

of the Holy Spirit had come more to the fore. And there were some who were ready to recognize that Jesus was fully God, but would not recognize the Holy Spirit as truly divine. ^{He} ~~It~~ was an influence of something set forth by God, which He created, or something which the Son had created. And at the Council, this denial of the deity of the Holy Spirit was particularly maintained by a man named Macedonias. So, the belief became to be known, the heresy of ~~them~~ denying the deity of the Holy Spirit, came to be called Macedonianism. And the Council of Const. reaffirmed the Nicean Creed, but also made a statement, to make it include the ~~xxx~~ statement, to make absolutely clear the fact that they believed in the deity of the Holy Spirit also, against Macedonianism. They had another explanation, attempted ~~xxx~~ explanation, which had been made of the feature of the Person of Christ, which they had to face, which was called Apollinarianism. They also denied. We will not discuss Apollinarianism at this point, we will come back to it later. It is the beginning of another movement, which is very important, this rise of Apollinarianism and its denial here. But we will not deal with it at the present point, but merely mention it.

This Council~~xxxx~~, some councils before during the time of Constantius which would stand strongly for Arianism, would of course take a view which was definite heretical, but some who would oppose Arianism would take a stand which would ~~xxxxxx~~ move in the direction of Sabellianism, a philosophy which would also be unacceptable. This council reaffirmed the excellent creed of the Nicean Council, with; a few minor changes, and the emperor ratified the creed of the Council and enacted the law that the churches, the property of the churches, should all be handed over to bishops ~~xxxx~~ who believed in the equal divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and who stood in church fellowship with certain designated orthodox bishops.

The public worship of ~~heretics~~ heretics was to be forbidden in his domain, and this is the first time that we find the force ~~xxxx~~ of the empire exerted against heretical beliefs in the Christian church. One of the prominent writers of ch. hist. said how fortunate it is for the church, that