

--Developed acts of sacred trust and commitment

--And the use of ecclesiastical trust along these lines:

regimented clergy  
uniformity of practice  
developed liturgy  
mystery concept dispensing grace

And many of these items begun in the interest of integrity, would prove to be genuing problems in just a few years.

IV. 5  
Summary

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Oral, in this case, so likely very brief.

V. The  
Mediaeval  
Church  
476-1054  
Dark AGE

V. THE MEDIAEVAL CHURCH: Early period (Dark Ages)

476-1054

Foreword:

Our periodization has been explained earlier and we are moving into the age of decline of the church and almost everything else. Eventually the temporal power of the church will increase dramatically and the spiritual power will virtually disappear. This period moves us through the Dark Ages and to the eve of the Renaissance. In it we move away progressively from the eastern church, not that it is unimportant but that it is not the primary field of our work and interest, and watch the growth of Rome...out of the ruins of the empire and into the power of a solid monarchical institution with all the depravity and intrigue that mark such things.

Additional Bibliographical Material

The following literature is useful for this period although the student will remember that our basic bibliography is given earlier in the syllabus and these items are intended to "flesh it out", just a bit.