

viewpoint of church history. I think it is good for you to have their names down together so that you can consult at any time in case you ~~want~~ to see how they relate to one another. There are two who are of very great importance in church history. One other is of moderate importance in relation to it. The others are merely of interest in showing the interrelation. I mentioned to you Jovian who reigned only 8 mos. then I mentioned Valentinian I, the general who became emperor in 364 after the death of Jovian and who reigned for 11 years. He reigned in the West and chose to put his half brother Valen in the East. Valentinian I we notice favored the Nicene View and this was supported by most of the churches in the West. So that there is little of importance in church history that ^{occurred that} connects itself up with his name. He generally favored what ~~was~~ the general attitude in the West so there were no sharp conflicts connected with him. So he is not of great importance to church history but his younger brother Valens whom he appointed emperor in the East is of very great importance for church history. I mentioned to you that Valens, Valens wife became a very strong Arian and some of Valen's leaders in his court were strong Arians. We do not have the means to know a great deal about Valens own personal attitudes but this we know about him; that he tried to be as strongly a supporter of Arianism as Constantius had been. However he was not a man anything like Constantius ability and did not have control in the West so he was unable as Constantius had been, to use force against the people in the West who wanted to stand for the full deity of Christ. But in the East he did his best to oppose the believers in the full deity of Christ and to advance the supporters of Arianism but his best is not nearly as good as Constantius as Constantius was a far more able man and far more powerful. So Constantius is far more important for Church history than Valens but Valens is one of the two emperors in this period who is of great importance to church history. His name is interwoven ^{escapably} ~~inextricably~~ with vital events in the church history in this period. He reigned from 364 to 378. I think this is as good a place as any to tell about the events connected with his death. Now these events connected with the death of Valens are events which would not