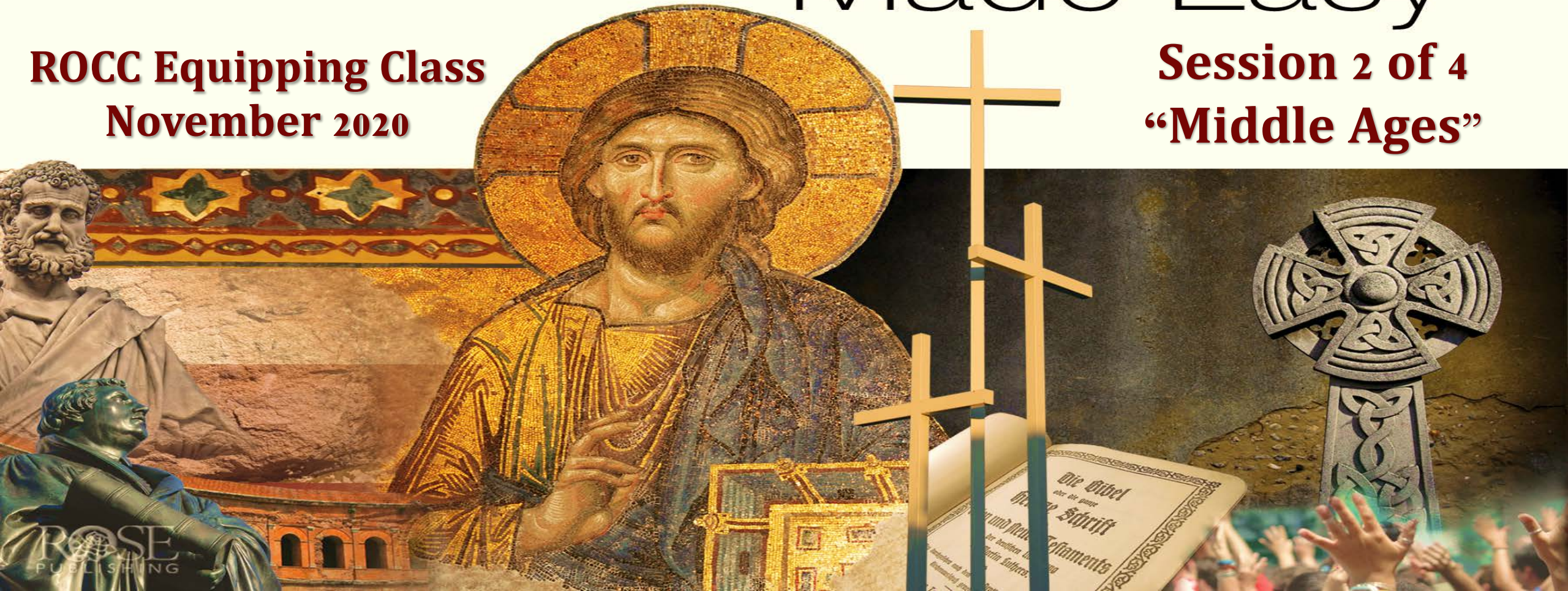


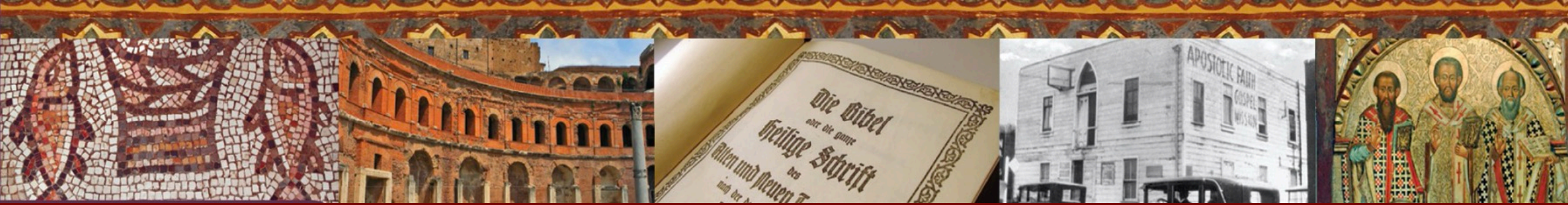
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# Christian (Church) History

## Session One Thoughts?



AD 40 - AD 451

In 60 Seconds!

