

Defenders & Defamers

• Lesson Five •

The Medieval Church
600 A.D. – 1500 A.D.

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Defenders

John of Damascus (675-749 A.D.)

Defamers

Mohammed (c. 570-632 A.D.)

Developments

The 3rd Council of Constantinople (680-681 A.D.)

The Iconoclastic Controversy (726-787; 815-843 A.D.)

800 A.D. – 1300 A.D.

Defamers

Peter Lombard (c. 1100-1160 A.D.)

Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274 A.D.)

Developments

Pope vs. Emperor

The Crusades (1095-1291 A.D.)

The Great Schism (1054 A.D.)

The Eastern Orthodox Church (Key Teachings)

Mission Work

1100 A.D. – 1500 A.D.

Developments

Forerunners of the Reformation
Peter Waldo (? – 1218 A.D.)

Jerome Savonarola (1452-1498 A.D.)

John Wyclif (c. 1320-1384 A.D.)

John Hus (1369-1415 A.D.)

Discussion

1. Agree or disagree? When speaking with a Muslim about Christianity, it would be good to apologize for the Crusades.
2. The claim that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father *and* the Son is not part of the original Nicene Creed, but which of Jesus' words confirm this claim?
3. Evaluate: Just as the leaders of the Western and Eastern Church should have swallowed their pride of 1054 A.D. to work out a compromise, so church leaders today should do all they can to maintain the unity that is to exist between Christians.
4. Put the following Aquinas quote in your own words: "*The meriting of eternal life depends principally on charity [God's friendship]. Our merit is the secondary cause. A man merits an increase of grace by each and every meritorious action. He cannot merit the first grace.*"