

EARLY CHRISTIAN HERESIES---THEN AND NOW

CONCLUSION---NOVEMBER 8, 2006

- I.** The Early Heresies challenged the Church to articulate more clearly:
 - A. Monotheism
 - B. God as Creator of Heaven and earth and everything within
 - C. Trinity
 - D. Divinity of Christ
 - E. Humanity of Christ
 - F. Oneness of the Church
 - G. Faithfulness of Body of believers
 - H. What the Church is

- II.** Apostolic unity and the nature of the Church was affirmed
 - A. Ecumenical Councils
 - B. Place of Honor of Rome
 - C. Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch, Jerusalem and Rome—East meets West

- III.** Synthesis of Neo-Platonic thought and Hebrew thought, religion and Christianity
 - A. Mystery in History—God beyond us but with us
 - B. East meets west

- IV.** East and West ultimately divide—The Great Schism
 - A. Mystery—some of ideas of the heresies accepted, but they went too far
 - B. Logic---East, more mystery and west more logic

- V.** Fidelity to the Faith is the challenge, not as easy as it seems....