

the heresy on some of these matters. Paul - 15 - was removed from his church for his heretical views regarding the person of Christ and that was true of others too. Now we go on to c - its start. It started in Alexandria. Alexandria was at that time perhaps the most cultivated city in the world. It was the city of high culture, city of thought, city of discussion, a city of controversy over many things. In Alexandria there was a bishop named Alexander and Bishop Alexander was very much impressed with the importance of the deity of Christ and he was so impressed with the deity of Christ and the fact that Jesus is God that in a meeting with his presbyters, he used words which went so hard that they seemed to be the Sabellian viewpoint ~~with~~ which denied the personality of Christ; simply one God showing himself in different forms and in different ways. Now that Alexander actually went that far we do not believe but he used terminology which could be interpreted in that way and in his group of presbyters there was a presbyter named Arius. This presbyter named Arius was a man in late middle life a man who was highly respected, a man who had great influence with the people of the area, considered as a very earnest, devout Christian, exemplary in his moral life and one who was considered to be one worthy of following. Arius spoke out against the Bishop and said "this is heresy". "This is Sabellianism - Jesus Christ is a separate person - there is only one God. God is up there in heaven. Jesus Christ is separate from him. Yes, Jesus is God of course, but the great God, the one that created all and is so distant that we can't approach to Him, the God who is the real center of all being; that is God who doesn't have a body or a form. Jesus Christ is indeed God but the great God, God the Father made Jesus Christ, - he created him. Now, he was the first of all beings who was created. He was created before all things. He made the world. God is changeless absolute and immovable. How could an immovable God create a world? He would be changing if he did a thing like that. He would be moving. He would not be unmovable and the great absolute God. God begat Jesus Christ", he said. "We read, Jesus Christ the only begotten of the father. Well, if he was begotten there must be a time when he was begotten so" he said, "there was ~~axtime~~ when Jesus was not." Now he wouldn't say there was a time. He wouldn't use the word time.