

Lesson 3

The need for Order

1. What do we believe?

At or about **200-230AD**, non-orthodox teachings entered into the church. As a result, in the major areas where Christianity was practiced, a need for canon (**correctness**) forced a need to support correct “belief” and reject “incorrect” belief (**heresy**).

2. The Nicaen Creed(s)

3. From Original Outline

IV. Non-ecumenical Councils – “Just us”

V. Ecumenical Councils – Let’s stay on track

Outlines used:

1. Ancient Christian Sees
2. Nicaean Creed (325 and 381)
3. Christian Councils
4. Non-Ecumenical Councils
5. Christian Heresies