

15 - tremendous changes that took place and which resulted in the final result which came. Now we were looking at c - the Rise of Arianism and the Council of Nicea and under that we spoke of l. - Rise of Arianism and there we spoke of a. the Great Importance of the Arian Controversy. b. Its Background, c. Its starts. Had I mentioned d. Its use? Well we cannot discuss the other matters without saying quite a bit about its use so the main thing now will be to sum up what it is. The view of Arianism is far far nearer to orthodox christianity than is unitarianism, and many times nearer to it than modernism. The attitude of the Arians was to believe that Jesus Christ created the world, that He is the firstborn of all creatures, that He is God. Now that sounds like extreme fundamentalism to me but actually he has interpretations that introduce factors into it which negate the position which they took. And which eventually carried out logically ~~what~~ what have meant the end of christianity as a force in the world as have been recognized by most interpreters and most students, even those that have no real sympathy with christianity itself. Arianism with a view such as it took, denies the balance the scripture has, the clear balance that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. And unless Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, you cannot have a real atonement. If he is just a body that some spirit took over and used, how can he represent us to pay the penalty for our sin. He is not one of us. He is just someone from outside. He can't take our sins on himself unless he is one of us. Only a man can represent men and save them from sin. So unless Jesus Christ is a real man there can be no real atonement. On the other hand, if he is not really God there can be no atonement; Because only the infinite of God could make a real atonement. Only an infinite sacrifice could atone for the sin of the world. No man could do it. It had to be God. So for the atonement to do us any good, he had to be a real man but for it to be able to do us good, he had to be really God and the scripture teaches both facts about him though it nowhere puts them together in one sentence in an absolutely clear, unambiguous fashion. But taking the scripture as a whole and it is very clear to us that Jesus Christ is God in the fullest sense. He is just as much God as God the father is God and