

CHURCH HISTORY—STUDY GUIDE
EXAM 1

Know Vocabulary 1-3.

Give 5 reasons why studying church history is important.

Know the 4 world empires with approximate dates.

Name 6 factors that facilitated the spread of Christianity in the Roman Empire in the first two centuries.

Where were Peter and Paul martyred?

What three NT words denote the ordained leaders in a first-cent. congregation?

Give the names of the apostolic fathers along with significant information about each.

What were the most common settings for early church evangelism?

Describe the motives behind early evangelism.

Name the most common pagan accusations against early Christians.

Give the names of the second-cent. apologists and the works attributed to each.

Know and list the names of the Roman emperors who launched persecutions against Christians from AD 64 to 311.

Be familiar with the Gnostic system of thought.

What does the NT reveal concerning the rise of orthodoxy and heresy? Give some examples.

Identify/define:

Hellenization

Herod the Great

apologia

Docetism

Gnostic doctrine and dualism

Marcion

Montanus

responses to heresies

rule of faith/truth

How did the church respond to the early heresies?

What was the primary criterion used to authenticate a particular tradition?

Compare and contrast the rule of faith with a standard creed (e.g., the Apostles' Creed)—i.e., its development, form, purpose, and use.

How was the standardization of a written canon a reaction to Marcionism and Montanism?

What specific criteria were used to evaluate the canonicity of written documents?