



SESSION 13: THE 2ND ECUMENICAL COUNCIL & THE CAPPADOCIANS – QUESTIONS

1. Which Cappadocian Fathers were present at the 2nd Ecumenical Council in Constantinople?

2. What were the doctrines to which all three ascribed?

3. With what heresies were the many local councils struggling between 337 and 360?

4. What did Basil the Great do to become known as the Father of Eastern Monasticism?

5. What did Basil say that every created spirit contained? Upon what did the development of this depend?

6. Why was Gregory of Nazianzus made Bishop of Constantinople, and why did it not stand?

7. Who frequently used the term ‘theosis’ and what is it?

8. What did Gregory of Nyssa say about freedom of will?

9. Gregory of Nyssa was one of the first theologians to draw distinction between divine nature and divine energies. What was that distinction and what was its future significance?

10. What did Gregory of Nyssa say of the Eucharist?

11. Because of their allegories on God, Gregory of Nyssa could be considered the _____, and Gregory of Nazianzus the _____.

12. How does Hebrews 11-12:1-2 relate to Gregory of Nyssa's teaching?