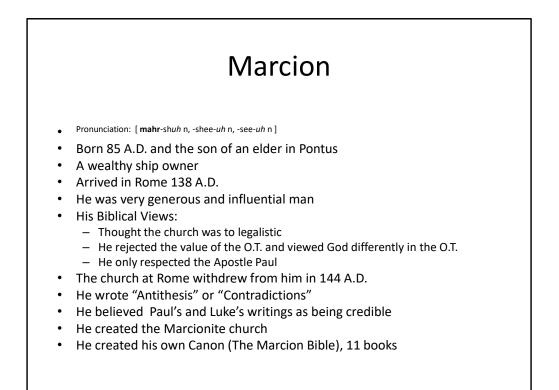


Last week we looked at the state of the church pages 66-67 in your books. I think we agree that the state of the church was in a very vulital condition. There was persecution without and heresy within.

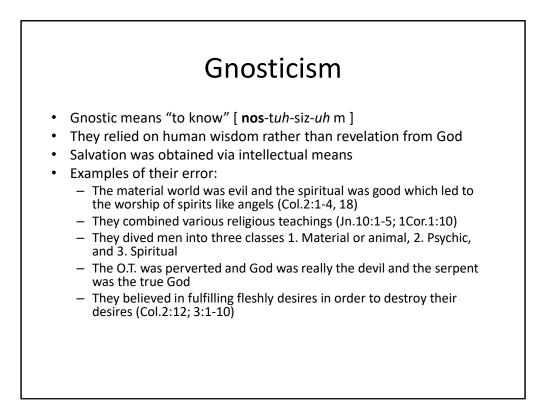
Last week we looked at Marcion (ns).



If you were here last week or you happened to read the information surrounding him, we learned that he was liberal in his views. He eventually create or establish his own church and he would have what is called the Marcion bible.

Our minds probably hearken back to the apostle Paul's remarks to the elders of Ephesus (Acts 20:28-29 read). Sadly, Marcion fit Paul's description.

The next group of interest are the Gnostics.



(Read book).

(Show and discuss bullets).

Docetism Pronunciation: [dōˈsēˌtizəm, ˈdōsi-] Means "to seem" Christ seemed to suffer Jesus' incarnation and crucifixion were not actual facts What was Ignatius' response?

(Read book).

(Read bullets).

Why do you suppose the adherents of this sect didn't believe in the incarnation and crucifixion?

Igantius response was to create a watch dog against error. He was "over correcting" and "over reaching"! What do we have elders for? (Acts 20:28)

Montanism Pronunciation: /ˈmän(t)əˌnizəm/ Montanus, the founder of Montanism, minimized leadership in the church but in exchange for direct revelation of the Holy Spirit Mantanism relied on spiritual gifts and would resemble charismatic churches of today They believed in an earthly reign of Christ for 1,000 years They sat a date for Christ's return Marriage was permissible but discouraged The were excommunicated in Asia Minor

(Read book).

(Read content on power point).

There way of bucking authoring was playing the "God said I could do it" card. This reminds me a lady who started living with her boyfriend. She said God would want her to be happy and she sees nothing wrong with it. It also reminds me of the person is who keeps making bad choices, they say their just going have to pray for God to show them an answer. My response is He has, it's called the Bible.

They believed that spiritual gifts still existed even when Paul said they would come to an end (1Cor.13:8-12). The last apostle to write inspired words died about sixty years before Montanism came into existence.

They were by all accounts prost-millinnialist. They believed Chris would set up his kingdom for a thousand years and then take the church home. They set dates for Christ's return (Mt.24:36).

Marriage was discouraged. They looked down on couplse for marrying. Perhaps this goes back to Paul's writings to the saints in Corinth. (1Cor.7:7-8; 32-33). In response (1Cor.7:26; 28).

Their teachings were so radical, they were banned from the region of Asia Minor.

Latter Apologists

- Irenaes (130-200)
- Clement of Alexandria (150-215)
- Tertullian (155-223)
- Hippolytus (170-236)
- Origen (185-254)

(Read bullets).

Irenaeus (130-200)

- Pronunciation: Ai-rehn-EE-uhs
- Born in Asia Minor 130 A.D.
- He heard Poycarp preach and became a Christian
- He was an elder at Lyons in Gaul 177 A.D.
- He wrote five books Against Heresies
- He valued the scriptures e.g. of Isa.7:14
- Irenaeus
- However he was caught up in the cultural confusion of his day e.g. pg.74, third paragraph
- What are your thoughts on "The Acts of Peter" (pages 74-75)?
- How does our author clear up the confusion?

(Read and discuss bullets).