

## Rufinus

Best known for his attacks on Origen and his translation of Greek works into Latin. He shows a lot of Origen influence, none the less, but was strongly opposed to Origen's view on the origin of the Soul.

Beyond these you might keep your eye peeled for reference to such men as:

St. Martin of Tours  
Sulpitius Severus  
Vincent of Lerins.

Be sure to have a biographical text in your personal library...although out of print, a book like Moyer: GREAT HEROES OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. There are also several dictionaries and small encyclopaedias on the market today that supply this sort of information.

#### IV.4 Church Development

##### Development of Ecclesiastical Institutions

In this final section of notes for the Imperial Age we hope to see how the institutions of the church grew and expanded the ministry of the church beyond the Empire.

#### IV.4.a Growth of the office of the Roman Bishop.

##### Growth of the Roman Bishopric

Protestants are fascinated by the power and strength of the Roman church which, although somewhat diminished by Vatican II, is still awesome. In a consideration of the development of Rome as a religious institution, one must remember these three pressing facts:

--early Christianity bore an emotive and sympathetic concept of oneness even though there was not organization bind for oneness.

--the parity of bishops was one of the earliest accept concepts of church order and authority.

--the autonomy of the local sees was a teaching carefully guarded by the councils and understood widely in Christendom.