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Scriptures of Unconditional Love

They are called Scriptures of Unconditional Love because GOD is Unconditional Love (1 John 4:16) and these Scriptures will help us to walk in the ways of Unconditional Love. We should live by Unconditional Love because Moses commanded it (Leviticus 19:18) and so did Jesus the Christ (Matthew 22:37-39). There are an initial thirty of these books to be published. Some are still in process but should be ready by the end of 2026. Once they are completed, more will be added.

The Twenty-One Witness books have been updated from their previous titles and translations using the South-London English that I grew up with. I also replaced the word “church” with “community of GOD’s people” and “Lord” with “RULER” as these are more accurate translations. These twenty-one were chosen because they do not contradict the Old or New Testaments in any way but rather provide us with a means to interpret the Holy Bible more accurately and with additional knowledge and understanding.

Nobody had ever told me what was going to happen when I submitted my life to Christ on a South-London Street in February 1974, aged 13. I had a physical Holy Spirit experience as an “atomic bomb of joy” exploded in my being. As I walked along the street, it was like I was floating three feet off the ground. That evening, a Spirit person visited me and wrote these words in my heart with light and fire, “Do not rebuke the church”. The end result of this encounter are these Scriptures of Unconditional Love.

The Four Gospels-In-Advance

The Gospel of Isaiah

The Gospel of King David

The Gospel of Moses

The Gospel of The Prophets

These are the books of Written Miracles. Ancient prophecies and predictions scattered throughout the Holy Bible's Old Testament concerning the appearance of Christ. These prophecies were made hundreds, some over a thousand, years before Christ appeared. They were all miraculously fulfilled with pin-point accuracy by Jesus of Bethlehem and Nazareth. There are so many of them that they could only have been put there by Holy Spirit. Certain Jewish scholars, who did not want Jesus to be their Messiah or Christ, started deleting the more obvious prophecies. You can find some of them restored in the books of the twenty-one witnesses. It is best to read the Gospels of Isaiah and King David first as they will strengthen your faith so that your heart can be prepared to receive the teachings and testimonies of the twenty-one witnesses.

The Twenty-One Witnesses

It is like we have twenty-one new witnesses presenting themselves before a court with new evidence and testimonies that GOD is real, and Christ is knowable. Some of these witnesses might have come forward from the era of 'Belonging to the Way' which was from AD 33 (Jesus's physical and spiritual resurrection from the dead) to AD 47 after which time those 'Belonging to the Way' were first called Christians. Most of the other witnesses belong to the pre-church era of the Original First Christians. This era spanned from AD 47 to AD 155 when Polycarp, the Disciple of John the Apostle, was executed for being a Christian by the Roman Empire. The Roman Church filled the vacuum with their own authority and 'brand' and were a powerful influence in starting the new 'church age'. Eventually, the twenty-one witnesses were banned from the New Testament in the fourth century by Emperor Constantine's Roman Church of Christendom, even though these scriptures were originally treasured by Christians of the first and second centuries. Fearing persecution, holders of the books managed to hide them and keep them safe. One thousand two hundred and fifty years later they began to be rediscovered again. Silence broken. Christianity unrestricted. Let them speak. Let us listen.

If they had been allowed to speak and were given their rightful place in the New Testament, they would have acted as salt and light to have a purifying effect on the religious authorities down the centuries. The world would not have experienced the abuses of zealous misguided religious powers. There would have been no crusades, no inquisitions, no witch hunts, no public burnings and no religious persecutions. There would have been no need for European colonialism either as the colonised nations would already be worshipping Christ, having destroyed their gods. The world would have been a better place as the unconditional love of Christ became the new currency that replaced cruelty. The Good Confession would have united the community of GOD's people and all the gods would have been annihilated. There would also have been no need for GOD to send the Qur'an. Having said that, the church has done a vital job in helping to get rid of many gods by either destroying or absorbing them. My hope is that these twenty-one witnesses will serve to destroy the remaining gods in the world leaving Devil Satan, who has won the right to remain here, as the sole survivor from the original sin rebellion. Hindus and similar, must abandon all their gods and worship Krishna alone. You can read the books of enlightenment when they have been published, to understand more about this. It is also now time for those churches that have absorbed pagan gods and practices, to get rid of them.

