

the orthodox view of the ~~ix~~ deity of Christ had to be maintained through suffering and difficulty by Athanasius and the others, against the effort of Constantius and Valens, to establish a heretical view, rather than Constantius and Valens had not exerted the power of the empire to force the Arians to accept the orthodox view. Arianism was destroyed with public controversy and public discussion. Before this point came where the emperor was willing and anxious to use the power of the empire to put an end to it. And it meant that it was much better for the Christian church to have to establish the orthodox view by discussion and by suffering valiantly for the cause, rather than to have the empire take an attitude, which it began to take now, under Theodosius.

There was one ~~ex~~ exception made, though, to this rule, that they ~~ix~~ had to be in fellowship with the ~~xxxx~~ orthodox bishops. You remember two hundred years before this, ~~xxxxxxx~~ I guess it was 150 years before this, you remember in the time of Cyprian how he had received a letter from the presbyters of Rome addressing him as the pope of Carthage, and it was written by the presbyter named Novitus. And you remember how Novitus in Rome, there, had not approved the election of Cornelius to be ~~xxxxxx~~ bishop ~~ix~~ and how a group had elected Novitus the bishop of Rome, and then Cyprian said, the man who is elected by the majority in Rome, he is the bishop, and all others must ~~ix~~ obey him or are outside the true church. Well, Novitus' followers felt that he was the true bishop of Rome and they came to be called Novations, you remember. And ~~the~~ Novation churches had been established in many parts of the empire. We don't know a great deal ~~x~~ about them because most of our material is preserved by the churches that remained in fellowship with one another, which called themselves the Catholic Church, very different from the Roman Catholic church of today. But the name Catholic was used for the churches that were in ~~xxxx~~ fellowship with one another. And ~~the~~ we don't ~~x~~ know a great deal about the Novation churches, but it comes out at this time, ~~x~~ that the Novation churches had always held to the orthodox view, and had never been effected by Arianism and that their stand for the orthodox view in Constantinople