largest landholder in Italy, already by this time and he has difficult tasks to do and the men between 568 and 590 ~~are~~ have not been outstanding men in any way, they tried to make the exarch think they stood with the emperor and they tried to make the Lombards think they were not especially hostile to them, and they tried to protect things and in the course of it they were rather small figures but ~~when~~ I am not going to bother you with the names of these men during this brief period. But the coming of the Lombards is rather important, they are the only Germanic group we have ~~mentioned~~ mentioned at this time that came to Italy and stayed there, they stayed and they are there to this day. Especially in Northern Italy which they call Lombardia after the Lombards, the name Lombard is originally ~~Longobard~~ Longobard or Longobard, and they seem to have been men who the people took as and called them simply called them Longbeards (this is what it sounds like) and not by their own names. Now the one thing at this point should be mentioned, because it is vital in the development and that is that the first time the representatives of the church of Rome succeeded the leaders of the Western Goths who now held Spain to give up their Arian religion and adopt their views of the Trinity which was accepted by the Roman church and that is rather important and as you noticed all the Germanic tribes which were converted before they came in to the empire came in as Arians and consequently it is ~~possible~~ possible hostile to the Roman church. The Franks were the first ones converted to the Roman church and they became Catholics and that was tremendously important for the future of France and