

5 QUESTIONS

1. How can one distinguish the difference between the Eastern and Western Roman Empires?
2. What is the name of the Frankish king who was consecrated Roman Emperor in 800?
3. Who was the king that deposed the last Roman emperor?
4. What church doctrine was condemned by the Fourth Ecumenical Council?
5. In what battle was the advancement of Islam into Western Europe stopped?

5 ANSWERS

1. The Eastern and Western Roman Empires were distinguished from each other by the language each spoke; the Eastern Empire spoke Greek, and the Western Empire spoke Latin.
2. Charlemagne, king of the Franks was consecrated Roman Emperor in 800.
3. The last Roman emperor was deposed by King Odoacre of the Heruli.
4. The Fourth Ecumenical Council condemned the doctrine of Monophysism.
5. The advancement of Islam into Western Europe was stopped at the battle of Tours or Poitiers.

3 DEFINITIONS

1. Monophysism: the doctrine that in Christ there is only a divine nature, for the human is absorbed into divinity.
2. "papa": a term both of endearment and respect, in earlier times as applied to any bishop who deserved particular respect.
3. "barbarians": the Germanic peoples who lived beyond the Danube and Rhine.

Summary

This chapter discusses the decline of the Roman Empire and the changes the empire and the church went through during this period, such as invasions by the Germanic people who are from beyond the Danube and Rhine, and the establishment of the kingdoms in Spain and France. In the church there were many heresies which dealt with the nature of Christ, and the Ecumenical Councils settled all doctrinal questions. Islam was stopped from entering Western Europe, and the East and West separated in 1054, over a schism known in the west as "the schism of Photius."