

## CHURCH HISTORY

### Lesson 5 – Triumph over Paganism (312 to 400 A.D.)

In this next century, Christianity emerges triumphant over Roman persecution. However, internal problems continue growing with both false doctrines (notably about the nature of Christ) and the beginning union of Church and State.

#### A. Background

1. Write at least one sentence about each of the following:
  - a. Constantine (312 to 337 A.D.)
  - b. Arius (250 to 336 A.D.)

#### B. Major Events

1. What did Armenia officially do with Christianity in 301 A.D.? Was this good, bad, or both?
2. What was the Edict of Milan (313 A.D.)?
3. What was the Edict of Thessalonica by Emperor Theodosius (391 A.D.)?

#### C. Authority

1. Regarding the canon of the scriptures
  - a. What was the Council of Hippo (393 A.D.)? What issues did it discuss?
2. Regarding early manuscripts
  - a. What is the Codex Sinaiticus (350 A.D.)?
  - b. What is the Vulgate (389 A.D.)?
3. Regarding decision making authority
  - a. What does "ecumenical council" mean?
  - b. What was significant about the First Council of Nicaea (325 A.D.)?
  - c. What was discussed at the First Council of Constantinople (381 A.D.)?
  - d. What is the Apostle's Creed? How does it relate to the Council of Milan (390 A.D.)?

#### D. Doctrines

1. Regarding church organization:
  - a. What role did the Emperor and civil government start to play in church affairs during this time?
2. Regarding the nature of deity:
  - a. What is Arianism? What modern day "Christian" religious group teaches the same thing?
  - b. Who was Macedonius, bishop of Constantinople? What is Macedonianism or Pneumatomachianism?
3. Regarding salvation:
  - a. Who was Donatus Magnus (??? To 355 A.D.)? What is Donatism?
  - b. What were "monastics" and "monasticism"?

#### E. Divisions/Conflicts

1. Describe what happened to Christians under each of the following Roman emperors

a. Diocletian (284 to 305 A.D.)

b. Galerius (305 to 311 A.D.)

2. What is notable about Priscillian of Avila?

F. Special Topics

1. What is the first recorded date of Christmas being celebrated on December 25th?

2. Who was Nikolaos of Myra (270 to 343 A.D.)?