

# Survey of Christian History

If you don't know where you've been, how can you know where you're going?

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

Hebrews 13:7

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.



# Gnosticism



Thomas

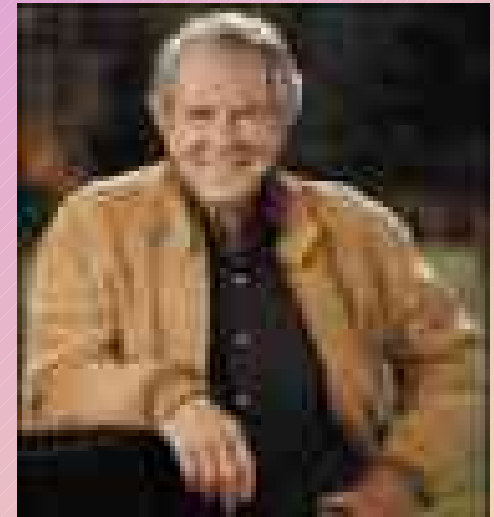
- Characteristics
- What dangers do you see in this?
- Opposition

# Marcion



- Roots in Gnosticism
  - How does it show in his thinking?
- The Canon
  - What do you notice about it?
- The results
  - How did the Church benefit from wrestling with this?
  - Did the Church recognize or create the canon?
    - What is the difference?

# Montanism



- Background
  - How did psychology work spirituality?
- Characteristics
  - Do you see any similar trends/movements today?
- Results
  - How did the Church benefit from struggling with this?

# Bishops



- Trends at the time
  - What is happening in/around the Church?
- Reasons for these trends
  - Why is the Church doing what its doing?
- Results: Strengths and Weaknesses for the future?
- What is different/the same nowadays?

# Rome

- Why Rome?
  - Why is Rome emerging as a leader?
- Where does Rome fit?
  - What is Rome's role in the Church catholic?
- Matthew 16:16
  - How would you reply to its use?



# The Church & Social Concern

- What similarities do you see to our day?
- Does the Church's concern for occupations have any significance today?
- How did the Church view life?





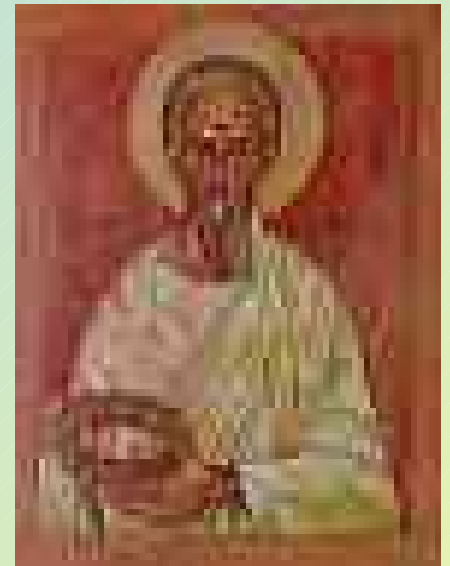
# Martyrs



- Significance to the name?
- Significance for the future of the Church?
- Can we look for persecution too much?
- Can we find persecution too many places?
- What comfort/encouragement do the martyrs give us?



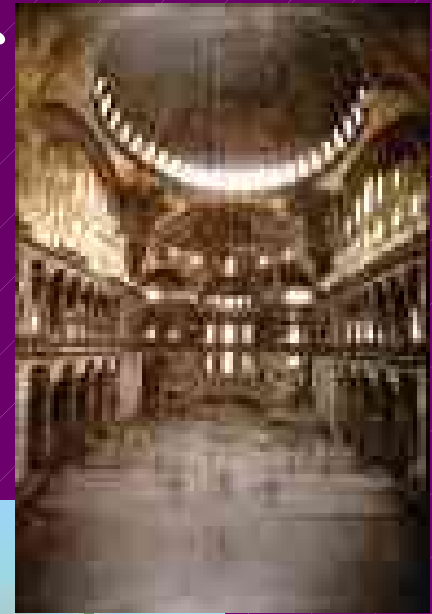
# Apologists



- Reasons for their emergence?
- Their role in the mission of the early Church?
- Positive and negative results?
- What is the role of apologetics today?
  - What can we learn from their successes and failures?