40

64

70

100

Jewish Sect  
“Type” of  
Judaism

Rome  
Burns

Christianity

Jerusalem  
Falls

Judaism



100

200

300

312

Bishops

The Early  
Church

The  
Bible

Creeds

Constantine

Edict of Milan



325

400

451

Arius

1

East vs. West  
Nominal Faith  
Empire Issues

Council of  
Nicaea

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Council of  
Chalcedon



# **Council of Chalcedon (AD 451)**

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## **The Nature of Christ Examined**

- **Fully Human / Fully Divine – How?**
- **Significant Regional Division**
- **Emperor Marcian Summons Council**
- **500 Bishops (Mostly Eastern)**
- **Pope Leo the Great Influence**

# Chalcedon Definition

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Following, then, the holy Fathers unanimously teach our Lord Jesus Christ is to us One and the same Son, the Self-same Perfect in Godhead, the Self-same Perfect in Manhood; *truly God and truly Man*; *co-essential* with the Father according to the Godhead, the Self-same co-essential with us according to the Manhood; like us in all things, sin apart; *before the ages begotten of the Father* as to the Godhead, for us and for our salvation (born) of Mary the Virgin *Theotokos*.



# Chalcedon Definition

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**Only-begotten; acknowledged in *Two Natures unconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably*; the difference of the Natures being in no way removed because of the Union, but rather the properties of each Nature being preserved, and (both) concurring into One Person and One Hypostasis; not as though He was parted or divided into Two Persons, but One and the Self-same Son and Only-begotten God, Word, Lord, Jesus Christ.**

# **Council of Chalcedon (AD 451)**

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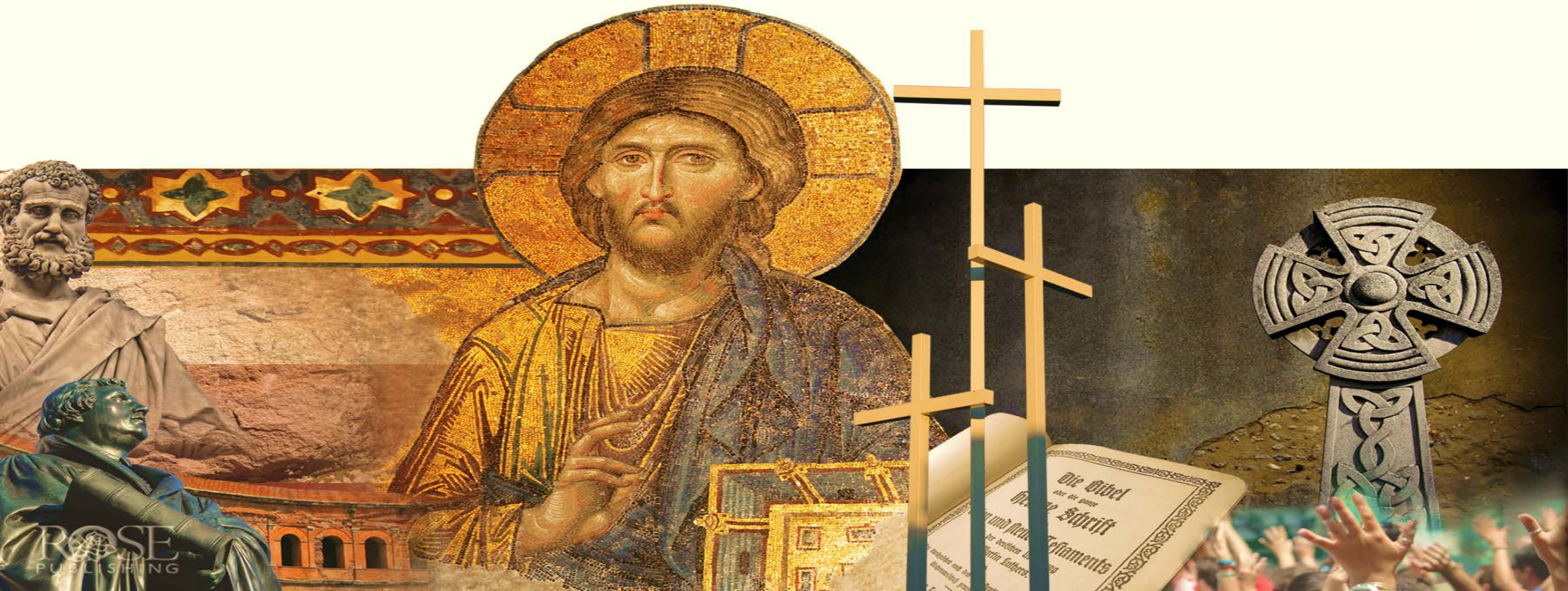
## **Results of the 4<sup>th</sup> Church Council**

