

# Acts 2 To Luther

- What Happened After The Church Was Established?
  - 3000 – Act 2:41
  - 5000 – Acts 4:4
  - Disciples Multiplied – Acts 5:14
  - Number Of The Disciples Multiplied – 6:1
  - Word Of The Lord Increased – 6:7
  - To Everyone Under Heaven – Colossians 1:23



# The Kingdom/Church Under Operation In The 1<sup>st</sup> Century

Colossians 1:12 – “<sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the **kingdom** of the Son of His love, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption through His blood.”

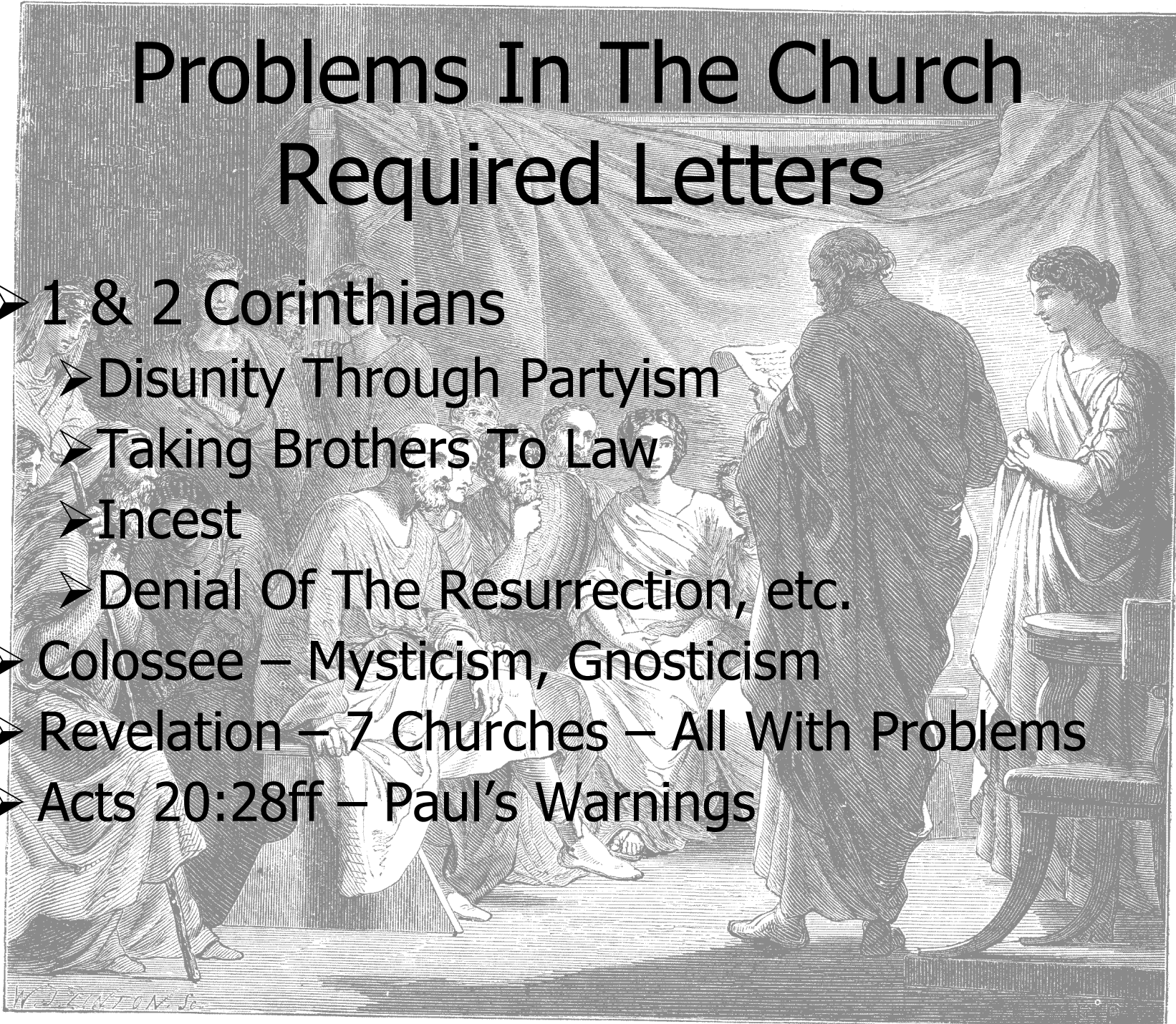
2 Thessalonians 1:5 – “<sup>5</sup>*which is* manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the **kingdom** of God, for which you also suffer;”

Revelation 1:9 – “<sup>9</sup>I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and **kingdom** and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.”



