

**A History of Heresy:
The History of the Church from 50—500 AD
Summer 2023
Session Three: Gnosticism**

Introduction

Church History is easily told as a history of the church's response to heresy

- Seen clearly from 50—500 AD

A definition of heresy: _____

- Today: The Heresy of Gnosticism

I. The _____ of Christian Gnosticism: _____

a. Key word _____

b. Key text: _____

II. The _____ of Christian Gnosticism

a. Key word: _____ = _____

b. The _____ of Gnosticism

i. Platonism

ii. Dualism

III. The _____ of Gnosticism

a. The world isn't _____ and therefore it is not a source of _____

- b. The world is _____ and we must _____ from it
 - c. Knowledge is _____ and is available only to the _____
- IV. The _____ of Gnosticism
- a. Ring of truth?
 - b. Examples of early gnostic tendencies
 - o 1 Timothy 4:1-4
 - o Colossians 2:20-23
- V. The _____ to Gnosticism
- a. What the Bible teaches about the world and about man
 - i. Genesis 1
 - ii. Genesis 2
 - b. What the Bible teaches about Christ
 - i. 1 John 4:1-3
 - ii. 1 John 1:1,3
 - iii. John 1:1-5,14
 - iv. “In Him we have redemption through His blood...” (Eph 1:7)
 - o Docetism as a tendency in modern Christianity
 - The temptations of Christ
 - The Garden of Gethsemane
 - Luke 22:42-44
 - Hebrews 5:7-10