

Class: TH605 History of Christianity

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Questions

1. The Western Church needed radical reform. What was the source of the reform when it came?
2. Name several characteristics that came to the Western Church due to the Reformation.
3. Why was the fourth crusade a disaster?
4. What was Anselm of Canterbury's contribution to the Theology of God?
5. What was Innocent 111 known for?

Answers

1. The radical reform that the Western church needed came from the ranks of monasticism.
2. Several of the characteristics that came to the church due to the Reformation were, for the clerical, celibacy, poverty, and obedience.
3. The fourth crusade was a disaster because instead of attacking the Muslims, it took and sacked the Christian city of Constantinople, placing the church in the Byzantine Empire under the leadership of a Latin Patriarch of Constantinople.
4. Anselm of Canterbury's contribution to the theology of God was his writing on the existence of God, made famous by the title "Ontological argument" he also wrote on the atonement, demonstrating that Jesus had to be God.
5. Innocent 111 was known for promulgating the doctrine of transubstantiation and other matters such as; confessions, Jews, Muslims, Waldensians, and the Inquisition.

Terms

Peter the Hermit: He was established as the great preacher sent by Urban 11, who led the first wave of crusaders, known as the popular crusade.

Reconquista: the process by which the Moors were expelled from the Iberian Peninsula. They were under Muslim rule.

Scholasticism: derives its name from the fact that it was a theology that developed mainly in schools and eventually in universities. Its forerunners are Anselm of Canterbury, Peter Abelard, the Victorines, and Peter Lombard.

Summary

The Middle Ages' high point came with the Reformation of the Western Church. Monasticism was very influential in the Reformation, which saw changes and rules for the clerical. This period in history was the wars of the crusades that challenged church doctrines and created numerous controversies. The scholasticism movement came out of this period, where we had some great writings about the existence of God and the atonement.