

4. The Later Fathers: just a quick note on some of the leading persons in this age:
 - a. Origen, Irenaeus, Tertullian
 - b. Jerome
 - c. Augustine
 - d. Chrysostom
 - e. Leo

Sorry for just giving a list of names...that is what these persons have come to be and while they all had their failures (as we do) they were greatly used of God for the keeping of the truth.

5. And the doctrinal search continues to this day and note how the emphasis changes from one age to another. I will talk about this at some length....probably much more than needed but it is one of my favorite studies!

C. The Cause of Division and the Reality of Sectarianism

1. The desire of the Lord

- a. John 17---oneness *20-22*
- b. Ephesians ---holiness *4:1-3*
- c. Acts 1---witness *1:8*
- d. Hebrews 10---worship *1955 John 4*

The reality of the ideal is easily seen but the implementation is something else.

2. The causes of Division (not all bad!)

a. Biblical cause, general use:

- 1 Timothy 6:3-6: doctrinal impurity
- 2 Thessalonians 3:14: rebellious ideology
- 1 Corinthians 5:1-7, purity of life

b. Biblical scenes not prescribed:

- legalism (Galatians) *ch 1*
- dissension (Philippians) *ch 2*
- ideology (Colossians) *ch 2*
- apostasy (Jude) *ch 8-10*
- troubling brethren (3 John) *Diatribe v 9*

and many similar things.....

- c. Summary: Where proper issues call for a separation division seems proper. But personal issues with little real doctrinal support are more often the cause!

3. The reality of Sectarianism

a. Defining a sect (and maybe a cult as well)

A sect is a dividing group identifying itself in an individual way apart from the totality of the body