

The Eternal Kingdom

Lesson #24

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We have been looking at the book “The Eternal Kingdom”. If you are a fan of history, and church history in particular, this is an outstanding resource.

The past couple of weeks we have been looking the apologists.

Apologists

- Quadratus
- Aristides
- Justin Martyr
- Tatian
- Melito
- Athenagoras
- Theophilus
- Marcion
- Irenaeus

(Read bullets).

We have also looked at religious sects that came into existence during the second century.

Religious Sects

- Gnosticism
- Docetism
- Monantism

(Read bullets).

Tonight we continue to look at our apologists and we will begin with...

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).

Tertullian (155-223)

- Pronunciation: Ter-tuhl-ee-uh n
- Born in Carthage 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?

(Read bullets and discuss).

Origen (185-254)

- Born into a pagan family of Alexandria 185 A.D.
- Parents were converted when he was eight years old
- Who did he study under?
- What emotional story do we learn about his father?
- Who encouraged Origen to write and what do we know about this man's former life?
- What evidence do we have that Origen was a brilliant man?
- What mistakes did Origen make?

(Read bullets).