

13 - A House Divided: The East-West Schism

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
~ Ephesians 4:1-3 ~

I. Contributing Factors

A. Cultural

1. Language

2. Development

B. Institutional

1. Political

2. Church and State

a. West

b. East

3. Ecclesiastical

C. Theological

1. Hermeneutics

a. Two Differing Schools

1) Antiochene: West

2) Alexandrian: East

b. Two Paradigmatic Figures

1) Tertullian (Latin, West) - lawyer

2) Clement (Greek, East) - philosopher

2. The *Filioque* Clause

a. The History

Pope Nicholas I (858-867) |

b. The Doctrine

3. Particular Distinctives

a. Celibacy

b. Icons/Iconoclasm

c. Beards

d. Communion

D. Circumstantial/Providential

II. "One" No More

A. A Final Catalyst

Key Leaders

1) West: Emperor Henry III (1039-1056) and Pope Leo IX (1048-1054)

2) East: Emperor Constantine IX (1042-1055) and Patriarch Michael Celularius (1043-1059)

B. Humbert the “Diplomat”

“As a hinge, remaining unmoved opens and shuts a door, so Peter and his successors at Rome have an unfettered jurisdiction over the whole Church, since no one ought to interfere with their position, because the highest See is judged by no one.”

C. June 16, 1054

III. Ongoing Lessons

A. Divisions, Denominations, Discord, and Schism

- 1. A Fact of Life in a Fallen World**
- 2. Making peace with denominations**
- 3. Separation is not the Same as Discord and Schism**

B. Go East, Young Man?

- 1. Attractiveness of EO?**
 - a. Antiquity**
 - b. Uniformity**
 - c. Aesthetics**
 - d. Mystery**
 - e. Masculinity**
- 2. Remedy**
 - a. Sola Scriptura**
 - b. Genuine Faith in Jesus Christ**