EARLY CHURCH FATHERS

Scriptures - Voice of the Holy Spirit through Inspired Authors

Apostolic Tradition - Voice of Our Lord continues through Holy Spirit

- Jn 16:12 - "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now."
- Jn 14:26 - "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."
- Jn 14:17 - "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."

Speaks through Office of Peter and Church

- Clement of Rome - Corinthian problem - Apostolic Tradition -Unity
  Pope Leo - Tome of Leo
- Church teaches (Magisterium) - Apostolic Tradition -Truth
  Truth worth dying for, Glorious Martyrdom - Polycarp.
- Church is Hierarchical - Ignatius of Antioch. Bishop, Priest, Deacon
- Church gives us Scripture - Irenaeus, Athanasius, Damasus, Augustine

- Apostolic Tradition tells us HOW to do things (liturgy and sacraments)
  Justin Martyr, Hippolytus *(lex orandi, lex credence)*
- Apostolic Tradition tells us Sacraments independent of Clergy Holiness
  Cyprian of Carthage overruled by Pope Stephen
  Augustine - *ex opere operate*

Who is the Father

- Gnostic - good god and bad god (demiurge)
  Gospel of John - Cerinthus
  Irenaeus - One God who reveals slowly

Where is the Son

- Present in the Eucharist - Ignatius of Antioch
- Reality of John 6 + Last supper.

Who is the Son

- Divine God Incarnate, — Ignatius of Antioch
- Same as the Father - Nicaea - Athanasius - Apostolic Tradition
- Not created - anti-Arius - Athanasius, Ambrose, Emperor Theodosius
- Nestorianism (2 persons - 2 natures) Ephesus Council 431 Theotokos
- Monophysitism (1 person - 1 nature) but True God and True Man -
  hypostatic natures. Chalcedon 451
  Truth - 1 divine person with two natures

Who is the Holy Spirit

- Trinitas - Tertullian coined in 202 AD
- It is God - St Basil the Great - one ousia but 3 hypostasis. (lex orandi)
- Constantinople 381 - Proceeds from the Father - implied Nicaea
- Proceeds different than Begotten - Gregory of Nissa

Great Schools

- African Alexandrian See - 3rd and 4th Century Prominence
  Clement of Alexandria - grew school
  Origen - great pupil - gave us new philosophy words. Infant Baptism
  Allegorical view of Scripture a great spiritual sense
  Tertullian - Latin - Blood of Martyrs is seed.
- Antioch - great see of Peter and Ignatius - got it wrong at Nicaea.

Monasticism would save Christianity

- Life of Antony - Athanasius
- Basil - law of monastic community
- St Benedict - rule of life
- Gregory the Great - helped foster during Barbarians

Pope Grows in Secular stature by necessity

- Pope Leo - Can be powerful and treat people with dignity
- Pope Gregory - Church must provide for people, when government cant

Christological Heresies

- Two person and Two Natures - Nestorianism (Ephesus)
- Human and not fully Divine - Arianism (Nicaea)
- Divine but not full Human - Docetism and most gnostics (Gospel of John)
- One person and One nature - Monophysitism (Chalcedon)
  Truth - 1 person with two natures and two wills.

Other Themes

- Ordained by St John Ap - Ignatius of Antioch, Polycarp of Smyrna
- Didache - Catechism of Apostolic origin, and a how to live as a christian.
  Fast - Wed & Friday; say 3 Our Fathers a day; Mass on Sunday.
- Gloria — St Polycarp martyrdom
- Relics cult developed - Gathering of St Polycarp remains
- Show Christian lifestyle and ethic superior when discussing - Justin Martyr
- Gnosticism - two gods, one good and one bad. Flesh is bad, spirit is good.
- Mary is the new eve - Irenaeus.
- Heresy forgivable by confession - Cyprian of Carthage
- Apostasy requires forgiveness by the Bishop - Cyprian of Carthage.
- Nicaea - called by Constantine. 70-80% Bishops were Arian.
- Athanasius - promulgated first NT as we have today
- Pope Damasus I - first Bible as we have today, as approved by the synods of
  Rome, Hippo and Carthage
- Arianism finally dies with Ambrose and Emperor Theodosius (380 AD)
- St Ambrose baptized St Augustine, while St Monica watched.
- Pelagianism Heresy - Salvation by works, utilizing only one's will -
  Augustine and Jerome
- Vulgate - Latin Translation of Greek and Hebrew texts - St Jerome 405AD
- Mary had no other Children - against Helvidius - St Jerome.
- Most Eastern Liturgies - St John Chrysostom
- Leo the Great and Attila the Hun
- Leo the Great - first of 44 popes to leave sermons
- Cleric must foremost be a great preacher - Gregory the Great
- Stories of the lives of the Saints - Gregory the Great
- Sent Augustine (of Canterbury) to England - Gregory the Great
- Senses of Scripture amplified - Gregory the Great