The church's shortcomings can be traced all the way back to AD 154 when Anicetus, Bishop of Rome, refused to accept the Nisan 14 Passover date that Polycarp, disciple of apostle John, and the other apostles observed, regardless of the day of the week it landed on. Anicetus instead kept to what we now know as the Easter dates which should be abandoned in favour of Nisan 14.

The twenty-one witnesses reveal to mankind that all the books of the Holy Bible should be read in the context of GOD versus the gods. In this war, each one of us finds ourselves at one of five stages.

Stage One: Individuals abandon their god(s). It is better to practice secular atheism than to worship demons.

Stage Two: Acknowledge GOD but don't agree with GOD. Presenting oneself regularly before GOD, either in a church or some other similar gathering will help your case with your Creator.

Stage Three: Agree with GOD but don't obey.

Stage Four: Try your best to obey GOD.

Stage Five: Full submission to GOD. This is perfection.

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The Twenty-Second Witness

The Witness of The Qur'an

The Witness of The Qur'an was delivered between AD 609–632. It was delivered by Angel Gabriel to Muhammad because both the Jewish and Church systems and authorities had become corrupt. It's rather like GOD opened another front in the war to destroy GOD's enemies who were the gods. Many of the gods were fallen angels, demigods and demons being worshipped by mankind.

Books of Enlightenment

Philip's Testimony

Enoch – Before Noah's Flood

The History of the Spirit World

Enlightenment

The books of enlightenment explain the war that has been, currently is and will be raging in heaven and on earth until it is won by Christ. They also provide a whole lot more information, which when combined with the knowledge of the twenty-one witnesses, helps the reader to understand life, the universe and everything a whole lot better.

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The Prayer of Jesus

Come near and draw close to GOD and GOD will draw near to you – James 4:8

The Spirit of Jesus is EHYEH ASHER EHYEH which is the Name GOD told Moses when asked (Exodus 3:14).

Jesus told us to use these words when talking to GOD:

***“Our Father in Heaven,
May your Name be kept Holy,
Your Kingdom come,
Your Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.***

***Give us enough bread to eat today.
Forgive us our sin as we have forgiven those who
have sinned against us.
Do not allow us to be tempted, but deliver us from
the Evil One.
Yours is the power and the glory forever and ever.”***

The Witness of The Twelve Apostles.

The SoUL Song



EHYEH ASHER EHYEH

IHU KARAITI

EGO SUM QUI SUM

I AM WHO AM

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH

I AM THE WAY

I AM THE TRUTH

I AM THE LIFE

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH

I AM THE LIGHT

I AM THE DOOR

I AM THE GOOD

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH

I AM THE SHEPHERD

I AM THE BREAD

I AM THE VINE

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH

I AM THE RESURRECTION

I AM THE START

I AM THE END

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH

I AM THE ALPHA

I AM THE OMEGA

I AM WHO AM

EHYEH ASHER EHYEH

IHU KARAITI

EGO SUM QUI SUM

I AM WHO AM

Introduction To: The Witness of Ignatius: Ephesus

When was it written?

AD 107. Virtually every expert agrees that he wrote his letters during the reign of Trajan. Early church historian Eusebius places the date at AD 107 and I find no good reason to do otherwise.

Where was it written?

From the cities of Smyrna and Troas in Asia Minor (nowadays Turkey). He had been arrested in Antioch in Syria by Roman soldiers and was being taken as a prisoner in chains to Rome. In Rome, he was executed as GOD's witness by being thrown alive to the killer beasts in the arena for Roman entertainment.

From Smyrna: The letters to Ephesus, Magnesia, Tralles and Rome.

From Troas: The letters to Philadelphia, Smyrna and Polycarp.

Who wrote it?

Ignatius of Antioch in Syria. Eusebius writes the following about him:

During those days, Polycarp, a disciple who mixed with the apostles, was held in very high regard throughout Asia, after being appointed the chief overseer of Smyrna by people who had seen and listened to the RULER. Papias, chief overseer of Hierapolis, also became well known at around that time. Likewise, Ignatius, who was appointed chief overseer of Antioch to succeed Peter.