- **Affirmed Nicene Creed / Christology**
- **Affirmed Christ's Person / Natures**
- **Preserved Delicate Unity of East / West**
- **“New Rome” = “Old Rome”**
- **Set the stage for Session Two .....**



# The Middle Ages: Monastic Life & East/West Strife

Session Two - November 8, 2020





# Monasticism

## Session 2





# Monasticism

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## Monus / Nonnus – “Alone”

*“Finally, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, whatever is excellent; if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” Philippians 4:8*

# Monasticism (AD 275 – AD 360)

Session

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## Early Desert Fathers / Mothers

- **St. Anthony - Egypt**
- **Desert Caves**
- **Poverty, Chastity, Obedience, Humility**
- **Practiced Extreme Asceticism (self-discipline and self-denial)**



# Monasticism (AD 275 – AD 360)

Session

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***“Desert spirituality is the pursuit of simplicity grounded in the possession of little, yet the abundance of God’s presence. We have sampled the nourishment here; let us reach for the Divine, and let us long for the sun of righteousness”***

**– Amma Syncletica**



# Monasticism (AD 360 – AD 604)

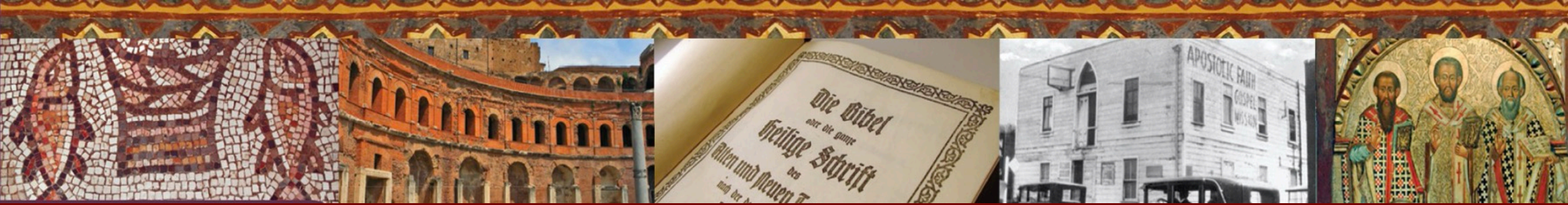
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## Later Monastic Communities

- **Significant Growth**





# Monastic Christianity

What made monastic life especially desirable in the 4<sup>th</sup> century?





# Monasticism (AD 360 – AD 604)

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## Later Monastic Communities

- **Significant Growth**
- **Conflict of Institutionalized Power vs. Holiness**
- **Schools, Orphanages, Hospitals, Scriptoriums**





# Monasticism (AD 360 – AD 604)

Session

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## Later Monastic Communities

- **St. Basil – Cappadocia**
- **Athanasius – *On Anthony***
- **Augustine (Orders)**
- **Martin of Tours / John Cassian**
- **Gregory the Great – Pope Gregory**