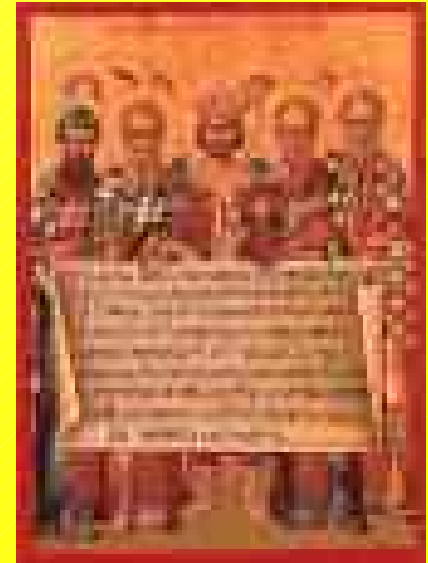
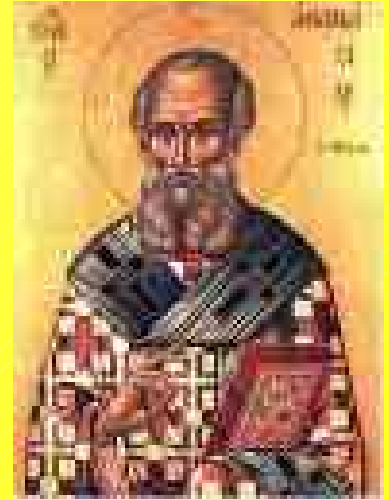
# Constantine: The Rise of Christian Empire

- Diocletian's reorganization
  - What was its goal?
  - How did it fail?
- Constantine's power play
  - How'd he pull all this off?
- Results for the Church
  - What changes occurred in Church life, organization, culture, etc.?
- Benefits and drawbacks of Christian Empire?
- Applications for today?



# Arianism and the Triumph of Orthodoxy

- What was the issue?
- Why did it matter?
  - What was at stake?
- How did Church politics and doctrinal concerns intermingle?
  - Lessons for today?
- What was the final answer?
  - What is the role of the creed today?
  - Brief review of trinity



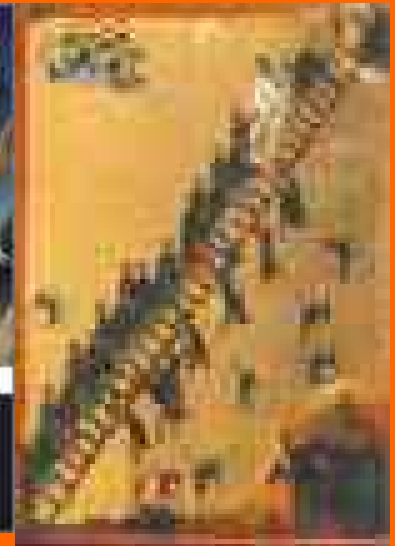
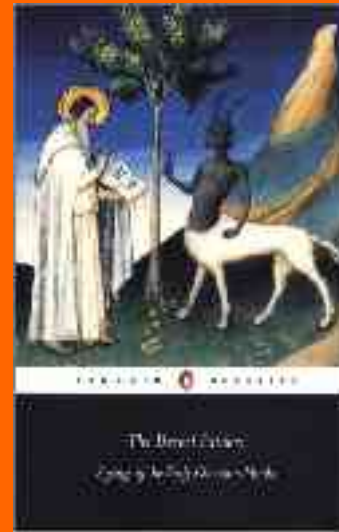
# The Council of Chalcedon

- What was the issue?
  - How did this relate to Nicea?
- Why did it matter?
  - What was at stake?
- What was the solution?
  - What is the role of this creed today?
  - Brief review of three geni (stick man diagram)
- Mary and the Church today
  - Why was she important then?
  - Why now?



# Monasticism

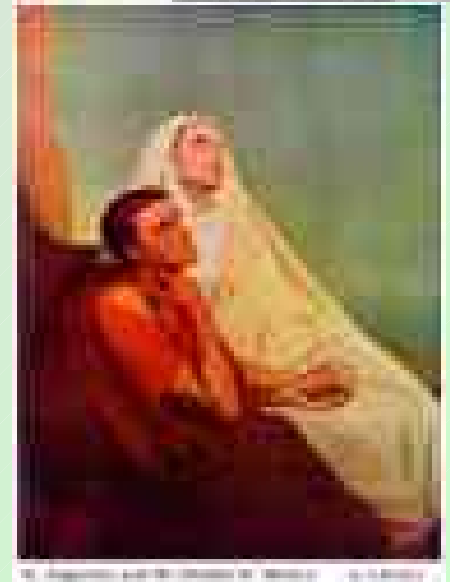
- Where'd it come from?
- Why'd it develop?
- What was its original purposes?
- What were the benefits and drawbacks for the Church?
- Differences between early monasticism and late monasticism?
- Monasticism and the doctrine of vocation (Luther, Bonhoeffer)
- Monasticism and the doctrine of baptism (Luther)
- Can the Church enter a sort of new monasticism (separation from society/culture)?



