

Acts 2 To Luther

- What Happened After The Church Was Established?
 - 3000 – Act 2:41
 - 5000 – Acts 4:4
 - Disciples Multiplied – Acts 5:14
 - Number Of The Disciples Multiplied – 6:1
 - Word Of The Lord Increased – 6:7
 - To Everyone Under Heaven – Colossians 1:23

The Kingdom/Church Under Operation In The 1st Century

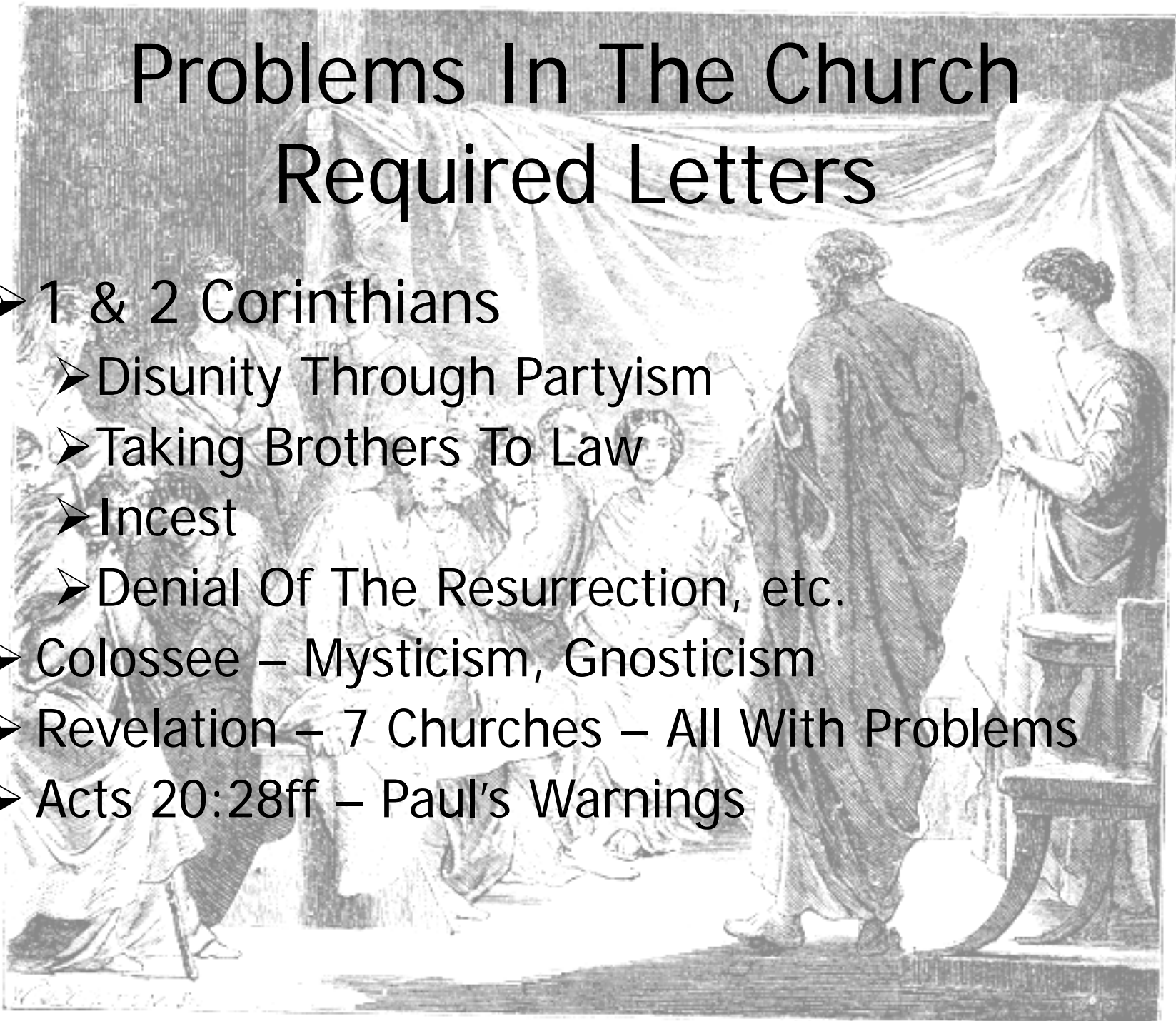
Colossians 1:12 – “¹³He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the **kingdom** of the Son of His love, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption through His blood.”

