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# 50+ Sunday Class

All Saints Presbyterian Church  
Austin, TX

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**\*\*\* Sit UP FRONT & TOGETHER, PLEASE**

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*Because You Asked . . .*  
*Your Questions & Topics*

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# 50+ Schedule – Spring & Summer

Songs of Praise

Prayer

*“Because You Asked”*

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May

- Thu, 5/16 – **Bat Boat Cruise** – with Lone Star Riverboat Cruises. **5:00** Dinner at Milano Café. 7:45-9:00 PM Cruise.

June

- Fri, 6/7 – **Summer Social** – at Jo Anne Hendrix's home. 6:30 - 9:30 PM. BYOB. Dinner provided.

July

- Thu, 7/4 – **Patriotic Pool Party** – at the Chapmans' with Young Adults & Unidos. BYO Beverage and an appetizer or dessert to share. Hot dogs and burgers provided.
- Fri, 7/26 – **Potlucks with Young Adults** – in various locations, from 6:30 - 9:30 PM.



# ASCENSION SUNDAY

*'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;  
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,  
and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'  
After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes,  
and a cloud hid him from their sight.*

*(Acts 1:8-9)*

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I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

*(Refrain:)*

*I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

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The Savior of all people has brought his peace to you;  
Now go and tell the story, for others need it too.  
To ev'ry land and nation ring out the gospel call;  
Proclaim that Christ is risen and grants his peace to all.

*(Refrain)*



## 2 Corinthians 5:21

*God made him who had no sin  
to be sin for us,  
so that in him we might become  
the righteousness of God.*

(NIV)

