

forces and decided to defend themselves, but by now it was too late. The Franks crowded across their borders and made them slaves, and France and all Europe sunk into the darkness that lasted for half a millennium.

I was interested to take the volume of ~~that~~ Schaff's Church History which is called 300 to 600 A.D. You look at that history of the Christian church (300 to 600 A.D.), a book with maybe 600 or 700 pages in it. If you take all the pages in it that deal with the period 300 to 460 and mark them, and if you take all the pages that deal with 460 up till 600 (that's practically half the period), you will find that 9/10 of the pages in the book deal with the first half of that period, because the darkness came over the land. One day 95% of the people could read and write; 60 years later maybe 1% could read and write. Darkness settled and lasted for centuries. Yes, there came reformation after darkness and it was wonderful, but it was 1100 years later!

I think of how that darkness came over Africa. Here again it was compromise that brought it. Boniface was the Roman governor of Africa. Boniface became a little dissatisfied with some of the regulations that came out from headquarters in Rome and Boniface began to fear he might lose his position as governor and somebody else might take his place. So Boniface went up into Spain which the Vandals had already seized. There he made friendship with the king of the Vandals and married his daughter in fact. Boniface said, These Romans have sought to remove me as governor. If you will come down with an army and help me, I will give you half of N. Africa. So the Vandals