

e. The Outcome:

Well, it was gory! Those who did not agree with the decision were given one year to change their minds! But that is not the way people function. They worked hard at propagation, prepared military strategy to confuse the government and a lot of blood was shed.

A group of eastern churches known today as the Oriental Orthodox Churches came into being in opposition to Chalcedon...the Coptic and Armenian Orthodox are probably the best known representatives today.

f. Aftermath:

The question will be a thorn in the flesh for the next two hundred years...sometimes still shows up today.

5. Constantinople II -553

a. The political situation:

Justinian...the most famous caesaropapist decides to end the monophysite arguments.

b. The conflict:

Although the council of Chalcedon had given a creed demonstrating Christ's persons, some materials had not been dealt with at the council and these allowed a basis for continuing argument. They are known as the three chapters and are 1) Opinions of Theodoret, 2) the letter of Ibas and 3) older expressions of Theodore of Mopsuestia. These allowed a technical base for continuing the arguments.

c. The meeting:

Called at Constantinople the meeting did condemn the three chapters and pronounced the teachings of Origen as heresy. There were a few other small matters and I will likely discuss the influence of the bishop of Rome.