

## Course Outline

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- I. Hippolytus of Rome
  - a. Last Roman writer to use Greek
  - b. A bishop of Rome; help an anti papal position
  - c. Gave insight into the development and conflict of the church
  - d. Died a martyr in 235 A.D.
- II. Novatian
  - a. A leading pastor in Rome in 200 A.D.; an opponent of Cornelius
  - b. Strong opponent in the problem of the “lapsed”
  - c. Stresses the importance of the sacraments
  - d. His contrived ordination as bishop of Rome and excommunication
  - e. The schism in the church throughout the Roman empire for a century over the acceptance of the lapsed
- III. Cyprian, an African from Carthage (b. 200/210)
  - a. Famous as a rhetorician-entertainer- informer
  - b. Converted in 246-248 and elected bishop of Carthage
  - c. Accomplished his congregation fleeing from the persecution
  - d. His actions debated in a synod in 251; the lapsed could seek penance and be given status of a catechumen
  - e. The plague resulting in persecution; the pastor ministry of Cyprian
  - f. The Edict of Valerian: the martyrdom of Cyprian in 258 A.D.
- IV. Lactantius

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## *Western Writers of the Third Century*

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- a. A rhetorician employed by Diocletian in Bythnia
- b. In 303 his resignation and flight from the city
- c. Called by Constantine to tutor his son in 317

#### **Eastern Writers of the Third Century**

- I. Clement of Alexander (158-215 A.D.), perhaps born in Athens
  - a. Settled in Athens
  - b. Headed first seminary in the year 200
  - c. Fled from Egypt to Cappadocia
  - d. Formulated a method of theology
    - i. An opponent of the orthodoxists
    - ii. Originator of patterns of theology of the Eastern Church

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