

have this word, same substance, in. And so they struck on the word similar substance, just one letter different, homoi-~~osians~~ instead of homo-~~osians~~. And with this one letter difference they thought it so similar that there was not ~~xy~~ much difference, and yet most theological writers say that it makes all the difference between ~~Christianity~~ Christianity and something which is not Christianity at all. Because ~~xxxx~~ you can give Jesus all the honor you ~~want~~ want, but if He isn't actually God as the Bible says He is, you have destroyed the essential feature of Christianity. Because it was God, actually, incarnate in human flesh Who died on the cross. Well, then, the eastern church was tremendously interested in these questions. It was always a church interested in speculation, in minute points of doctrine, ~~in~~ specially on the person of ~~Christ~~ Christ, trying to exactly understand all the little details about it, as nearly as they could and going beyond what they could. The western church seems to have been characterized during this period by a different attitude. There was not that same interest in philosophic speculation in the western church. And ~~in~~ in the western church, that church which was in the most prominent city in the west was the church of Rome. And in Rome, the bishop was usually a man who had been selected at this time for his exemplary life and for his ~~interest~~ interest in the church, and he was not a man usually of much philosophic insight or interest in these details. But he was a man who would take what the church had held and simply try to stand on it. And so one time when Athanasius was exiled he fled to Rome and he was received in Rome as a great hero. And he was welcomed there and the people of Rome declared that Athanasius was correct and true. And the ~~x~~ bishop of Rome stood solidly behind him. And the people of the west, many ~~of~~ of them, would simply look to the prominent bishop there, the bishop ~~of~~ of Rome, to tell them what the Scriptural doctrine was on these fine points and they would go ahead on it. There wasn't this same interest in discussing the little points, in the west, as there was in the east. I don't mean little points that they are unimportant, but they are points difficult to understand.