

Now when this happened the emperor of the west was a young man, a man who was hardly capable of taking over the control of the whole empire, and who
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~~xxxx~~ Valentinian I had hated a great general in Britain, a Spanish general who had been very effective and active in Britain, and he had him killed by a trumped up charge. And this man's son was living in Spain a man of great ability, but looked upon rather askance, because of the difficulty of his father with the previous emperor. Now Valentinian II, recognizing the great ability of the young Theodocius, in Spain, asked him to take over control of half of the empire as his associate, ~~xxxx~~ as the associate emperor with him, ruling the east. Theodocius, is an emperor of greater importance to us than any we have mentioned since Constantius. ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ Not as important in history as Julian, but probably more important in Christian history than Constantius. Theodocius I was a Spaniard. An able general, an earnest Christian, a supporter ~~xxxx~~ of the ~~xxxx~~ Nicean view. The first thing, of course, that was important about him was the fact that he was a good general. Because if he had not been, the empire would have been completely overrun by the Goths. But Theodocius was able to check the Goths as they came forward, to hold them back, giving up a certain amount of territory to them, but keeping them from coming very far. The result of his great military ability. Then Theodocius began trying to reorganize situations after the result of the disastrous defeat of Valens, and he took an interest in the ~~xxxx~~ situation, in the east, ~~xx~~ there, and he called a new ecumenical council in Constantinople. Constantius had called many councils, there had been all sorts of efforts to have a great ecumenical council like that of Nicea, to hold an intermediate position, but none of them had been accepted, but the church as a whole., even though the emperor tried to force them to be accepted. But in 381 Theodocius called a council to meet in Constantinople and even before this he gave an order that only orthodox view of Christ was to be preached in his empire.