

BAH111/MAH111 Early & Medieval Church History

Study Questions After Each Lesson

Lesson I:

1. What are the three kinds of movements that helped the spread of Christianity?
2. Give four reasons why Christians were persecuted in the first three centuries?
3. Who were the early apologists? What was their task?
4. What was the heresy of the Montanists?
5. Did the Gnostics refer to themselves by that term?
6. What was the heresy of Marcion?
7. How does church history view Tertullian?
8. What is the relation between heresies and orthodoxy during this time?
9. What were some early heresies concerning the Trinity?
10. What were some early heresies concerning the two natures of Christ?
11. Which of the church fathers addressed the decline of miracles and prophecy?

Lesson 2:

1. Is there any truth to the claim that Peter was the first pope?
2. What is the difference between the Protestant and Roman Catholic views of the relationship between the church and the canon?
3. Describe the development of the office of "bishop" in the early church.
4. Name five early church "fathers," their centuries, and briefly describe their work.
5. Describe the worship of the early church, and the place of preaching, sacraments, and music.
6. What was Cyprian's view of the nature of the presence of the blood and flesh of Christ in the sacrament?
7. Do you think Emperor Constantine was a real Christian and why?
8. How did the church spread to Persia, Ethiopia and Sudan?
9. What are the reasons for the rise of monasticism?
10. Did systematic theologies come out of the monastic movement?
11. Did the monastics come together with preserving the church in society?

Lesson 3:

1. What is Donatism and how did it arise? Does it still affect the church today?
2. Did the First Ecumenical Council include just the Western Church? Was the council limited to just the Roman Empire?
3. How did Athanasius' exiles impact his theology?
4. Were heresies spread through songs? Give examples.
5. Who were the Great Cappadocians and what was their work?
6. What did the Council of Constantinople of 381 accomplish?
7. What were the main accomplishments of Ambrose, Jerome and Chrysostom?
8. Describe briefly the life of Augustine.
9. What was the content of Augustine's *Confessions*?
10. How did Ambrose affect the life of Augustine?