

to have believed in purgatory, ~~that~~ there is no clear evidence of any writer before who believed in purgatory, some seem to have believed that it was possible that God would in some way purify those who had died having fallen far short of what the Christian life should have meant in their lives, the purification for them before they should enter into heaven, Gregory seems to have been the first who clearly considered it to be a definite teaching of the church now that of course is the great outstanding feature from a practical view point of the Roman church today, it is getting away from purgatory and getting out of purgatory, thought here is Gregory nearly 500 years after Christ and before that time we have no clear evidence of people believing that doctrine, and he does not advance anything like the stress is laid upon it today, he was interested in the outreach of the church and in all directions as we noticed, as soon as he got things under control in Rome, the pestilence ceased and things began to be a little period of quiet and it was possible to give more time to other things as he had done before, he organized a group of men to send them off ~~the~~ to the Island of Great Britain, and in order to reach the heathen Germans who had conquered that Island and try to win them, and so he sent the men to England which we will discuss in our next heading, under the Conversion of England. Gregory and Leo are two men without whom it is hardly to imagine the Roman Church would have achieved anything like it has achieved. Now there is one feature that Gregory's life is that we must say a little bit about, and that is his relationship with the patriarch of Constantinople, as you know Rome was the great ancient city of the empire, it was the capitol and it was the city that had conquered all those and consequently Rome had a name and a reputation which will never perish as long as our civilization endures, and the feeling of it is great even today and of course in those days than it is now. And now there is no emperor in Rome who had not been now for nearly 200 or 300 years, in his time, the bishop of Rome was the outstanding bishop in this city, whose name was so outstanding in the world and Constantine had moved the center ~~of~~