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of the Bishop of Rome they excommunicated the patriarch and all those who should persistently cling to the faith of the Church of Rome or its

and from 1059 to this day the Church of Rome and the Church of Constantinople have faced each other as enemies and while they are both very much closer together than the protestants are to either one of them, yet they probably hate each other even more than

There has been a very bitter hatred between them ever since, and Christendom was cut quite in two by them after their council. Yes? (Student) Yes. The church in Constantinople has given itself a special name. We call it the Greek Orthodox Church as a rule. (Student) No the Santa Catha is a building. It is a building. The Eastern church is a denomination. (Student) In Constantinople the three legates of the pope went into the leading church of the council and fastened a piece of paper on the altar saying "in the name of the pope", just like they could go down into Dr. Laird's church some day if nobody was looking and put a notice up there "in the name of the pope we excommunicate this church and everybody in it". Well we know done it to Martin Luther and we all are included in what they did to him so it's not necessary but that was what they put up in the church in Constantinople. "We excommunicate the patriarch and everyone who will criticize the church of Rome" and the patriarch had already excommunicated the Bishop of Rome and all the people of the Roman church so the two were excommunicating each other and declaring each other deposed and from that time on there have been two churches.

Now the claim of the Bishop of Rome to be universal bishop of the whole world has never been recognized in the East. It was only in the West that it ever came to be recognized, except as, of course, they have won converts in the East to their church. Mr. ---? (Student) No, it didn't more or less depose them at all. It was exactly as if I would walk in to the church over here and put up a paper and say, "I, Allan MacRae, President of Faith Theological Seminary, and former moderator of the Bible Presbyterian church declare that the pope and all his bishops are excommunicated!" I could do it and put it up there if I wanted to and after that they probably wouldn't come into my church any more and try to partake of communion. They'd consider I had excommunicated