# Washington DC 2024

## *"Faith of Our Founding Fathers & Sustainers"*



# The White House



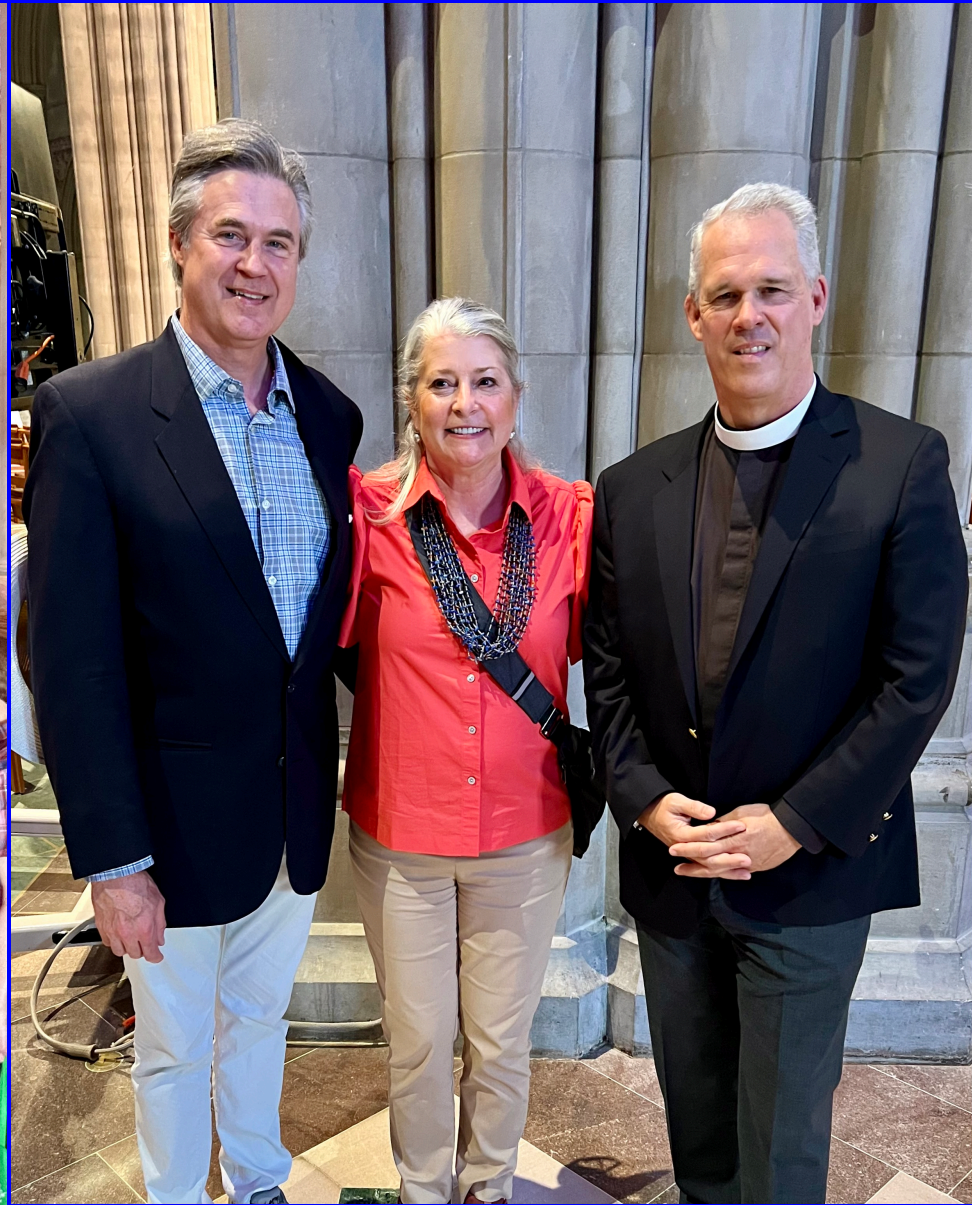
# The U.S. Capitol



# Museum of the Bible



# The National Cathedral



# The Supreme Court



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*“Because You Asked”*

- 1/7 – *Because You Asked #28* – Meaning of the Cross.
- 1/14 – *Because You Asked #29* – Meaning of Theology Terms.
- 1/21 – *Because You Asked #30* – Theology Terms II. Eucharist I.
- 1/28 – *Because You Asked #31* – Eucharist Distribution.
  
- 2/4 – *Because You Asked #32* – Intertestamental Period.
- 2/11 – Guest Teacher – Bo White - *John 1-3 Change Everything*
- 2/18 – *Because You Asked #32a* – How Israel Got to Today.
- 2/25 – *Because You Asked #32b* – Samaritans: History & Present
  
- 3/3 – *Because You Asked #32c* – Jews' Messianic Views: in OT
- 3/10 – Spring Break – No Class
- 3/17 – *Because You Asked #32c*– Jews' Messianic Views: 70AD – P
- 3/24 – *Because You Asked #33* – Branches of the Church
- 3/31 – Easter – No Class

*Because You Asked – 5/12/24*

- 4/7 – Guest Teacher – Mark Hagen – Mark 5.1-20 – Temptations.
- 4/14 – *Because You Asked #33b* – Branches of the Church 2.
- 4/21 – Guest – Robt Dorrough & Bill Laughlin – God of Hope.
- 4/28 – *Because You Asked #33c* – Branches of the Church 3.
  
- 5/5 – Guest Teacher – Jeff Springer – Christian Contentment.
- 5/12 – *Because You Asked #* – [new location]
- 5/19 – *Because You Asked #* – [new location]
- 5/26 – [Memorial Day Weekend]
  
- 6/2 – *Because You Asked #* –
- 6/9 – Guest Teacher – Stephen Hurd
- 6/16 – *Because You Asked #* –
- 6/23 – Guest Teacher – Bo White
- 6/30 – *Because You Asked #* –

***Because You Asked – 5/12/24***

## Church History

—Q32—What happened between the Old and New Testament? (Intertestamental Period—500 BC-4BC)

—Q32a—How did Israel get where it is today?

—Q32b—How did the Samaritans come to be? Any today?

—Q32c—Explain the Jews' view of "Messiah"—then and today.

