

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

Introduction

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

- Seen clearly from 50—500 AD
 - Today: The Heresy of Marcionism

I. The Man Behind Marcionism

- a. Born in Synope, area of Asia Minor known as _____ in _____
- b. Excommunicated by his father the bishop because of _____
- c. Goes to Rome in 140 AD and begins to teach
 - i. Excommunicated by the Bishop of Rome because of _____
 - ii. He continues to teach and gains more and more followers
- d. Earns the title: _____
 - i. His strengths
 - ii. His success
 - iii. His work: *The* _____

II. The _____ of Marcion

- a. The Big Idea
- b. Two Fatal Flaws
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____

III. The _____ of Marcionism

- a. The God of the OT _____ the God of the NT
 - Borrows from Gnostic worldview of _____
 - Differs from Gnosticism in acknowledging _____?;
 - b. The Message of the OT _____ the Message of the NT
 - c. The _____ of Scripture
 - Marcion's Bible
 - Gospel of Luke (edited)
 - 10 of Paul's epistles (not 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus)
- IV. The _____ of Marcionism
- a. Gets rid of law
 - b. In line with the spirit of the age
 - c. Appears to be biblical??
 - Shallow reading of OT
 - Shallow reading of NT
- V. The _____ to Marcionism
- a. The _____ of the Old and New Testaments
 - b. The _____ of Faith
 - c. The God of the OT _____ the God of the New Testament
 - i. Gospel is in OT and NT
 - ii. Law is in OT and NT