

they called a council and they got a large number of bishops together to investigate, but there seemed to have been feeling against Celestius and Celestius fled, but Pleagius ^{came} ~~turned~~ before the council and those that were going to condemn him, Arosius and the others who were going to bring charges against him, had a, there was an epidemic at the time and they were sick for a few days and they couldn't get there so they simply read the statements that they had made and then they called on Pleagius to speak ~~for~~ for the defense and Pleagius said, now well this is absurd to speak this way of me, everybody has recognized me as an outstanding Christian leader here. Here is a nice friendly letter from Augustine himself, and he presented the letter that Augustine wrote in response to the note of telling him how he had come to Africa, in which Augustine spoke in very gracious friendly terms and he read letters from other men and he said, well this is foolish of course I believe in Christ. Why Christ means everything to me and he said, I wouldn't think of living without Christ, he said, I am trying to get people to follow Christ and he talked that way just as a modernist does today but he succeeded in convincing the bishops there that all this was here was this fine man and they were making these charges against him and they decided that Pleagius was absolutely all right and they condemned the charges and some of Pleagius' friends were so indignant at the things that Jerome had said that one night they attacked Jerome's monastery and destroyed a good bit of it and drove the people out of it and the of a man like Jerome, of the bitter spirit that he showed, criticizing such a lovely character as Pleagius. Well, now in Africa a synod came to gether and Augustine presented to them statements of Pleagius' writings and Celestius' writings and showed how contrary it was to Christianity and insisted that we are completely lost as the result of Adam's sin and only through the grace of God can ~~we~~ be saved and there is nothing that we can do for salvation. That it is God and God's grace alone that saves us and that the grace of God is not like a little salve you put on to help you, but that it is a very and necessary foundation of our well being and the synod of Africa