

Church History Sr. 4

were excommunicated and were cast out by the Roman catholic church, a large number of them, and there was a very large group who tried to organize what they called the Old Catholic Church which would keep on catholic beliefs but would not recognize the pope at all since the pope insisted on to himself this claim which they thought was utterly baseless, historically or Scripturally. Well now I--yes, Mr.---? (Student) No, there's been a number of Old Catholics, quite a number. That one was quite different. How's that? (Student) No. They don't recognize the pope. No. They don't recognize him. They fail to recognize him. They declared they would not recognize these new, terrific claims that the popes made.

Well I guess there's no use starting our second point. We might as well stop here though I thought we'd get over more than one point today. This is a very vital one and well worth the time.

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Sr. 4, continued.

We spent our whole hour last Monday on the separation of the East and the West, a theme concerning which the details are not of tremendous importance, perhaps, but the outcome is. The church was split into two halves and the claim of the Roman bishop to be head of all Christendom has never been admitted by the other three patriarchies of these ancient four patriarchies. Now, of course, the Eastern church is much further removed from us than the Western and so we don't have so much contact with it or know so much about it and we're apt not to realize its importance but it has included many millions of people, it has had a wide missionary career, it has produced a good many able writers and it in most of the points of doctrine of the Roman catholic church, it has fallen into much the same errors but it has never recognized the pope as in any way supreme. The church, the Oriental church, called the Holy Oriental Orthodox Apostolic Church, differs with the Roman church chiefly over certain comparatively minor matters. One, of course, however, which is perhaps not so minor is the fact that the Roman church does not allow the laity to have the cup in the communion but only the bread. In the