—Q33—Define & Distinguish: Coptic; Orthodox (Eastern, Greek, Russian); Roman Catholic; Protestant; Evangelical

—Q34—Are the following Christian?—Mormon? Jehovah's Witness? Christian Scientist? Scientologist? Unitarian? Deist?

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- Church History is a study in God's people responding to (heretical) teaching in the Church
- John 16:7-13—*It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you and ... he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment....* <sup>13</sup> *When the Spirit of truth comes, **he will guide you into all the truth....***

# Church History—Q33—Branches of Christianity—

## Branches of Christianity

- Catholic

### John 17.17-23

*Sanctify [my followers] in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. <sup>20</sup> “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they **may all be one**, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be **in us**, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.*

# Church History—Q33—Branches of Christianity—

## Branches of Christianity

- Catholic

→ 1054 AD →

- Roman Catholic ↔ Orthodox

<West/Rome/Latin> <East/Constantinople/Greek>

→ 1517 AD →

- Roman Catholic ↔ Protestant

<Matthew 13.24ff – Parable of Wheat & Tares>



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- Catholic

(Today ~ 2.3 - 2.6 B out of 7.85 B)

- Roman Catholic ↔ Orthodox

(Today ~ 1.4 B)

(Today ~ 220 M)

- Roman Catholic ↔ Protestant

(Today ~ 800 M – 1 B)

→ Lutheran ~ 70-90 M

→ Anglican ~ 110 M

→ Methodist ~ 60-80 M

→ Calvinist ~ 70-80 M

→ Anabaptist ~ 100 M

→ [Evangelical or Modern  
~ 400-500 M]

Protestant

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# Church History—Q33—Branches of Christianity—

- Catholic Age
  - 300-600 – Age of **Theologians**  
E.g.—Augustine, Ambrose, Jerome, Chrysostom
  - 300 – Emperor Constantine embraces Christianity
  - 313 – Constantine’s *Edict of Toleration* (of Christianity)
    - God brings peace to Church so it could explain doctrine
  - 325 – First Ecumenical Council of Nicea (Iznik, Turkey)
    - Addressed **Arianism** (Arius – 250-336)
      - Jesus (Son of God) was created by God
      - Stresses God’s unity at the expense of the Trinity
    - Creed: “... of *one substance with the Father*...” – Divine!

## Church History—Q33—Branches of Christianity—

### Nicene Creed (325)

*I believe in the **Holy Spirit**, the Lord, the giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father [**and the Son**], ....*

- Beginning in the 6<sup>th</sup> century, this Filioque clause (Latin: “*and the Son*”) was gradually introduced as part of the creed in the Western church. It was finally accepted by the Roman papacy in probably the 11th century.
- “*and the Son*” has been retained in the Creed by Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Protestant churches.
- Eastern churches have always rejected it as a theological error and an unauthorized addition to a venerable document.

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- Catholic Age
  - 300-600 – Age of Theologians
  - 364 – Council of Laodicea
    - Reacted to heretical lyrics of Arius by forbidding singing of church congregations (until Reformation), which increased the gap with the priesthood
  - 381 – Council of Constantinople – adopted *Nicene Creed*
    - Doctrine of Trinity – Holy Spirit equal with Father & Son
    - Rejected *Apollinarism* – denied the full humanity of Jesus
    - Declared Bishop of Constantinople preeminent over all bishops except the Bishop of Rome

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  - 384 – **Jerome**\* (pope's secretary) completes the *Latin Vulgate*
  - 397 – **Council of Carthage** – adopts *Apochrypha*

## Church History—Q33—Branches of Christianity

- By the Age of Theologians (300-600), two opposing views emerged on the *Apochrypha*.
  - Augustine argued for its canonicity.
  - Jerome, however, distinguished between
    - *canonical texts* – informed faith and practice; and
    - *ecclesiastical texts* – to be read in church solely for edification, but not to construct doctrine

