

b. Partial fulfillment: 1 Corinthians 1

We are just a bit tentative here as we can hardly say with completeness that the Corinthian sects were produced by the sort of people promised in Acts 20...it seems likely but there were undoubtedly other factors of which we are not aware.

c. The early church

(1) Heretical schisms...take on an external cast to the body

(2) Polity schisms...a different sort of grounds but the schism, if anything, is more painful because it is reflected in the body and seems to tear the body.

(3) Doctrinal schisms...more serious yet in that they suggest the body is not clear in identity and destiny and the divergent doctrinal strains do not give ready credence to the professions of either group in the schism.

d. The Roman/Grecian schism: 1054 AD

Just some quick notes...fuller details are given in church history, in most years at least, and I will just fill in a few things at this point without too much definition or giving of historical data.

e. The Reformation: 1520 and following

The reformers argued that they were not "splitting" the body but continuing it. Exegetically the point is hard to deny. But what is ironic is the attitude of the reformers to