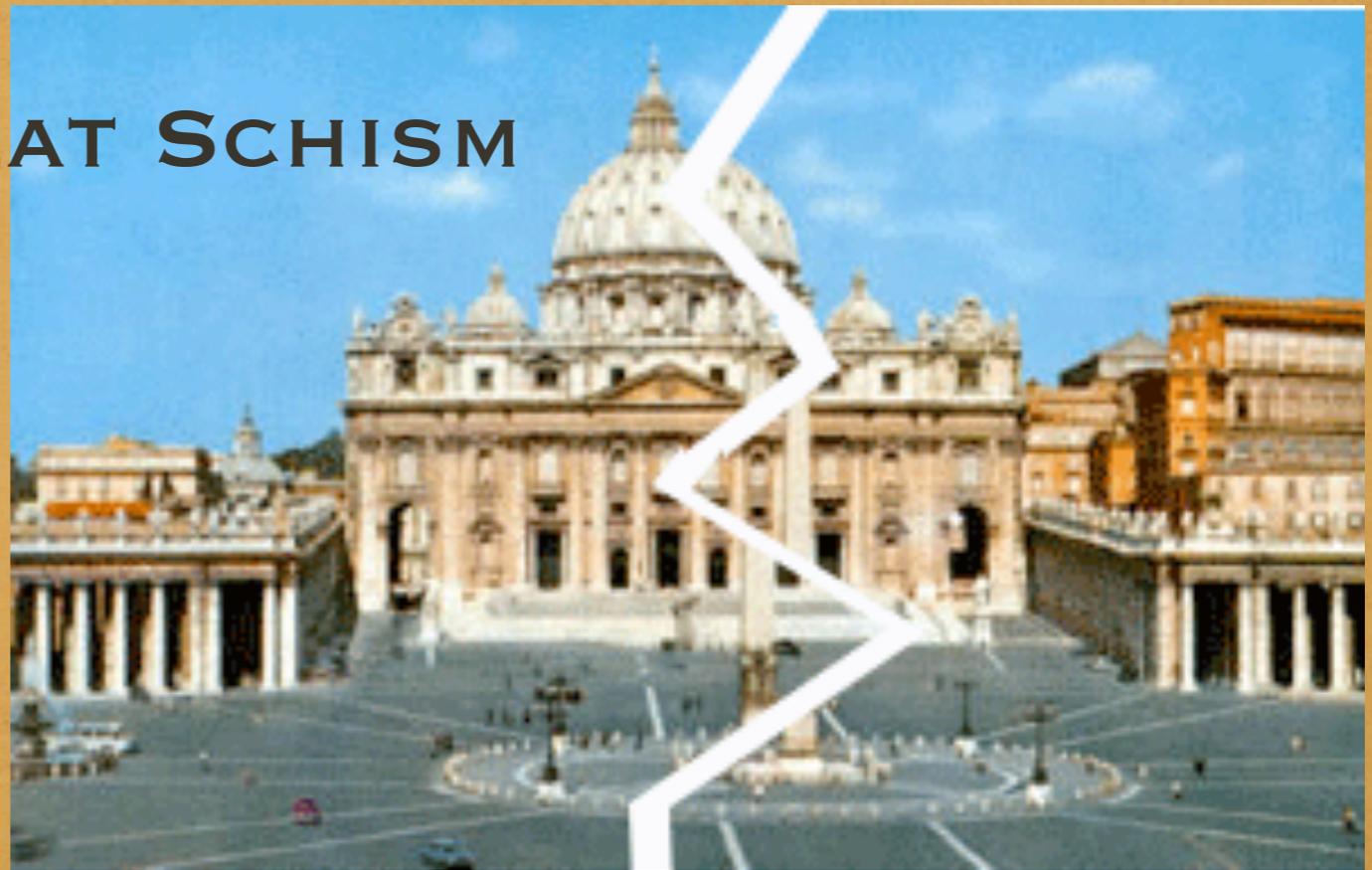


THE DIVISION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE GREAT SCHISM



REMEMBER FROM OUR PAST LESSONS...

- **CHRISTIANITY WAS THE OFFICIAL RELIGION OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE STARTING IN THE 300S WITH EMPEROR CONSTANTINE**
- **THE EARLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH STILL HAD TO COMPETE WITH VARIOUS OTHER RELIGIONS IN THE EMPIRE**
- **IT SURVIVED BECAUSE OF STRONG ORGANIZATION**

ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH:
HOW DID THE CHURCH THINK IT GOT ITS POWER?

JESUS

GAVE AUTHORITY TO GOVERN CHURCH TO...

APOSTLES

PASSED AUTHORITY AFTER DEATHS TO...

BISHOPS

THE MOST POWERFUL WERE KNOWN AS THE 5 PATRIARCHS

BISHOP OF
ROME

BISHOP OF
JERUSALEM

BISHOP OF
ALEXANDRIA

BISHOP OF
ANTIOCH

BISHOP OF
CONSTANTINOPLE

ALL OTHER BISHOPS HAD LESS POWER AND CONTROL.