The great renown and reputation of Ignatius was known by many. We are told Ignatius was taken from Syria to Rome to be eaten by killer beasts because of his witness to Christ. He was taken through Asia by soldiers under close guard. In every town and city that he passed through, he built up and encouraged the Christian community with his words. As a priority, he cautioned them to be on their guard against the heresies that were starting to take root, strongly persuading them to stick closely to the teachings handed down by the apostles. He believed it was vital to write down these teachings for the purpose of ensuring greater safety.

To that end, when he arrived in Smyrna where Polycarp was, he wrote a letter to the Christian community in Ephesus in which he mentions Onesimus, its chief overseer. He wrote another one to the Christian community in Magnesia on the Meander, in which he mentions chief overseer Damas. Then he wrote to the Christian community in Tralles, whose chief overseer he mentions at that time was Polybius. Finally, he wrote to the Christian community in Rome virtually begging them not to deprive him of his great longing for hope by

getting him released from his execution as GOD's witness. As confirmation of all this, here are some small extracts from his letters:

'From Syria to Rome I fight with wild animals by land and sea, at night and by day, being chained to ten leopards, a unit of soldiers that is. When they are treated pleasantly, they become worse. Regardless of their bad treatment, I am becoming a better disciple, not that this justifies me. What great pleasure I will have with the killer beasts that are waiting for me. I hope they will be eager to kill me. I will even coax them to eat me quickly and without the delay given to others by not attacking them out of fear. If they are reluctant to attack me I will force them to. Do excuse me in this for I know what is best for me. At last, I am starting to become a disciple. Allow no person seen or unseen to become jealous of me as I reach Jesus Christ. Let fire, execution wood, killer beasts, ripping of flesh, breaking and dislocation of bones, mutilations of my body, smashing my human frame, and all the dreadful tortures of Devil Satan come upon me, only let me reach Jesus Christ.'

He wrote this from Smyrna. After leaving Smyrna he went to Troas and wrote letters to the Philadelphians, the Christian community in Smyrna, and then a special one to Polycarp their chief overseer. Because he knew that Polycarp was an apostolic man, he entrusted the Christian community in Antioch to him as a true and good shepherd. He urged him

with grave seriousness to care diligently for it. In the letter to Smyrna, he quotes an unknown passage about Christ:

‘For I know without any doubt that after his resurrection he still possessed his body of flesh and blood. When, for example, he came to those with Peter, he told them, “Grab hold of me with your hands and see that I am not just a spirit without a body.” And immediately they touched him and believed, being convinced both by his physical body and spirit.’

Irenaeus also knew of his execution as GOD’s witness and states the following in his writings:

‘Just as one of our number said when he was condemned to the killer beasts because of his witness to GOD: “I am GOD’s wheat being ground by the teeth of killer beasts so that I will become pure bread for GOD.”’

Polycarp also mentions these letters in his letter to the Philippians:

‘I therefore call on you all to obey the teaching of righteousness and to practice unlimited endurance. This endurance you saw face to face, not only in the blessed Ignatius, Zosimus, and Rufus, but also in others belonging to your own folk, and in Paul himself with the rest of the apostles. You have no doubt whatsoever that none of them ran in vain but in faith and righteousness and that they are now in the place of reward being by the side of the RULER

whose sufferings they shared in. They did not love this present world, but him who died on our behalf and was raised by GOD for our sakes.'

Later he adds the following:

'Both you and Ignatius wrote to me that if anyone was going to Syria he should also take your letters. I will do this if I get a good opportunity, either myself or the one whom I am sending as a representative for you and me. We send you, as you asked, the letters of Ignatius which were sent to us by him, together with any others that we have in our possession, just as you requested us to do. These are attached to this letter, and you will be able to receive great benefit from them. They deal with faith, patience, and every kind of spiritual growth that has to do with our RULER.'

That concludes Ignatius. He was succeeded by Heros as chief overseer in Antioch.

Why was it written?

Several reasons:

1. In response to the community of GOD's people at Ephesus, Magnesia and Tralles for sending delegations to meet him in Smyrna. It was more than a thank-you letter for their show of solidarity and comradeship.
2. The letter to Rome was sent to beg them not to intervene and stop him from being executed. Much was

at stake. If he had been released, some people might think that he had made the sacrifice to Caesar as god and cursed Christ.

