

THE BIBLE and the CHURCH FATHERS

Lesson 2: Heroes & Heresies

Themes Covered

- The Fathers: Sacred Scripture and Tradition
- The Patristic Era
- Christian Persecution
- Development of doctrine

Scripture in this lesson

- Luke 1: 1-4
- 2 Thessalonians 2: 14-15
- John 21:15-19
- 1 John 4:1-3

Review Questions

1. Who are the traditores? What controversy surrounded them?
2. What are the four main eras of the Fathers?
3. Who was Arius? What did he teach?
4. What is the development of doctrine?

Table Discussion Questions

1. Is there anything in this lesson that you have just heard for the first time?
 2. How did the Fathers challenge their world with the Gospel? Did you find their witness powerful?
 3. How can the Fathers be “fathers” to us today?
- Memory Verse for this lesson: 2 Thessalonians 2: 15

Therefore, brothers, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught, either by an oral statement or by a letter of ours.

Prep for Lesson 3

Ephesians 1: 3-10

2 Timothy 3:14-17

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