

Neufield, V. The Earliest Christian Confessions, an excellent treatment of the earliest credal formularies.

Newman, J.H. The Development of Christian Doctrine, Rather a classic in which Newman propounds doctrinal criteria, et al, and shows something of the steps that led him back to Rome in the concept of uniformity of tradition.

Orr, J. The Progress of Dogma, a very handy study in topological form that will enable one to get a very quick grip on the steps in the development of doctrinal expressions for major doctrines.

Pelikan, J. The Development of Christian Doctrine,

Historical Theology

The Emergence of the Catholic Tradition

The Spirit of Eastern Christendom

One of the most important writers in this field today, the first two volumes mentioned are prolegomena affairs while the latter two are historical accounts. Pelikan is one of my favorite writers and has a gigantic grasp on matters doctrinal and historical.

Percival, H.R. The Seven Ecumenical Councils, Summary notes in an older work whereby the fuller accounts to the councils are sketched.

Quasten, J. Patrology ...Very good summaries of the Fathers, in my judgment. Quasten has been criticised by the more knowing for occasionally following poorer texts and offering overly simplistic summaries. Maybe that is why I enjoyed the work. To the naive, all things are naive.

Schaaf, P. The Creeds of Christendom a giant work in which the creeds are given and the commentary notes of Schaaf are presented. Usually out of print, it is a work of much merit...usually in three volumes.

Seeberg, R. Textbook of the History of Doctrines Heavy reading and again out of print at the moment.

Shedd, W.G.T. A History of Christian Doctrine. A heavy tome by one of the foremost dogmatic theologians of the last century and on.

NOTE THAT THE FIELD IS LOADED WITH LITERATURE AND THESE ARE ALL GENERAL, NOT THE SPECIAL VOLUMES YOU WOULD NEED TO BECOME A MASTER IN ANY ONE PART OF THE FIELD.