THE PATRIARCH OF ROME

- THE PATRIARCH OF ROME CLAIMED TO HAVE AUTHORITY OVER ALL CHRISTIANS
- HE TOOK THE TITLE POPE, MEANING FATHER
- THIS DID NOT MAKE THE OTHER PATRIARCHS HAPPY



SO WHY DID ROME'S PATRIARCH THINK HE CONTROLLED ALL OF THE CHURCH?

■ HE BASED HIS CLAIM ON THE FOLLOWING:

You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church. . . . I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth, it shall be bound also in heaven. . . .

-Matthew 16:18-19

**WHAT DO YOU
THINK
THIS MEANS?**

- **PETER WAS ROME'S FIRST BISHOP, AND THEREFORE, PASSED ON HIS AUTHORITY AS THE FIRST BISHOP ON TO THE NEXT ONE. THIS MEANT ALL FUTURE BISHOPS WOULD HAVE MORE AUTHORITY THAN THE BISHOPS FROM OTHER CITIES.**
- **THE OTHER FOUR PATRIARCHS REFUSED TO ACCEPT THAT THE ROMAN PATRIARCH HAD MORE POWER**



THE NICENE CREED

- DIFFERENT GROUPS ARGUED OVER RULES AND RITUALS OF THE CHURCH AND JESUS
- CONSTANTINE CALLED A COUNCIL OF CHURCH OFFICIALS TOGETHER TO SETTLE THESE DISPUTES
- 325 - MET IN NICAEA TO SET DOWN BELIEFS (AKA, A CREED)
- DECIDED ON MANY THINGS, INCLUDING:
 - OFFICIAL DATE OF EASTER
 - CREATED NEW CHURCH LAWS, LIKE CLERGY CANNOT GET LOANS AND NO KNEELING ON SUNDAYS DURING PRAYER

EFFECTS OF THE CREED

- **EMPEROR CALLED TOGETHER BISHOPS
THIS MEANS THE RULER HAD AUTHORITY OVER THE
CHURCH**
- **CHURCH COMING TOGETHER TO MAKE DECISIONS
FOR FIRST TIME**

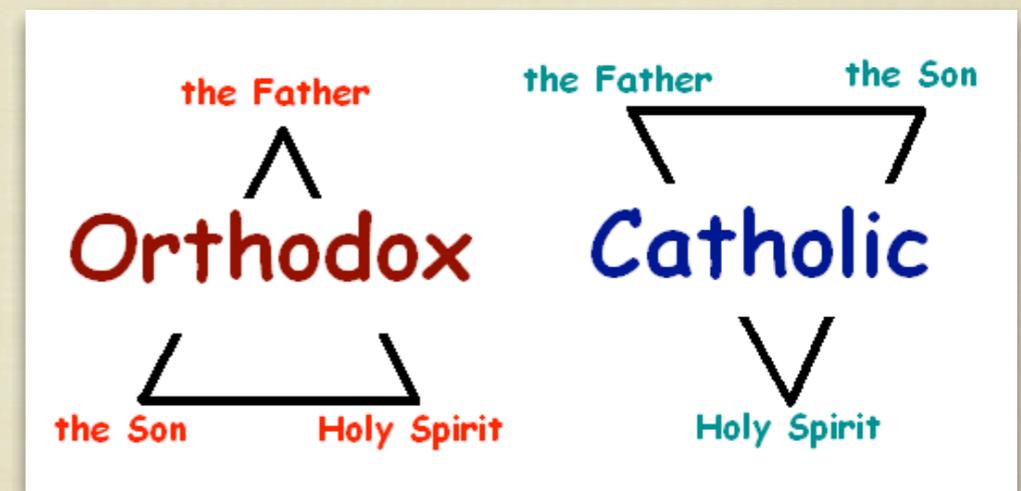
CONTROVERSY OVER ICONS

- SOME WORSHIPPED ICONS AS PATHWAY TO GOD
- OTHERS SAW THIS AS WORSHIPPING OBJECTS
- BYZANTINE EMPERORS WANTED TO STOP WORSHIP OF ICONS
 - THEY WERE CALLED ICONOCLASTS (IMAGE BREAKERS)
 - SMASHED ICONS IN CHURCHES AROUND EMPIRE
 - ANGERED WESTERN CHURCHES (NEAR ROME) THAT USED ICONS TO HELP TEACH
 - EVENTUALLY EMPERORS GAVE UP CAMPAIGN, BUT MISTRUST REMAINED

TWO CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS

■ DIFFERENCES CONTINUED TO GROW BETWEEN CHURCHES IN THE EAST AND IN THE WEST

ROMAN CATHOLIC	EASTERN ORTHODOX
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THE FINAL SPLIT

- DIFFERENCES IN CHURCH RITUALS CAUSED FINAL SPLIT
- THIS LEADS TO THE PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE CLOSING LATIN CHURCHES IN THE CITY
- IN 1054 THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WENT TO CONSTANTINOPLE TO GET THE PATRIARCH TO AGREE THAT THE POPE IS HEAD OF THE CHURCH
- THEY END UP EXCOMMUNICATING EACH OTHER AND THE TWO CHURCHES GO DIFFERENT WAYS

East-West Schism (1054)

-  Orthodox Church
-  Catholic Church

