

Augustine came on the scene, but the laws were not very strictly enforced and the Manicheans were a very large group and an influential group and Augustine met them in debate, discussed their ideas about the universe, showed that these were without source in Scripture, without foundation in Scripture and without evidence from reason and he attacked his pretention to a life that was far superior and holy to that of the Christians, I don't know whether to say the Christians or not because the Manicheans were definitely not in the stream of Christianity, and yet they took upon enough Christian terminology that sometimes they were considered as a Christian sect. His second great controversy you notice was the controversy with the Donatists and in this controversy Augustine was moved by the thought of the desirability of the unity of the church. The church to which he belonged was called the Catholic church because it was the group which had relationship with other churches throughout the empire and outside of the empire. These churches corresponded with one another. People went freely back and forth from one to the other. They considered it as the church which was widespread, the universal church, which was supposed to take in all believers and so they used the term Catholic church. The regular church, without any particular cults or isms, but the Catholic church as they used the term in those days. The church history was taught by a man about 12 years ago who felt that it was a great shame for us to let one particular group today take that word Catholic which he felt truly belonged to true Christians regardless of their organization, and does not belong to people who depart from the great outstanding emphasis of the Scripture and he tried to insist that we always call, that we always speak of the Roman Catholic church of today, rather than to simply call it the Catholic church. The name is just a means of indication and it doesn't matter so much. Names change every so often from time to time, and yet I think that there is a certain effort to cling to that name by the leaders of this large group which holds Rome as its leader today to clinging to the