# Monasticism (AD 530)

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## Benedict of Nursia

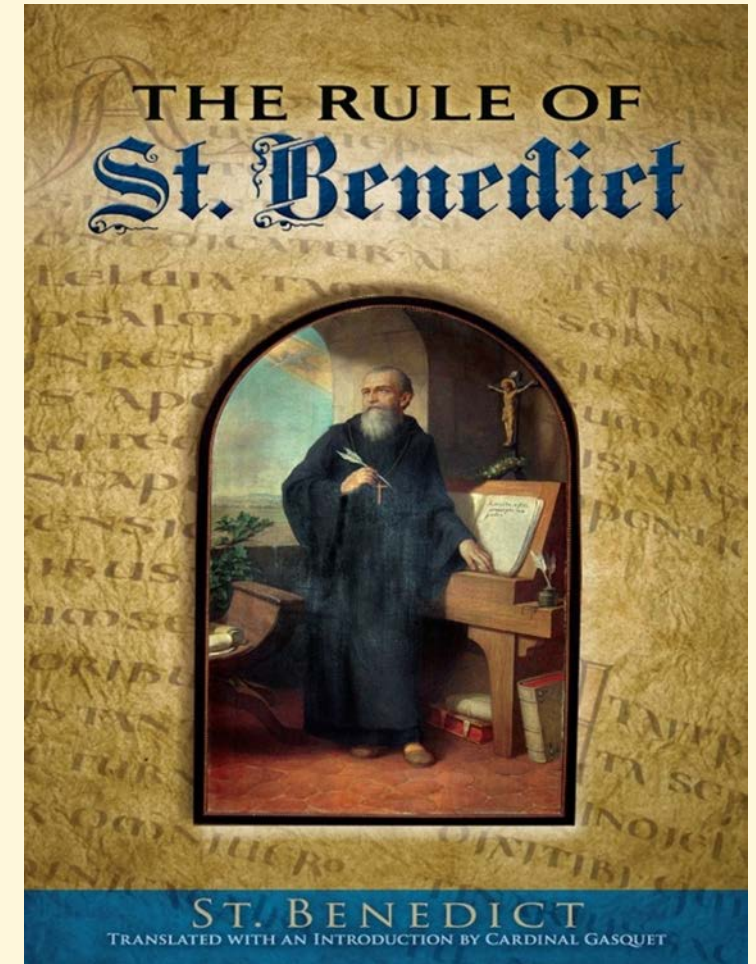
- Twelve by Twelve throughout Italy
- Monte Cassino (AD 525)
- The *Rule* for Monastic Reform & Order
- Balanced Approach to Theological Study, Spiritual Disciplines, Labor, and Generosity / Compassion



# Monasticism (AD 530)

## Session 2

# Benedict of Nursia

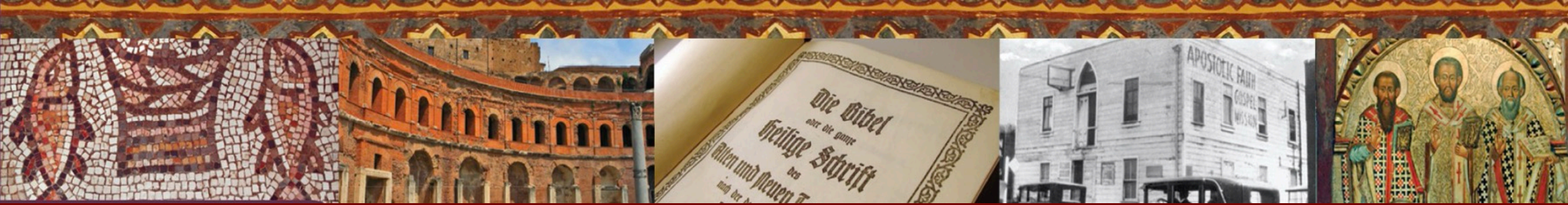




# Monasticism (AD 530 Forward)

## Session 2

- **Thousands of Monasteries**
- **Missionary Expansion of Christianity**
- **Preservation of Biblical Teaching**
- **Community Compassion and Care**
- **Turning Points, pp. 96-97 (Mark Noll)**  
“Almost by themselves, monks for more than a thousand years sustained what was most noble and Christ-centered in the Church”

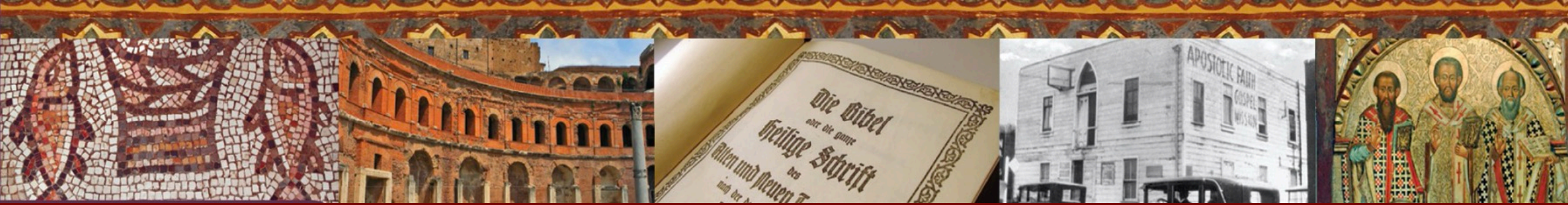


# Monastic Christianity

Why might Monastic Christianity be called the “glue” that held the Church together in the Middle Ages?







