

noticed that the westerners in general were people, the people of Italy, were ready to say here is Christianity, let us take it let us preach it. That was there general attitude. The attitude of the easterners was, here is Christianity, let us try to understand it. How can Christ be both God and man, let us work out the details of it and the easterners were more given to discussion in trying to work out different views and heeded disagreement among the Jews while the westerners were more apt to say, here it is, let us take it, let us do something about it and that is one reason why the bishop of Rome, on the whole stood on the side of the viewpoint that eventually won out because of all of these contraversies at which we have been looking at the past, that which eventually went out was that which could be deduced from the Scriptural teaching and the others would take a little Scripture and jump to conclusion on it and in the west, the tendency was to say, we accept all of it as far as we understand it and where there was some very clever of suggestion about something new, the tendency was to take what the Scripture said and be satisfied, even though they couldn't fully understand it and then when the thing was discussed fully, you would find that the final conclusion fit more which you had taken as simply the general statement of Scripture and so on all of these great contraversies of doctrine in those days the western church took the simple Biblical viewpoint on the whole and then they had some good theologians who studied these things out and studied the contraversies of the eastern section of the church and decided which was nearest to the Scripture. Well, now we are beginning to get away from that in this period. We begin to get more into the era when the western church tends more to follow traditions and ideas that have grown up instead of holding as closely to the Scripture as they had in the particular subjects that had been subjects of controversy in the earlier years. Now in this iconoclastic controversy then, the people in the west didn't have the problem that they had in the east. The westerners were not quite the extremers that the easterners were. When they venerated the images they didn't go to quite as great an extreme as the easterners did and they do not to this