2 Thessalonians 1:5 – “⁵*which is* manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the **kingdom** of God, for which you also suffer;”

Revelation 1:9 – “⁹I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and **kingdom** and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.”

Problems In The Church Required Letters

- 1 & 2 Corinthians
 - Disunity Through Partyism
 - Taking Brothers To Law
 - Incest
 - Denial Of The Resurrection, etc.
- Colossee – Mysticism, Gnosticism
- Revelation – 7 Churches – All With Problems
- Acts 20:28ff – Paul's Warnings



End Of The First Century



Titus Flavius Domitianus
Emperor – 81-96 A.D.

- Ruler When John Was Exiled To Patmos.
- Paranoid: Only Allowed One Servant In His Presence
- Killed By His Own Servant, Stephanus While Taking A Bath - Seutonius, Historian
- Perhaps, The Events Referred To In Revelation 1:3; 22:6 – “These Things Must Shortly Take Place”

Second & Third Centuries

- Trajan – 110-112 A.D.
 - Persecuted Christians
 - Allowed Provincial Governors To Persecute
- Marcus Aurelius – 160-80 A.D.
 - Allowed Persecution
- Trajan Decius – 249-51 A.D.
 - Another Persecution Arose
- Diocletian – 284-305 A.D.
 - In 286 A.D. Allowed Galerius to Kill Christians
 - Worst Persecution Ever
 - Thousands Killed



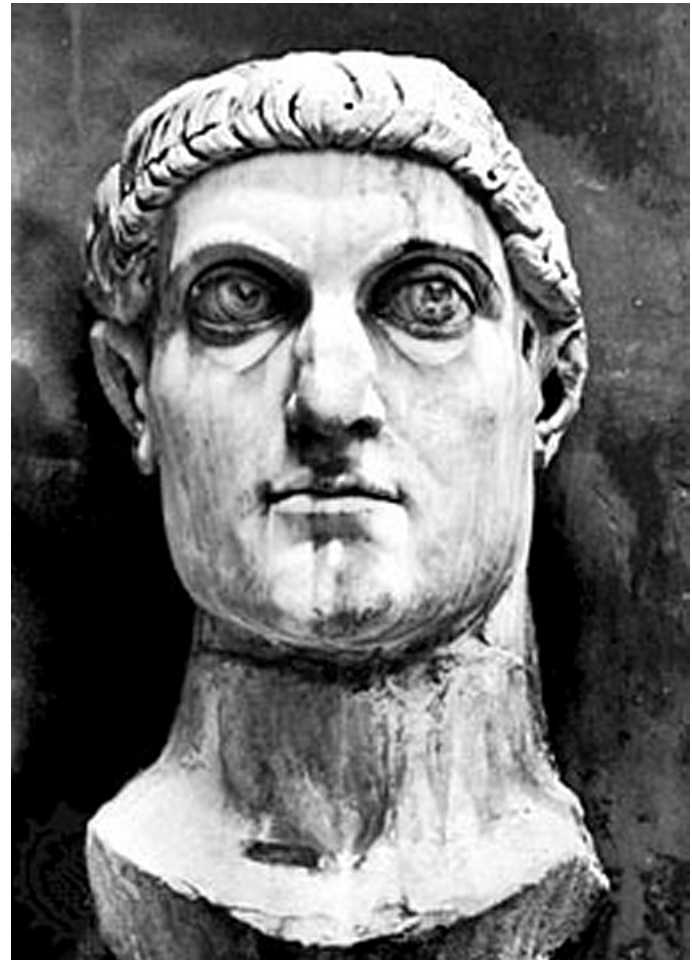
Fourth Century - Galerius

- Thousands Of Christians Killed
 - Throne To Lions
 - Served As Torches On Roads
 - Lighting Diocletian's Gardens
- 311 A.D. Galerius, Emperor, Repented On Death Bed
- Didn't Believe In God, But Was Sorry For Martyrdom of Christians
- Signed Law Ceasing Persecution Of Christians

