

of St. Augustine?

Calvin and Luther both were tremendously influenced by the work of ----- which came a century after Constantine and <sup>in</sup> what was the ----- of the empire. So that I am glad that you or I don't have to determine what the future history is going to be in a world in which sin is rampant and will be until our Lord comes back, I am glad of that. I don't think we'd be happy in the job as the Lord comes in power and direction. But as we look at what he's done, I think we can regret the evil which Constantine did but I don't think we can seriously claim that the good results were not much good because of the evil that resulted in his activity. Well so much for (b) his effect on Christianity.

(d) his place in secular history and in church history. In Secular history Constantine deserves great credit because the Roman empire was established over a wide area and gave opportunities for individuals to develop their potentialities and to travel freely through the wide area, coming in contact with other individuals of similar interests. This great thing which the Roman empire had done which was so excellently established during the period of the Antonines and in the 2nd century, threatened to come to a complete end by the chaos in the leadership during the ~~third~~ third century. Diocletian and Constantine between them, reestablished a reign of law and order in this wide ~~area~~ and during this time established a basis on which the eastern Roman empire lasted until 1453 with one brief interlude, and the western ~~Roman~~ Empire lasted at least a couple of centuries longer than it would have been if it were not for the work of those two men. Both of them rank high in secular history for their achievements in the peace and order of the world. In church history, Constantine certainly marked a turning point for good in many regards and for evil in some regards, unfortunately. I don't think we can blame Constantine for the evil that resulted from his acts but there is evil that results always when the church is helped instead of being persecuted. There always is evil that attracts worldly people to it and it results in people not having that fire to bring out the best in them and to purge away the evil and those results are difficult. I don't think it's fair to blame the paganism that came into Christianity on Constantine. I don't