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Christianity Enters Gentile World

- 1st persecution is Jewish leadership - partial people
  - suppression of
    - NOT from Rome
- Paul was a target - Book of Acts

- Then, Romans began to persecute the Gentile mint.
  - 1st persecution Nero -
    - Killed Apostle Paul & Peter & many christians
  - 2nd persecution Domitian - despised both Jews + christians
    - banished apostle John
    - ~~[illegible]~~
  - extreme cases only - no hunting of christians
    - charged w Atheism
  - would not honor Caesar
  - 3rd Marcus Aralies - 161 - "Caesar is God"
    - persecuted harshly

- Antioch
  - Ignatius - 7 epistles written - martyred through lions
    - Christ + the incarnation
- PolyCarp + disciple of ~~[illegible]~~ Apostle John
  - convert of ~~[illegible]~~
  - Bishop of Asia minor
  - martyred 155
  - burned at the stake in Smyrna
  - 1st separated from Jesus
  - "Be strong, PolyCarp"
- inspired thousand of saints after him

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2nd Century Gentile Christianity

Strong Presence in church Asia Minor, Macedonia, Greece, Rome + Egypt

Apostolic Fathers - first non-apostolic generation of church leaders
- Highly Ascetic
- generosity but not egalitarian
- legalism
- Hostile toward idolatry

Gentile Church Leadership
- No offices in church
- Bishop + Presbyter are interchangeable
- Paul's paradigm: apostle, prophets, teachers

Ignatius's elevates monarchical bishops
Rise of monarchical bishops: leadership &/or apostolic succession

christian Apologists

Post-apostolic era — Church faced off against ignorant rumor

Quadrants - Aristides, Justin Martyr, Athenagoras

Justin Martyr - Samaritan Ancestry
- Martyred in Rome
- apology written in (155)
- christianity is the truest philosophy - marks syncretism

Gnosticism
- 2nd Century began to threaten christianity
- New age - Post modernity
- ~~[illegible]~~ evade other religions
- ~~[illegible]~~ Despise material world
- Jewish, christian & pagan elements

Jesus in Gnostic teaching
- Christ the revealer of the transcendant God
- Christ did not partake of real human nature
- ~~inspired~~ God of OT - demiurge
- appropriated Pauline terminology

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Marcion - Gnostic
- Wealthy ship owner
- Father was bishop of Sinope
- Haunted by the theodicy issue
- Tension between OT + NT God
- ~~[illegible]~~ Large christianity of the Law
- Excommunicated
- Started his own church
- Hatred of material world - Denied incarnation of Jesus
- made 1st Canon - excluded OT - Kept Luke, Romans, 1 & 2 Cor, Galatians, Eph, Phil, Colo, 1 & 2 Thess + Phil
- made 1st Canon

Movement

Montanism & the New Prophecy
- founded by Montanus of Ardabau
- Announced the dispensation of the H. Spirit - He prophesied
- Advocated Ascetism + fasting
- His movement spread through Asia Minor, phrygia
- followers Problematic - Priscia - claimed christ appeared in female form
- Tertullian became a Montanist + left the Catholic church

Catholicism

"Catholic" Universal - from platonic universal to orthodoxy; response to Gnosticism + Montanism

- Independent churches became affiliated into "an effective union"
- Bishops power increase
- NT texts collected, authorized, & recognized church-wide
- Creeds formulated
- Apostolic Succession - 1st appears as an anti-Gnostic measure
  - Genealogy of orthodoxy
- Irenaeus
- Bishop of Lyon wrote against Gnosticism
  - 2 hands of God - Scripture + the H. Spirit
- Christian doctrin upheld as standards orthodoxy
- & overemphasis the Virgin birth to stop Gnosticism

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(Catholism II)
- Baptismal statements of faith
  - Interrogation creeds
  - church councils
  - Apostles creed - written AD 400

Growing Importance of Rome

Pauline + Petrine tradition

Largest Single congregation — Big brother
- Reputation of Generosity
- Destruction of Jerusalem + decline of Jewish christian leadership
- Elitism
- first major church
- Roman church triumph over heresies
- Earlier "wars" East/west

Tertullian of Carthage

Trained in Roman least philosophy
- Intellectual prototype of N. African church
- Broke with Roman church - defending orthodoxy
- Logos Christology - Christ is the Word
- Double state - of Jesus Christ
- Trinity coined by him

Cyprian of Carthage
- Converted ca 246AD
- No salvation outside of the church
- Develops "Catholic" church idea
- Lord's Supper a sacrifice offered by priest

Logos christology + the West

Monarchians: uphold the unity of God

Dynamic M's - Jesus adoption as Son of God

Modalistic M's - Jesus was temporary form of God

- Theodotus of Byzantium - christ became divine @ Baptism