

5-3-1 Assignment –Gonzalez CH. 1

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QUESTIONS

1. What happened to Judaism during the Diaspora?
2. What was the first and most important task of early Christianity?
3. Who are among the most famous martyrs of the second century?
4. Why was it commonly argued that most of the good things that Plato said came from Moses?
5. What was a major challenge to the Christian faith?

ANSWERS

1. In the Diaspora Judaism bore the mark of its various surrounding cultures.
2. To define its own nature vis-à-vis the Jewish tradition in which it was born.
3. Ignatius of Antioch, Polycarp of Smyrna, Justin, and the martyrs of Lyon and Vienne, in Gaul.
4. The reason why is because Moses lived long before Plato.
5. A major challenge to the Christian faith was Heresies.

TERMS

Hellenism- The combination of Greek culture brought by Alexander and his followers with the ancient cultures that had long existed in each of the lands that he conquered.

Logos- Word of God

Docetism- The belief that Jesus did not have a human body such as ours.

SUMMARY

This chapter discusses the history of the ancient church with the focus on the beginning of Christianity, up through the time of Constantine. Christianity went through much persecution throughout this time and worked hard to define itself. Some of the persecution came from the Jewish leaders and then came from the Empire. The chapter continues to describe the beginnings of the church and how it began to form.