# Donatism and Augustine

- Donatism had been festering/developing for a long time already—this is things coming to a head.
- Characteristics of Donatism
  - Why are these tempting views to our sinful natures?
  - Why are they so dangerous?
- Cyprian's reply/approach
  - What was his rationale (esp. in historical setting)?
  - What was the dangerous precedent?
  - How would we improve Cyprian's answer?
  - Are we tempted to answer the same way?
    - WELS on the church sign
- Augustine's answer
  - Why was it the only right one?
  - What is its importance for us today?

St. Lawrence

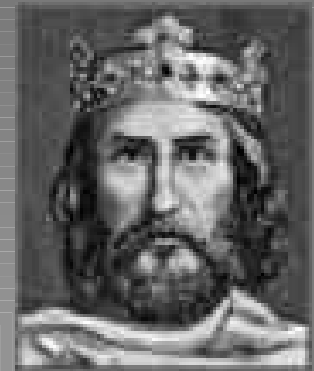


# St. Augustine

- Augustine's Importance in the West
- Background
- *City of God*
  - Agree/Disagree with his view
  - Applications today (Christian coalition, secularism, etc.)
- Augustine vs. Pelagius
  - What was the issue?
  - What did it matter?
    - What was at stake?
  - Applications today?
- Augustine on the sacraments
  - Why is his terminology important?
  - Why is our understanding of the sacraments crucial to our understanding of Christ?



# The Church: 700-1050



- What do you see as the main developments?
- What were the strengths and weaknesses of missions at this time?
- What was the significance of Charlemagne's coronation by the pope?
  - What problems/benefits will develop from this?
- Compare/Contrast to the Church and State models and attitudes of our own day.

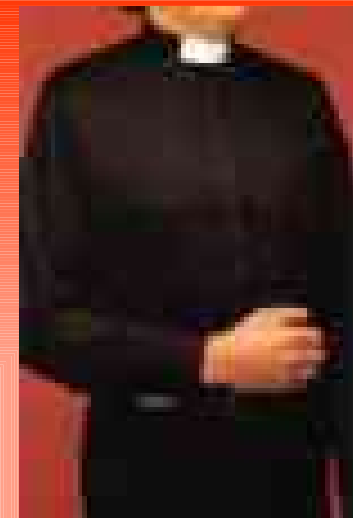


# Social Changes (1050-1200)



- What important contributions did monasteries make in this period?
- How do the changes taking place at this time compare to our society today?

# Papal Reform



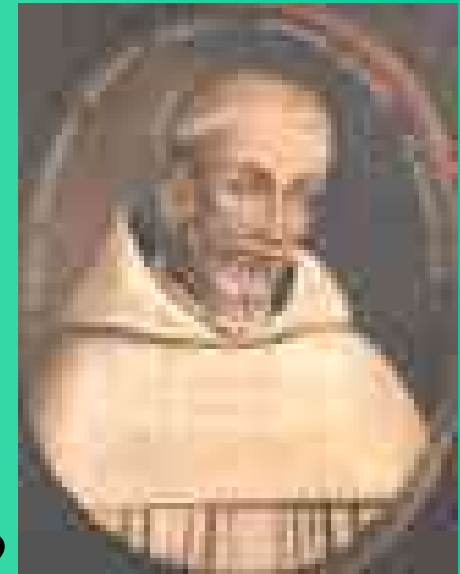
- What significant changes took place?
- What were the dangers of simony and cohabitation with women?
- What were the advantages/disadvantages of the banning of clerical marriage in the short term?... long term?
- What were some reasons for the clergy/laity distinctions and how would they effect the Church thereafter?
- Note how the papacy internationalizes in the next few centuries.



# Monastic Reform



- What temptations did monasteries often face?
- What were some reasons for Cluny's success?
- Any thoughts concerning Bernard of Clairvaux?
- Contributions of monasteries thus far?

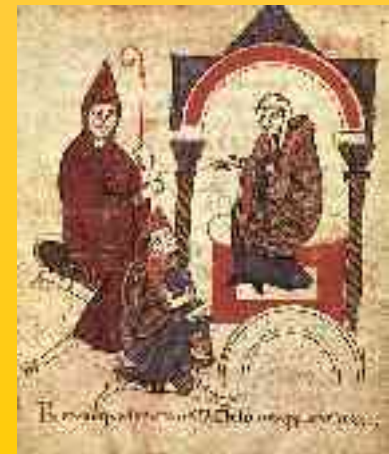




# Empire vs. Papacy



- What were contributing factors in Gregory VII's clash with Henry IV?
  - Are these still factors in the Church today?
- Who was [more] right/wrong?
- What are some of the abuses of power that each man perpetrated?
- What happened to Christ in all this?
  - How would this and similar controversies effect the Church's mission & the nurture of faithful souls?
- Who won and who lost? How?
  - Any impressions of the Concordat of Worms?



