*Through Fire and Water* Chapter 2 - The church gains power and wealth Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Read the introduction, "Rich in things, yet poor in soul," page 42, and then read the story in your Bible from Acts 3:1-4:22. How do you think the story of Peter and John healing the crippled beggar demonstrates the power of the Holy Spirit moving among the believers in the early Christian Movement?

2. Read "The church defines right belief," then turn in your Bible to Matthew 16:13-20. Analyze Jesus' reply in verses 17-19. See the notes in your study Bible or a commentary for assistance. In your own words, what is the meaning of Jesus' answer to Peter?

3. How did the agreement by the bishops in Nicaea against Arius, with Constantine's support, demonstrate how the church was becoming formalized in the 300s?

4. Why did the bishop of Rome emerge as the most influential and powerful leader by the mid 400s?

5. What are four or five reasons why the Catholic Church split in two?

6. Why did the Monastic Movement emerge?

7. Harry Loewen writes that "by the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, the church was in serious trouble." Write down four or five examples to support this contention.

8. Why was John Hus burned at the stake?

9. Why did the Catholic Church leaders persecute the Waldensians?