Church History  
Lesson 15

Deterioration in the Church

I. Wrong beliefs and practices in the medieval church

A. Purgatory

B. Prayers for the dead

C. Sacrificial view of the Lord’s Supper

D. Intercessory role of the priests

E. Celibacy of the clergy

F. Veneration of martyrs and saints

1. Adoration of Mary

2. Magical power of relics

G. Elaborate rituals in worship

H. Pilgrimages and other “merit-winning” actions

I. Persecution of “heretics” and non-Christians

II. Worldliness leads to monasticism - monks and nuns