

was very ~~diffirently~~ different from the actual Roman Empire, and very interesting. It ended in 1848 when Napoleon dethroned this last ruler of the Holy Roman Empire. But the acutal Roman Empire was very different from the Holy Roman Empire.

Now those are the transition points between ancient and modern history. Now from our viewpoint, modern history has in many ways much more in common with ancient than with medieval. Certainly from the viewpoint of the Bible-believer, ancient history is far more important than medieval history. From the viewpoint of the Roman Catholic Church, medieval hist. is of trmendous importance. That was the period when the organization, which had continued as the R.C. church, was more powerful than it ever was before, or since. And that was the time when the greates part of the ideas of the present Roman Catholic Church developed. But they do not admit that they developed then, they claim that they were actually there in ancient times, even though we do not have full evidences of that, $\frac{1}{2}$ that they acutally go back to the apocrypha. They do not belive in a developing church, they; believe in a church which is carrying out the position of the apostles, just as it was given. We believe that there is a developing church, in which changes take place to adapt it to various situations, of the different periods. But a church in which all which is true goes back not to the early church, but to the Bible. And yet the ~~strange~~ strange thing is that the difference in our attitudes actually they do much more developing than we do in many ways. Much more adapting in many ways today.

Well, those are the three main periods of the Christian church.

(question) They maintain that the assumption of Mary was the faith of the virgin and that the Pope has not propounded a new doctrine, but has infallibly declared the truth of God which had always been believed by the church. That is their claim. Now we do not believe such a thing was true. I think that is very important to get that distinction in mind. We find the Roman Catholic Church to be a church that has developed constantly and tremendously, and we can see the historic root of so much that they hold to, but they say that all this has not developed, but is what the apostles believed, and what ~~was~~ was taught by Christ. The R.C.'s do not say that the Pope has a right to establish