

information on that than on ~~how~~ how they were able to reach the less educated people, because some of the writings have been preserved, and there is comparatively little of the accounts of the daily life of the church during the first part of this period.

So those are the problems that we face during this period. There are other problems that come up later, that have roots back then, but these are the problems that we face. How did the church grow in this time? How did it maintain itself, and how did it grow. The reason that we set 313 as the end of the period is because that was the date when the emperor Constantine issued an edict, the Edict of Milan. Now there was another edict at 311, which foreshadowed this. It is like all other historical eras, it is hard to put an exact point on where something began. But the Edict of Milan had parallels in ~~similar~~ similar edicts a century before by other Roman Emperors. But they didn't last, and this one lasted, so that is what makes it important. This is a point at which Christianity, instead of merely being powerless, or definitely opposed by the Roman Empire, became the favored religion of the Roman Empire. The Edict of Milan was just an edict of toleration, it said that people had a right to believe in Christianity if they wanted to. And so it did not make Christianity officially the religion of the Empire. But it gave the church the right to exist, as an accepted body. As a group of people who could not be persecuted on account of what they believe. And ~~actually~~ actually, the emperor who made this edict was so favorable to Christianity that he considered himself as a Christian, even though he wasn't baptized until twenty years later, the day before he died. But during, he considered himself as very favorable to Christianity, his mother became a very active Christian, and he favored the church, calling church assemblies and presiding over them ~~himself~~ himself, and being very active in the support and in the protection and in the direction of the church. And so in ~~the~~ 313 we have this change. And the next period is from 313 to 451, let's say, it is hard to set an exact date.

But let's say 451, for that is the date of the great church council,