

The prevalence of *bonæ fidei judicia*, *i.e.*, the disposition of legal disputes on equitable principles.

Actiones utiles, *i.e.*, rights of action of the *jus civile* adapted to cases not properly within them.

Actiones in factum, *i.e.*, actions devised for protection of rights unknown to the *jus civile*.

Procedure extra ordinem, *i.e.*, outside the usual course.

Prætorian interdicts, and 'in integrum restitutio,' *i.e.*, restoration of parties to their original rights in proper cases.

284. Accession of Emperor Diocletian, and inauguration of despotism of an oriental character.

#### FIFTH PERIOD.

##### Period of Codification.

A.D. 320. State recognition of Christianity by Constantine.  
Influence of Christianity on the law.

The colonatus, or servitude of the glebe.

Abandonment of the formulary system.

426. Theodosian and Valentinian 'law of citations,' recognizing as authoritative writings of certain jurists only.

A.D. 438. Theodosian Code.

500-515. Romano-Barbarian Codes.

533-4. Justinian's Digest, Code, and Institutes.