

Christmas. It was, of course, in our first discussion impossible for us to look at the reign of Constantine without saying a good bit about the Arian controversy and about the rise of Arianism and the Council of Nicea. We looked under D at Constnatine's life and we gave section 3, there, to the Council of Nicea. Then briefly we mentioned his relation to Ariansim and we took up C, Constantine's successors to 363, and the first of his successors whom we discussed was the Emperor Constantius, the son of Constantine, the one who reigned for eleven years as supreme emperor. Constantius came from 337 to 361, a period of ²⁴ ~~25~~ years as emperor, but at first for three years, he ruled over a third of the empire, then after one of his brothers died, he and the other split the empire and ruled for thirteen years over ~~a~~ half of it, and then after this brother died, he ruled over the whole empire. And so he is an emperor who ruled over a third of the ~~empire~~ ^{four} ~~empire~~ twenty ~~five~~ years, twenty-one years over half of it, eleven years over all of it. And this ^{makes him} ~~one~~ of the most important of the Roman emperors. There were not a great many who reigned longer than that. I did not spend more than fifiteen minutes or so ~~in~~ talking about hom in our last hour, but I thought I had stressed his importance sufficiently in that time that it would ~~be~~ not be necessary for anyone to confuse ~~him~~ him with his grandfather, Constantius ~~Chlorus~~ Chlorus. Constantius Chlorus ^{an} was/associated of Diocletian, for a number of years, and then after Diocletians resignation he was one of two men who reigned over the empire for a period of less than a year before he died. In a ~~xxx~~ sense he could be called an emperor, but he never was emperor by himself of the whole empire. He was only emperor of half of it for less than a year. His greatest importance in history is that he was the father of Constantine. He was a man of ability, who might have been of importance anyway, but not of great importance. His grandson, Constantius, had far less ability, doubtless, than his grandfather, but he had the power that his grandfather had built up, and still more. The power ~~xxx~~ that his father, Constantine, had built up which he had inherited, and he was able to use it, and to use it for a quarter of