# Crusades & the Development of Western Christianity

- Describe some factors that led to the Crusades.
  - Any similarities to the Church today?
- What were some long term consequences of growing triumphalism in the Church?
- High and low points of the Crusades?
- Continuing conflicts between pope and emperor.
  - Who were the bad/good guys? What were bad/good motives?
- Popular preachers and roots of Reformation.
  - What were trends among these popular preachers?
    - Were these anything new?
- What is the role of the pulpit in such situations?

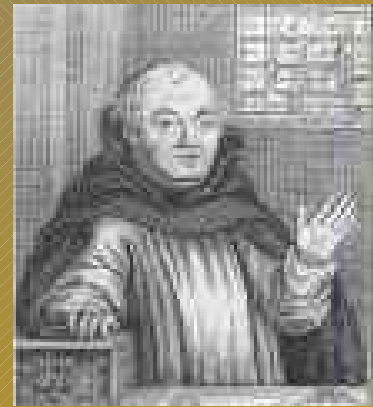




# Monastic Developments



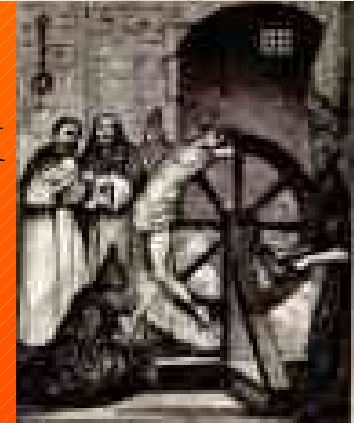
- Compare and contrast the Franciscan and Dominican origins and characteristics.
- Do you see both types of movements still in the Church today?
- The strengths and weaknesses of each?
- What was the significance of Innocent III embracing these and other emerging movements?
  - Value for today?



A famous Dominican



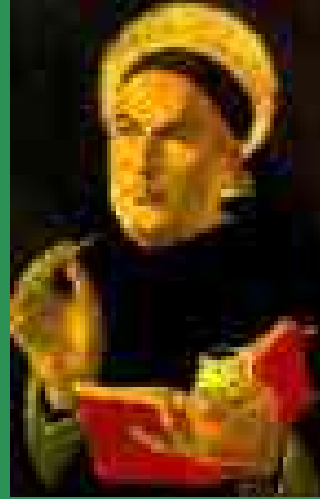
# Heresy!



- Crusades
  - What about the society/worldview of the day made a crusade against heresy possible and somewhat acceptable?
- Inquisition
  - The inquisitions are probably the biggest black eye in the Roman Catholic Church's history. Why?
  - What were the motives, procedures, results?
- Lessons for combating false teaching today?

# Scholasticism

- Why did it develop?
  - What were the goals?
- What were the dangers?
- How did this set the stage for a clash with the thought of the Reformers (and the East)?
- What was Aquinas' role?
  - What was the impact on “doing theology” as a whole?
  - What Aquinas do you see (pictures)?
- Lutheran scholasticism?
  - Temptations today?



# Developments in Popular Piety & Devotion

- Positive developments?
- Negative developments?
- *Omnis Utriusque Sexus*
  - Good or bad?
- Do we have problems like those of the rural Christians today? Where? Why?
- What were the roles of ceremonies?
  - Any implications/applications for today?
- The significance of St. Guinefort
  - What was this dog a symptom of?



# Rise of the Nation State and Lay Authority

- What was the significance of a growing number of lay men being educated at a level previously reserved for clergy?
- What would long-term effects of this trend be?
- How will the trends emerging in this section set the stage for the Reformation?



Frederick the Wise



Henry VIII

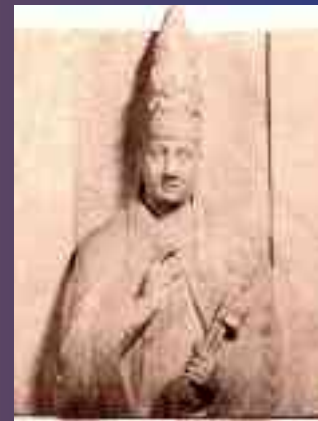
# Avignon



- What was the real issue in all of this?
- What factors led to a solution taking so long?
- Why were so many reforms accomplished under the Avignon papacy? What impetus was there?
- What damage was done to the papacy?
- What questions were raised about the role of the pope and of a council?
- Why is this a fun time of Church History for Lutherans to study?



