

Defenders & Defamers

• Lesson Four •

The Church during the Collapsing Empire
400 A.D. – 600 A.D.

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Defenders

Augustine of Hippo (354-430 A.D.)

Jerome (342-420 A.D.)

Cyril of Alexandria (375-444 A.D.)

Defamers

Pelagius (c. 354 - c. 418 A.D.)

Nestorius (c. 381 – c. 451 A.D.)

Eutyches of Constantinople (c. 380 – c. 456 A.D.) [monophysitism]

Developments

Council of Chalcedon (451 A.D.)

Second Council of Constantinople (553 A.D.)

Rise of the Papacy

Background Information

2nd & 3rd Century A.D.

4th Century A.D.

5th Century A.D.

6th Century A.D.

Mission Work

Ulphilas (310-383 A.D.)

Martin of Tours (316-397 A.D.)

Patrick (389-461 A.D.)

Irish Missionaries (563 A.D.)

Council of Whitby (663 A.D.)

Discussion

1. The Donatists claimed that people baptized by priests who had renounced Christ while under persecution had not received genuine baptisms. How would you respond?
2. Evaluate: While Nestorius went overboard in his denouncement of the Virgin Mary as “Theotokos” (mother of God), we would agree that the term “Theotokos” is not the best title for Mary.