# Problems In The Church Required Letters

- 1 & 2 Corinthians
  - Disunity Through Partyism
  - Taking Brothers To Law
  - Incest
  - Denial Of The Resurrection, etc.
- Colossee – Mysticism, Gnosticism
- Revelation – 7 Churches – All With Problems
- Acts 20:28ff – Paul's Warnings



# End Of The First Century



Titus Flavius Domitianus  
Emperor – 81-96 A.D.

- Ruler When John Was Exiled To Patmos.
- Paranoid: Only Allowed One Servant In His Presence
- Killed By His Own Servant, Stephanus While Taking A Bath - Seutonius, Historian
- Perhaps, The Events Referred To In Revelation 1:3; 22:6 – “These Things Must Shortly Take Place”

# Second & Third Centuries

- Trajan – 110-112 A.D.
  - Persecuted Christians
  - Allowed Provincial Governors To Persecute
- Marcus Aurelius – 160-80 A.D.
  - Allowed Persecution
- Trajan Decius – 249-51 A.D.
  - Another Persecution Arose
- Diocletian – 284-305 A.D.
  - In 286 A.D. Allowed Galerius to Kill Christians
  - Worst Persecution Ever
  - Thousands Killed



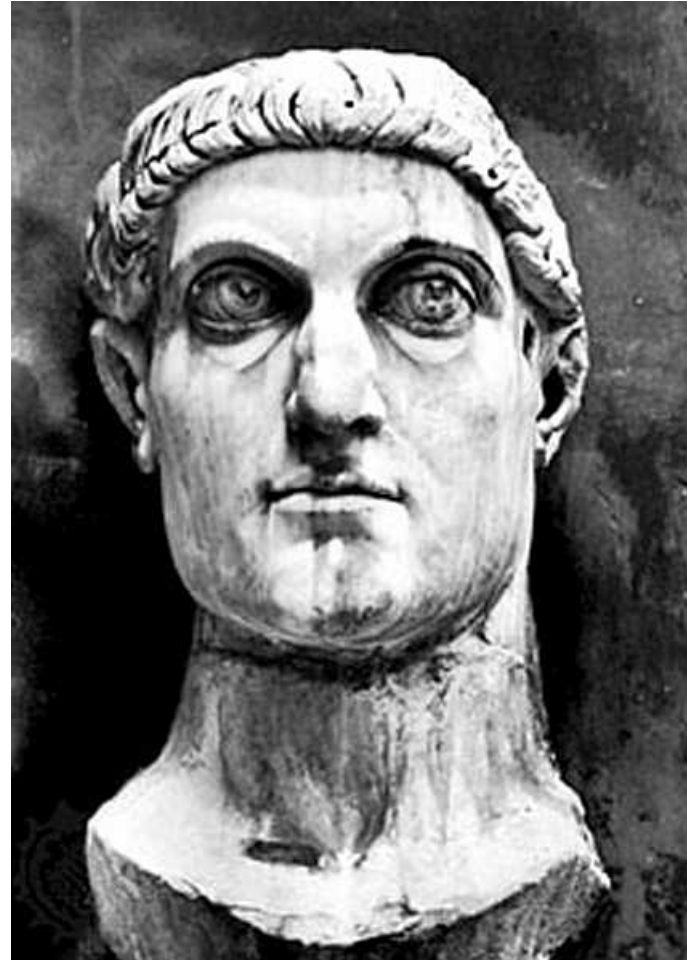
# Fourth Century - Galerius

- Thousands Of Christians Killed
  - Throne To Lions
  - Served As Torches On Roads
  - Lighting Diocletian's Gardens
- 311 A.D. Galerius, Emperor, Repented On Death Bed
- Didn't Believe In God, But Was Sorry For Martyrdom of Christians
- Signed Law Ceasing Persecution Of Christians



# Constantine, The Great

- 313 A.D. Signed A Law That Christians Would Never Be Persecuted Again By Roman Government
- Converted To Christianity On His Deathbed
- Made Christianity The State Religion



# The Church During This Time

- Had Slowly Fallen Away By This Time
- 175 A.D. – It Was Written That A Bishop Was Different From An Elder, One Bishop Over Elders
- 250 A.D. – Development Of One Bishop Over Diocese
- 606 A.D. – Boniface III – First Universal Head – Pope
- 580 A.D. – Attempts To Add Instruments To Worship Were Rejected
- 660 A.D. – Pope Vitalian Introduced Organs In The Church, but not generally used at that point in time.



# After 1000 A.D. – Dark Ages

- By 1100 – Papal Customs, e.g. Holy Water Introduced
- By 1200 – Baptism By Sprinkling
  - A Few Years Later, Sprinkling Dead Infants
  - A Few Years Later, Prayer Thru Mary
  - She Was Deified In 1967
- 1290 A.D. – Marinus Sanutus Added Wind Organs Into Churches, - McClintock & Strong v.8, p.739
- Only Papacy Had The Bible, No Personal Interpretation Allowed