

The great lights and joy that the Christians of the fourth century thought were just ahead turned into darkness. What brought that darkness? The main thing that brought that darkness was the spirit of compromise. That's what brought that darkness upon the world and ended that wonderful hope of winning the whole world for Christ and establishing such a time of happiness as the world had never seen!

I think of Roman citizens in Gaul which we now call France after the barbarian conquerors. Here they were in Gaul — great areas there in which these people lived happily, and carried on their lives. Probably 95% of them could read and write. They studied the classics and the Bible. They lived a good life on the whole, but they did not like the way that Emperor was behaving. He was getting too excited about those barbarians outside the frontier. Look! They are way off there! And anyway they are men just like we are. Why worry about them? Why should we give taxes to help him and send our sons to help him? So when the Emperor met the barbarians and failed and they came across the Danube and began coming into the empire and these forces began crossing and crisscrossing the empire, these people just settled back into their homes. They had their policemen, they had their strong protection. They said, We won't worry about the rest of the Empire. So 40 yrs. later 3/4 of ~~the~~ France was ~~max~~ in the hands of the Frankish barbarians, as cruel and bloodthirsty a people as the world has ever seen. But 1/4 of it was little areas that the Franks hadn't touched. The people were carrying on the civilization as a whole. Then they began to see that the Franks would not be satisfied to take the rest of Europe; they wanted their territory too. So they gathered their