

Period 3

Constantine to Charlemagne (312 – 800)

Lesson 9 Jovinianism

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1. References:

- 1 Cor. 7:1-2, 25-27
- Eph. 2: 8 & 9
- 1 Tim. 4:1-5

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2. Essential Theory, Belief, or Practice:

1. Water Baptism is an outward symbol of the inner transformation wrought through faith.
2. He repudiated the idea that starvation conduces to holiness.
3. Christ dwells in all equally, without any difference or degrees, and no difference in rewards.
4. Believers are a temple of God, not temples.
5. Two classes of people –saved and unsaved.
6. Salvation is by grace and not of merit, and those that are saved are saved absolutely.
7. Denied the perpetual virginity of Mary

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3. Principle Character:

- Jovinianus Romanus d. 406
- Condemned as a heretic in 390 by a Roman synod
- A Milanese synod under Ambrose excommunicated Jovanianists
- His followers took refuge in the Alpine valleys and kept alive his evangelical teachings.
- These reappeared in the 12c. With Arnoldists, Petrobusians and Henricians

4. Scriptural Refutation:

Rewards - 1 Cor. 3:10-13