Because the world around  
them was falling apart!





# The Middle Ages Church (AD 475 – 1204)

Session

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## #1 – The Fall of Rome

- The Roman Empire Splitting Apart

# Roman Empire of the Early Centuries





**Roman Empires of AD 475**  
**Western – Romulus**  
**Eastern - Zeno**





# The Middle Ages Church (AD 475 – 1054)

Session

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## #1 – The Fall of Rome

- The Roman Empire Splitting Apart
- Western (Latin) – Romulus in AD 476
- Eastern (Greek) – Byzantine Empire
- Feudal System Across Western Empire
- Unique Church Practices and Loyalties

# The Middle Ages Church (AD 475 – 1204)

## Session 2

### #2 – The Rise of Islam (AD 610)

- **Muhammad's Vision**
- **Banished With Followers Refined Islam in Medina**
- **Attacked Mecca**
- **Islam Advances (Arabia, Jerusalem, N. Africa, Spain)**



# The Middle Ages Church (AD 475 – 1204)

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## #3 – The Franks Rule (AD 768)

- **King Charles of the Franks,  
aka, *Charlemagne***
- **Christmas AD 800 – A “Holy  
Roman Emperor” is Crowned**
- **A New Empire with an Emperor  
Subordinate to the Pope**





# The Middle Ages Church (AD 475 – 1204)

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## #4 – The Great Schism (AD 1054)

- Honestly, “A long time coming ...”
- 1,000 Years of “Catholic Church” were Split into Two Communion
- The Breaking Points:
  - AD 867 Nicene Creed Controversary
  - AD 1054 Dishonored the Eucharist Table

# The Middle Ages Church (AD 475 – 1204)

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## #4 – The Great Schism (AD 1054)

- The Crusades

#1 (AD 1099)

#2 (AD 1147-49)

#3 (AD 1189-91)

#4 (AD 1202-04)



# The Middle Ages Church (AD 475 – 1204)

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**Lasting  
Consequences?**

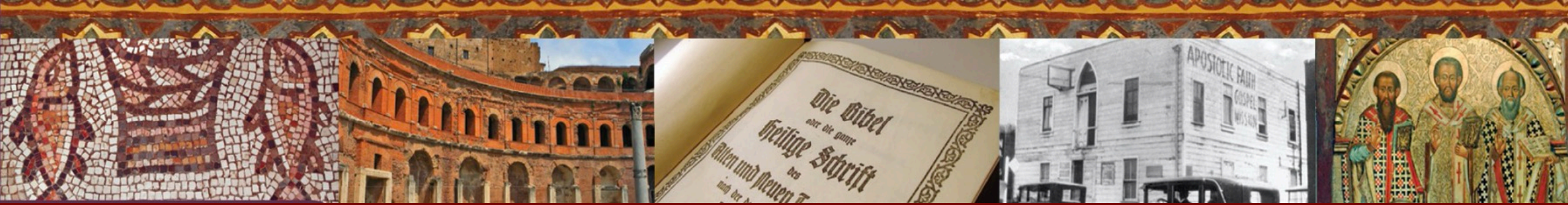


# Reconciliation (1965)

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# Middle Ages

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## For Overachievers – Middle Ages

- **St. Anthony**
- **Benedict of Nursia**
- **St. Basil**
- **John Damascus**
- **Cyril of Moravia**
- **Cluny Monasteries**
- **Hildegard of Bingen**
- **Anselm of Canterbury**
- **Gregory the Great**
- **Charlemagne**
- **Photius**
- **Pope Leo IX (Bruno)**
- **Michael Cerularius**
- **Pope Urban II**
- **The Crusades**
- **Francis of Assisi**

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