## Church History—Q33—Branches of Christianity

- 397 – Council of Carthage sided with Augustine, but the two views remained in the church until the Reformation.
- Rome used the Apocrypha to support the saying of Masses, prayers for the dead (2 Maccabees 12), and almsgiving as a meritorious act of penance (Tobit 4 & 12).
- Neither Calvin nor Luther ever used the Apocrypha as an independent, infallible, inspired source of doctrine.
- But the Roman Catholic Council of Trent (1546) did
  - Ruled the Apocrypha canonical except for 1 & 2 Esdras, Letter of Jeremiah, Prayer of Manasseh, and 3 & 4 Maccabees

## Church History—Q33—Branches of Christianity

- Dr. David Briones, Professor, Westminster Seminary—

*“The Apocrypha provides us with rich historical information that illumines our understanding of the New Testament.... There are golden nuggets of truth scattered throughout the Apocrypha that align with God’s word.”*

- Hellenization Crisis
- Maccabean Revolt
  - Messianic Fervor



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  - 397 – Council of Carthage – condemned *Pelagianism*—
    - ... said humans have free will, by divine grace, to lead a sinless life and achieve human perfection because The Fall did not sufficiently (thoroughly) taint human nature

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- Catholic Age
  - 300-600 – Age of Theologians
  - 431 – Council of Ephesus – condemned Nestorianism—
    - ... emphasized the disunity of Christ's human and divine nature (2 persons sharing 1 body), instead of Christ being fully God and fully man in 1 indivisible Person.
    - ... claimed the Virgin Mary is the Christ-bearer (*Christotokos*), not the God-bearer (*Theotokos*)

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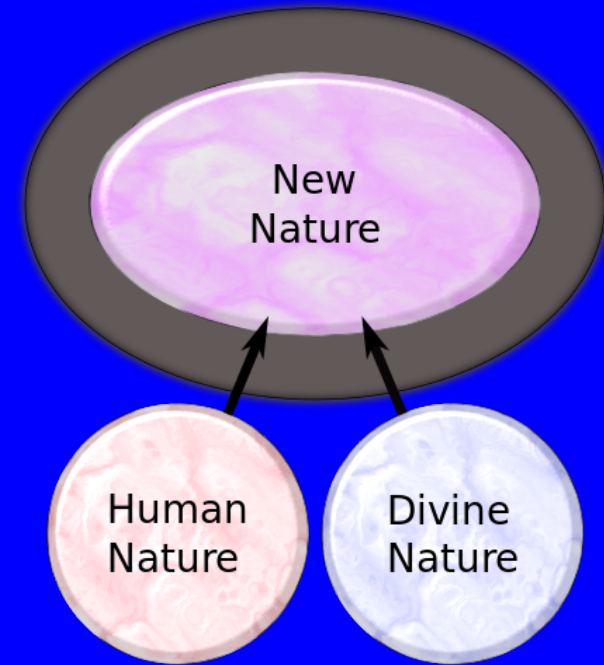
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  - Monophysitism claimed Christ was *of* two natures but not *in* two natures, where separate divine and human natures had united/blended so that, although Christ was *one substance* with the Father, he was not *one substance* with the man; thus, Christ had only a divine (not human) nature. Christ's divinity consumed his humanity.



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  - Result: 1<sup>st</sup> Schism—**Oriental Orthodox (Miaphysite)** from Chalcedonian Orthodox
  - In the 20<sup>th</sup> C., theological dialog has revealed an agreement to common Christology but different terminology, but not yet full communion, although many would recognize them as doctrinally in mainstream orthodox Christianity (Orthodox; Roman Catholic; Protestant).

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# Church History—Q33—Coptic Christianity

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  - Acts 1:1—“In my former book, *Theophilus...*”  
—an Alexandrian Jewish Christian
  - Founded by: Apostle **John Mark** (42-62 AD) – Acts 2:5-11
  - Headquarters: St. Mark’s Coptic Orthodox Cathedral, Cairo
  - Membership: 18–60 million worldwide (15-18 M in Egypt)
  - Leader: Bishop of Alexandria – Pope Tawadros II

# Church History—Q33—Coptic Christian



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← **THIS** is what we're headed towards

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Next Class on 5/19/24

Prayer

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