

APOSTOLIC FATHERS AND APOLOGISTS
Church History 1, Outline 2

I. The Apostolic Fathers (AD 95-145)

A. Clement of Rome

B. The Didache

C. Letters of Ignatius

D. Polycarp

E. Epistle of Barnabas

F. Shepherd of Hermas

II. Pagan Opposition to the Church (AD 130-305)

A. Popular Antagonism

B. Physical Persecutions

1. Why were there persecutions?

2. Early local persecutions

a. Nero

b. Marcus Aurelius

c. Septimius Severinus

3. The three empire-wide persecutions:

a. Decius

b. Vallerian

c. Diocletian

2. Justin's Apologetic

a. Treat Christianity justly

b. Assault on pagan beliefs

c. Presentation of Christian faith

d. Theological justification of Christianity

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