

These principles which are important in this history are important in the understanding of O.T. history and N.T. history. They are also important in understanding the various things that you will have to meet as you go through life. So it is possible for a person to memorize a certain number of facts and to write an exam that I have to give a top mark on as it is very difficult to judge the really important thing of your understanding the principles. But if you get - in getting the facts - the interrelation by place and by time and by particular matters that come up in the course of it, you get the principle and that is the real value of the study of church history. The facts are of considerable importance but if you get the principles you can always look up the facts. Without the principles you cannot do much with the facts. So I am giving you facts but trying to arrange them in such a way as to make the principles clear and trying to bring out principles as we go through. Somebody could say - here are the principles and write a list and I am not sure that would do anybody much good but for you to get an understanding of the principles and to see the actual way the principles are and not the theory that someone works out in his head, to see how things actually have happened in this world there is tremendous value that you can derive from it. So at this point I am not going to tell you a great deal about #6, I am merely going to tell that part of it which relates to the period we are now looking at - the period prior to 381 AD, this period which I am now calling the Downfall of Arianism. So #6 is the Elevation of Ambrose in Milan.

First Milan may need some explanation. Anyone who knows anything about present day knows it is a very important place in history; Rome, Naples, Florence, Venice and Milan being the five most important. Milan is today, the greatest industrial city in Italy - a city in Northern Italy. But Milan has hardly occurred in our history up to this time. After Constantine moved the capital away ^{to} ~~from~~ Constantinople, this city which is a full night's trip on the train away from Rome to the North, this city became the headquarters of the imperial rule over Italy rather than Rome.