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Chapter 8

Section 1

1. How do you think the division of the Christian church into clergy and laity in response to Roman persecution helped them spread their beliefs?

2. Use your notes to contrast the differences between the Roman state religion and Christianity.

3. How did a new movement within Judaism lead to the development of a new faith?

4. What are the beliefs that define Christianity?

5. How did Christianity spread throughout the Roman Empire, and what were the consequences?

Section 2

1. How did plague help lead to an economic collapse in the 3rd century?
2. Use your notes to identify the causes of the decline and fall of the Roman Empire.
3. What political favors led to the decline of the Roman Empire?
4. How did economic and social reforms by Diocletian and Constantine affect the Roman Empire?
5. How did the migrations of Germanic tribes contribute to the fall of the Roman Empire?

Section 3

1. What rules did Benedict set up for those who practiced monasticism?
2. Use your notes to identify similarities between monks and nuns.
3. How was the Christian Church organized by the 4th century?
4. What role did monks and monasteries play in the early Catholic Church?
5. How did the Catholic Church affect the emerging medieval European civilization?