

The Eternal Kingdom

Lesson #23

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As we continue to make our way through this book, “The Eternal Kingdom”, we have been looking the apologists. What is an apologist?

Tonight we begin to look at Irenaeus (ns).

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
- 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).

Clement of Alexandria (150-215)

- Titus Flavius Clement was a native of Athens
- What prominent event happened in Athens during Paul's third missionary journey?
 - Review events from Acts 14-34
- How did Clement earn his name "Clement of Alexandria"?
- Who was a well respected teacher that Clement adored?
- What works did he author?
- What was his view of the Greek language and Greek philosophy as it relates to Christianity?
- What common view did Clement have with Philo?

(Read book then discuss bullets).

Tetullian (155-223)

- Pronunciation: Ter-tuhl-ee-uh n
- Born in Carhage about 155 A.D.
- Converted in Rome around 195 A.D.
- He returned to Carthage to evangelize
- What event led him to write his defense of Christianity?
- He refused to call the Emperor "God"
- What was his view of persecution and the church?
- What kind of topics did he write about (totaling 43 works in all)?
- His life was divided up into two parts. What were they?
- What religious group did he eventually begin to identify with because of his disapproval of legalism?
- What did Tertullian eventually do that was common among religious leaders who were dissatisfied?

(Read material and be sure to point out that he unintentionally began to exalt the Roman church as greatest church in Christendom).

Hippolytus (170-236)

- Pronunciation: Hi-pol-i-tuh s
- Born around 170 A.D.
- Studied under Irenaeus in Gaul
- Spent his adult life in Rome
- What bishop did he oppose and why?
- What happened to him in 235 A.D.?
- What did his writings consist of?
- What did he believe to be the origin of heresy?