

to justify it in arguing that the Lord said the t to compel them to come in and that the Donatists should be compelled to come into the church and ~~that~~ ^{not} allowed to worship separately. We think he was wrong definitely in ^{use of} this force in a church dispute and it, of course, helped to lead to the tremendous use of force in the Middle Ages for purposes often far worse than the purpose used in this particular instance. And then the other thing, of course, is that it is our belief today that it would be much better to let people meet as they chose and hold such assemblies as they chose and organize in such a way as they desire rather than to insist ~~ty~~ upon any unity or organization which does not represent a truly unified attitude and ^{desire} ~~like~~ to come to gether. And we feel that Augustine was definitely wrong at this point. The Roman Catholic writer said that in Augustine's great debate with the Donatists extending over so many years with no doctrinal development of Augustine's teaching, of his understanding, ~~of~~ of the understanding of the church, it was ~~primarily~~ in a practical basis, but it had a great deal of influence in affecting the attitude of the church in later years. (question 4) That is something that has been said, but most of the scholars do not believe that ~~that~~ is the case. Actually the Donatist movement came to a complete end fully 20 years before ^{came in} and when the ^{came in} they treated the Donatists every bit as badly as they did the Catholics and if there had been a sufficient minority to have been of any real help to the thousands of armed vandals that they trained, they probably would have made it much more difficulty to enforce the ordinance at that time. That has been said, but I doubt if that really is the case. Now I called the discussion of the controversy with the Donatists #4 and #5, the next of the controversies, the third of these, The City of God, it is of course the controversy of the pagans, a large and influential group at this time. This controversy with the pagans was carried on all through his life. This, of course, you might say, evangelistic work, but it was work in attempting to show that the pagan gods were wrong and that Christianity was right and