

Pro. Niceno: Theology PaperConciliar: ChristologyMedieval

Sotemology

Anthropology

(Ecclesiology)

Reformation: Re-expression
of Fundy. Doc.Emph. in EcclesiologyDoctrinal
Emphasis
in the
Roman See.

Catholic circles feel that
doctrine develops thru
Church

Protestants feel doctrines
are all already there
in Scripture.

Reformation made

3 great contributions:

- 1) Everybody should read
& have Bible for himself
- 2) Priesthood of the
believer
- 3) Justification by
Faith alone.

5. This, of course, carries into the discussion of church sacraments, etc., and most of the reformed mind is against the sacraments as being "means of grace" although they see them as steps to improving one's character, witness, testimony, and level of spiritual life

6. Suggested select reading for this segment would be the letter of Calvin to Sadolet and the tract on Reforming the Church...both found in Calvin's Tracts and Treatises.

G. Reactionary Roman Belief

We will not take much time to summarize the particulars in this quarter as it is not that sort of course but since the Roman church as we have known her was also something of a Reformation-product, it is well to see some of the enactments that have made her thus. Most of the Doctrinal policies coming from this period originated in the three meetings of the Council of Trent during which the following were accepted as the rule of the church.

1. The official Bible was the Vulgate..it was not to be translated into any vernacular and was not to be read or studied by lay-persons.
2. Indulgences represented an honorable way of pleasing God, should not be abused, but were part of the tradition of the church and must be recognized as honorable in themselves and for the purposes intended. They were not "sold" but conferred and gratuities come without debt.
3. The tradition of the church as understood by the church was infallible as was the Word of God and the two together constituted the way of determining truth and practice.
4. The Old Testament Apocrypha was received as Scripture and the recognition of such was made binding on the hearts of all Roman church members.
5. The unanimous teaching of the fathers on any given point would be binding on the total church and to deny so was heresy.
6. The restoration of the lost image of God to Adam through the service of the church is not complete in this life and so the guidance of the church is needed towards the next...including prayers for the deceased, purgatory, etc.
7. The concepts of justification by faith alone