

# Faith of our Fathers

## A Tour Through Church History

### Class #8 – From Persecution to Power (4<sup>th</sup> century)

#### I. Important People

Roman Emperors ...

- A. Diocletian
- B. Galerius
- C. Constantine
- D. Constantinius
- E. Theodosius I



In the church ...

- Ambrose of Milan

*"The church belongs to God; therefore, it cannot be assigned to Caesar. The emperor is within the church, not above it."*

#### II. Important Events & Dates

- A. 303: Edict of 303
- B. 306: Constantine proclaimed emperor over Western part of Empire
- C. 311: Edict of Toleration
- D. 312: Battle of Milvian Bridge

*About noon, when the day was already beginning to decline, he saw with his own eyes the trophy of a cross of light in the heavens, above the sun, bearing this inscription, "Conquer by this sign."*



- E. 313: Edict of Milan
- F. 325: Council of Nicea
- G. 380: Edict of Theodosius

#### III. Important Developments

- The language of worship changed from Greek > Latin in 350AD
- Christian/church holidays
- Widespread use of hymns in worship
- Growth of monastic movement