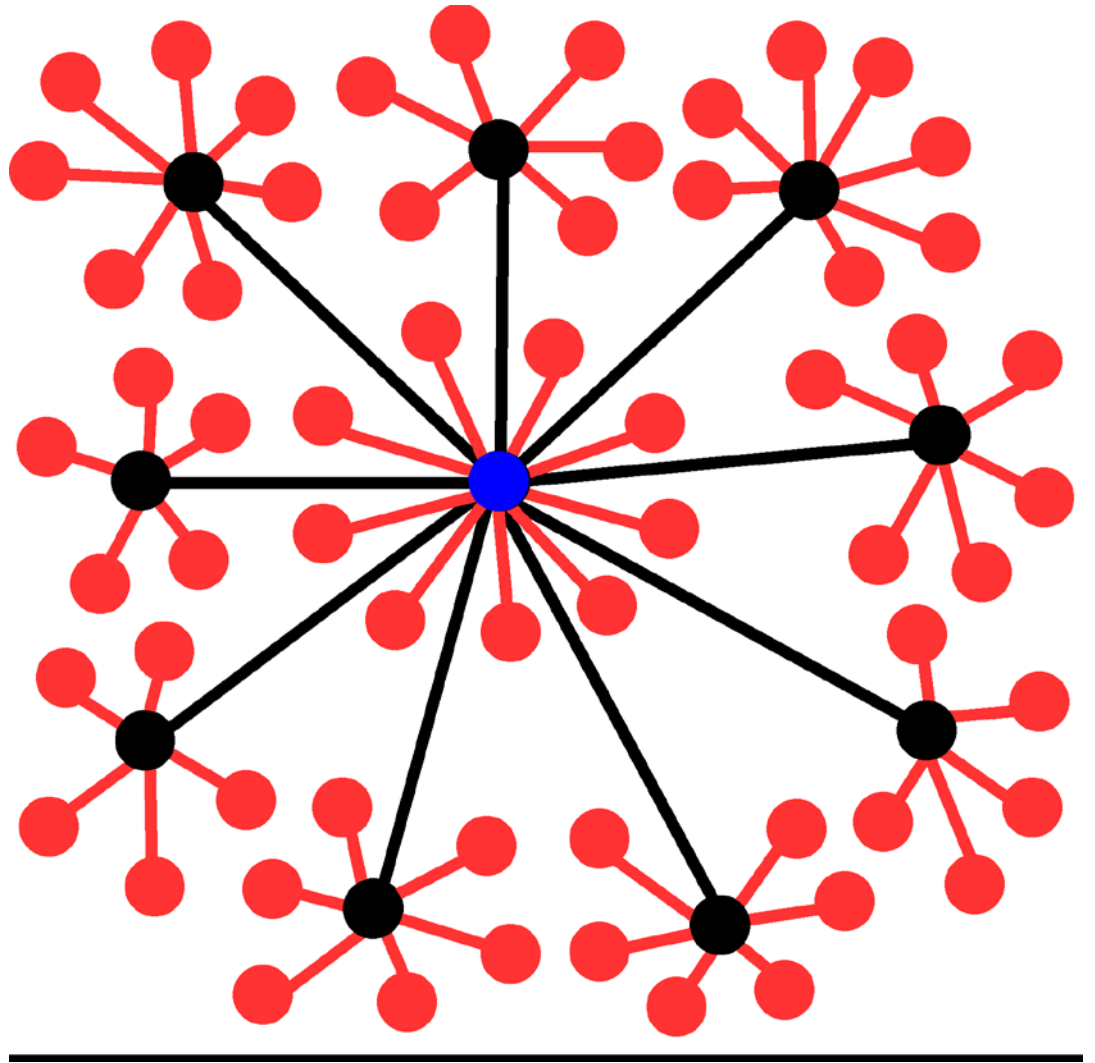


Constantine, The Great

- 313 A.D. Signed A Law That Christians Would Never Be Persecuted Again By Roman Government
- Converted To Christianity On His Deathbed
- Made Christianity The State Religion



