

EXAM STUDY GUIDE

Patristic Theology

GENERAL

- Identify the general characteristics and major concerns of the different ages of Patristic Theology
 - apostolic fathers
 - apologists
 - third-century theology
 - fourth-century theology
 - monastic theology
 - mystical theology
- Be ready to give examples of important thinkers in each age.

INDIVIDUAL THOUGHT: IDENTIFY IMPORTANT THEMES IN THE FOLLOWING

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| • <i>The Didache</i> | • Athanasius |
| • Ignatius of Antioch | • Augustine |
| • Irenaeus | • Evagrius Ponticus |
| • Tertullian | • Leo the Great |
| • Cyprian of Carthage | • Dionysius the Areopagite |
| • Origen of Alexandria | • Maximus the Confessor |

IDENTIFY THE CONTEXT AND MEANING OF THE FOLLOWING TERMS/CONCERNS

- The approach to Scripture
 - spiritual senses of Scripture
 - allegory
 - meaning of revelation
- Progress in holiness
 - apatheia
 - penthos
 - deification
- Our relationship to Christ
 - recapitulation
 - "God became human that humans might become gods"
- Philosophy and Theology
 - Knowledge of God
 - Athens and Jerusalem
 - Ancient Rome and Christianity
- The meaning of the Church
 - "no salvation outside the Church"
 - hierarchy
 - liturgical theology