

Period 3

Constantine to Charlemagne (312 – 800)

Lesson 10 Vigilantius & the Iconoclasts

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Period 3.d. Vigilantius

1. References: Eph. 6:18, Js.5:16, 1 Cor.10:14, Gal.5:20, 1 Cor.9:25-26, 1 Tim.6:12
2. Essential Theory, Belief, or Practice:
 - He rejected praying to the dead saints
 - Rejected the practice of carrying about the relics of martyrs
 - He preached against Idolatry
 - He preached that the monastic life was cowardly, that to stand and fight was better than to flee.

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3. Principle Character:

- Vigilantius, a native of Gaul (France) 370-490
- Ordained Presbyter 390
- Repulsed by the Paganism, Idolatry and asceticism he saw in both East and West
- Upon his return to Gaul restored Apostolic Doctrine & Practice.



Iconoclastic Controversy

1. Iconography – the use of images in worship
 - a. Usually painted on wood
 - b. Engravings, mosaics, or embroidery
2. The fight against it - Lev. 26:1 Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up *any* image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I *am* the LORD your God.
 - a. Introduction of Image Worship into the Christian Church
 - b. Causes
 - c. Images in the East and West