Martin V



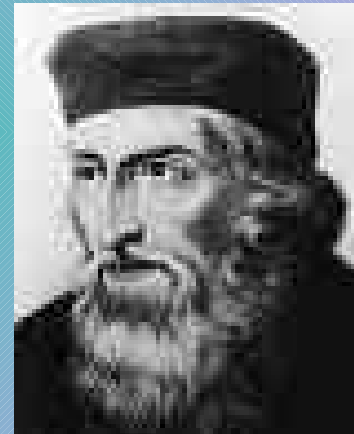
Boniface VIII

Philip IV



# Preludes to Reformation

- What was the significance of the Conciliar Movement? Motives? Winners? Results?
- Insights on Wycliffe? Good? Bad?
  - What was his long term significance?
- Insights on Huss? Good? Bad?
  - What was his long term significance?
  - Compare his situation/fate with Luther's.



# Renaissance and Humanism

- How would you describe these two movements?
- Petrarch's contributions?
- Erasmus'
- Reuchlin's
- How did all this set the stage for Luther?
  - Explain: "Erasmus laid the egg and Luther hatched it."



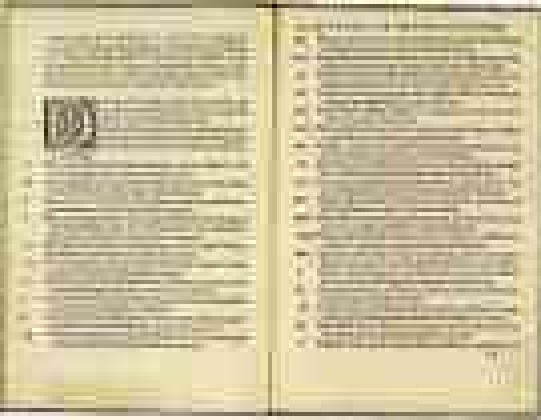
# Renaissance Popes

- What trends do you see among these popes?
  - Are the “renaissance” popes because of the time period they lived in or the way they carried out their pontificate?
- What are some of the significant actions of these popes?
- How were these popes setting the stage for Reformation?



Cosimo Medici





# Reformation!



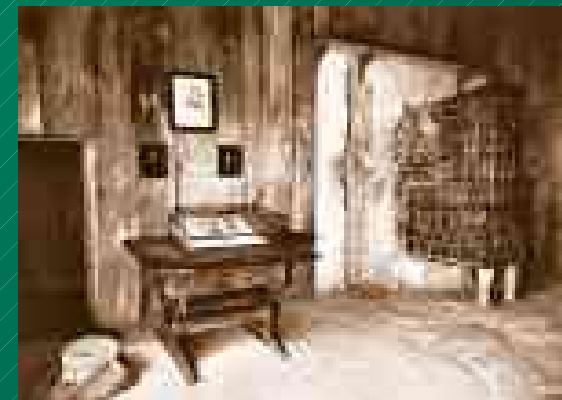
- What led Luther to write the 95 Theses?
- What was the gist of the Theses?
- Explain the pope's dilemma?
- Evaluate and expand upon each of the steps the pope took, as detailed in our notes.
  - Why didn't they work?
  - What do they say about the parties involved?
    - Think about Frederick the Wise specifically.





# Worms & Wartburg

- Significance of the Diet?
  - What effect did it have on Luther?
- What significant took place at Wartburg?
  - How did they fit with Luther's theology?
  - How did they meet the needs of the time?
- What does Luther's return to Wittenberg show us?
  - About his attitude toward his flock?
  - About his attitude toward reform?
  - About the kind of man he was?



# Marburg Colloquy

- What was the goal?
- What became the main issue?
  - What were the two positions?
  - What caused the two different positions?
- How does one's understanding of the Sacrament tie into their understanding of Christ—his incarnation, his person, and his work?
- What was the result of the Colloquy?
- What does the Colloquy say about the early Lutheran understanding of fellowship?



The Colloquy at Marburg was called in hopes of reconciling the two centers of the German Reformation—Zürich and Wittenberg, but conflict over the Lord's Supper split their common cause.



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# Augsburg Confession

- The reason for writing it?
- The goal of the Confession?
- The work itself:
  - Thoughts on content and style?
- The results?
  - Why didn't things come to a head yet?
- Long term significance of the AC?

