

--It is always good to remember that persecution tends to strengthen the church. Tertullian may have been the first to say.. "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church."

d. Problems (and there are always a lot)

(1) Internal: The New Testament will show us the standard run of these: personality struggles, heresies, apostacies, differing ideals, philosophies, etc.

(2) External:

(there is some overlap here..I may figure out how to handle it later.)

--Cerinthus

--Marcion, et al.

(3) Scriptural Canon: What was the rule of faith and how was it determined? Not as easy a matter as you might hope.

e. Christian centers:

--Alexandria

--Rome

--Antioch

f. Literature: As the church gains form and has moments of peace, literature multiplies:

(1) Pseudipigraphic

(2) Epistles

(3) The Apostolic Fathers:

--Doctrina

--Didache

--Clement

--Ignatius

--Barnabas

--Hermas

--Papias

--Polycarp