

Statement, Pleagius had come to Rome and there in Rome, Pleagius came to see and he told him how terrible it was how the way the people were criticizing him and he told him how ~~for~~ ~~ign~~ it was that the council in the east had seen that there was nothing wrong with him and so wrote a letter which he sent to Africa and he chided the African bishops for their uncharitable ~~hase~~. He put in some caustic remarks about the dignity of the Apostolic and then he said I admonish Celestius and all of the clergy who were present 12 which destroy rather than build up from an idle curiosity. He said that Pleagius was a good catholic and of unquestionable faith. said that he and the people with him could hardly restrain their tears when so holy and admirable a man had been condemned and this letter reached Africa just two days after Augustine made his sermon in which he said the cause is finished, would that the error as speedily brought to an end. said that Plegius is a fine man and you shouldn't criticiz e him and ~~this~~ is strife over a little matter anyway and it is foolish to waste time on it. Well, the cause was finished Augustine immediatly bowed to the pope, he had spoken, that was the end of it. But he didn't do anything of the kind. Augustine proceeded then to ask the Africans to come together again and to consider the matter, the bishops came together and they drew up a reply to but the reply had not been preserved and one writer has said, thus the Roman historian has probably been spared a painful , but the new synod declared that the Pleagius and Celestius' teachings were utterly wrong and unchristiand and that they could not allow anything of the kind in Africa and they sent a letter to pointing out to him the terrible error and asking him to reconsider his statement and said the matter was still open as far as he was concerned, but they also wrote to the emperor and when the emperor heard what Augustine and the bishop of Carthage thought about this certain theological matter, he felt, that after all their judgement was just about the best he could get and so he paid no attention to