

Period 4

Charlemagne to Luther (800 – 1517)

Lesson 12 Charlemagne

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Ism's Throughout the Periods of Church History

1. Early Ism's in the Apostolic Age (33 – 100)
2. Post – Apostolic to Constantine (100 – 312)
3. Constantine to Charlemagne (312 – 800)
- 4. Charlemagne to Luther (800 – 1517)**
5. Reformation – Specific groups (1517 – 1648)
6. Modern Denominationalism (1648 – 1880)
7. 19th Century Proliferation (1881 - Current)

Background of Charlemagne

- Charles The Great, King of the Franks AD742-814
- Charles 1, Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire 800-814
- Skilled military strategist
- Responsible for uniting Western and Central Europe in the Early Middle ages
- What he founded is called the Carolingian Empire
- Abandoned the gold standard and put all of Europe on the same Silver currency



Period 4.a. Mediæval Monasticism

1. Orders that arose during this period:
 - A. The Benedictines flourished (founded 529) had over 2,000 convents in France
 - B. The Cistercians (out of the Benedictines, left the wealth and corruption of them to form a new order)
 - C. The Carmelites (formed during the crusade at Mt. Carmel in 1209)
 - D. The Augustinians – Theological emphasis
 - E. The Franciscans - Enthusiastic preachers & extreme ascetics
 - F. The Dominican – Preachers & Theologians, prominent in the Inquisition
 - G. Military Orders – Hospitalers (1092), Templars (1118) Teutonic Knights (1190) these played a significant role in the Crusades

Period 4.a. Mediæval Monasticism

2. Essential Theory, Belief, or Practice:

- a. The ascetic, celibate life, of denying oneself of worldly pleasures, marriage, possessions, etc.
- b. The population of the monasteries grew tremendously due to the difficulties of feudalistic life in the Middle Ages
- c. This contributed to immorality, prostitution, excess, and wealth within the monasteries

Period 4.a. Mediæval Monasticism

3. Principle Characters:

- a. Benedict of Nursia – the father of Western Monasticism
- b. Bernard of Clairvaux – Mystic order
- c. Francis of Assisi - Stigmata
- d. Dominic of Guzman – the Order of Preachers Black Friars in England, Jacobins in France

Period 4.a. Mediæval Monasticism

4. Scriptural Refutation:

1 Cor.7:1 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: *It is good* for a man not to touch a woman. **2** Nevertheless, *to avoid* fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. **3** Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

1 Cor. 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

1 Tim. 3:1 This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. **2** A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; **3** Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; **4** One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;