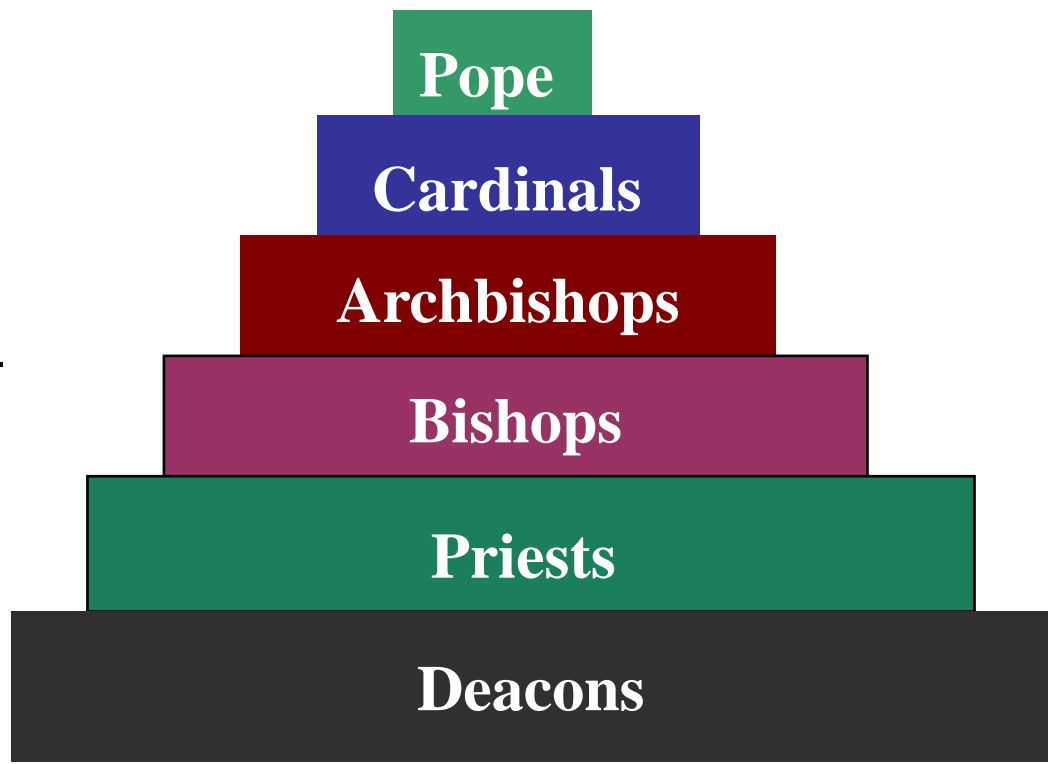
Roman
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Development





- 175 A.D. – It Was Written That A Bishop Was Different From An Elder, One Bishop Over Elders
- 250 A.D. – Development Of One Bishop Over Diocese
- 606 A.D. – Boniface III – First Universal Head – Pope
- 580 A.D. – Attempts To Add Instruments To Worship Were Rejected
- 660 A.D. – Pope Vitalian Introduced Organs In The Church, but not generally used at that point in time.

Departures



After 1000 A.D. – Dark Ages

- By 1100 – Papal Customs, e.g. Holy Water Introduced
- By 1200 – Baptism By Sprinkling
 - A Few Years Later, Sprinkling Dead Infants
 - A Few Years Later, Prayer Thru Mary
 - She Was Deified In 1967
- 1290 A.D. – Marinus Sanutus Added Wind Organs Into Churches, - McClintock & Strong v.8, p.739
- Only Papacy Had The Bible, No Personal Interpretation Allowed