
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

- *The Didache*
- Ignatius of Antioch
- Tertullian
- Cyprian of Carthage
- Origen of Alexandria
- Athanasius
- Augustine
- Evagrius Ponticus
- Macarian Homilies
- Leo the Great
- Dionysius the Areopagite

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