3. To fight against the heresies of the false teachers. Some of these heretics were trying to find acceptance inside the community of GOD's people.
4. To maintain the unity within the community of GOD's people by appointing trustworthy overseers to a new, higher office of chief elder. The Judaisers and Docetists were considered by Ignatius as the main threats. The Judaisers wanted Christians to conform to Judaism and adopt Jewish customs and practices. The Docetists believed that matter was evil and therefore Jesus could not have had a real body because he was good. They were saying that he only appeared to have a real body, and therefore could not have suffered and died.

What authority does it have?

1. Polycarp. When an approved disciple of the Apostle John recommends that we all read the letters of Ignatius, then we must read them regularly, both publicly amongst the communities of GOD's people and privately on our own.
2. Irenaeus.
3. Eusebius.

How was it rediscovered?

At one time there were fifteen letters that bore the name of Ignatius. Eight of these were found to be spurious and written at a later time. Only seven were eventually recognised as being genuine. Eusebius listed the seven genuine letters which appear in both volumes of the Apostolic Fathers collection. The genuine letters had remained undiscovered until 1644 when they were rediscovered by Archbishop Ussher of Ireland. He found them contained in two manuscripts in English libraries and subsequently published them.

Interesting points

- Ignatius is so concerned to protect and preserve the truth that the apostles had delivered to the community of GOD's people, that he makes a number of statements of Truth. The Scriptures of Unconditional Love compile these into a single statement of faith (mostly taken from his letter to Smyrna):

The Good Confession of Truth (Ignatius Composite)

We agree with the apostles and believe that there is only one Healer who is made of both flesh and spirit, born and unborn, GOD in the flesh, true life surrounded by death, son of Mary and Son of GOD, initially experiencing suffering then afterwards beyond suffering – Jesus Christ our RULER.

For our GOD, Jesus Christ:

- 1. Was conceived in Mary's womb according to the pre-planning of GOD and by the Holy Spirit*
- 2. Is physically descended from the line of David according to ancestry*
- 3. Is the Son of GOD according to the will and power of GOD*
- 4. Was born the son of Mary when she was still a virgin*
- 5. Ate and drank among us, both before being killed and after being raised up to life again*
- 6. Was baptised by John in order that all righteousness might be fulfilled by him*
- 7. Was nailed and crucified for us in his physical body under Pontius Pilate and Herod the Tetrarch*
- 8. Died in full sight of persons in heaven, on earth, and under the earth*
- 9. Was physically and spiritually raised from the dead when his Father raised him up*
- 10. Was touched and handled by his disciples after his resurrection. His disciples then saw that he was composed of flesh while being spiritually united with the Father at the same time. For this reason, his disciples also treated death with the same contempt.*

He suffered all these things for our sakes so that we might be saved and likewise be raised up from the dead by the Father if we believe in Jesus Christ. He has raised up a standard for all ages through his resurrection, to rally together his holy and faithful people whether among Jews or non-Jews, in the one body of the community of GOD's people.

- Ignatius was the first to introduce a third tier of leadership, being the chief overseer. He did this to stop heresy and keep unity. When Polycarp was executed, heresies then became rampant, and the Christian unity began to break down into church schisms. The office of chief overseer then became obsolete; however, the church schisms chose to keep it going instead of returning to the original two-tier model provided by the apostles.
- Down through the ages, there have been certain people on a life quest to discover a potion to give them eternal life. Some have called it the '*elixir of life*' and others '*the fountain of eternal youth*'. But the good news is it has now been discovered and Ignatius shares it with everyone. He names it the medicine of immortality and the antidote to death. It is the Thanksgiving – the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ that we must eat and drink so that we can live forever and never die.

- Two of the letters Ignatius wrote are to Philadelphia and Smyrna. These are the only two communities of GOD's people, out of seven in all, that are commended without any rebuke by Jesus Christ in Revelation. Ignatius's letters were, therefore, written only fifteen years after Jesus Christ's expressed approval of them. Polycarp might even have been an overseer in Smyrna at that time; if not he would have been appointed by the Apostle John a few years later to maintain the high standard that Jesus Christ had praised them for.

THE WITNESS OF IGNATIUS: EPHESUS

From Ignatius, who is called '*GOD bearer*' to the community of GOD's people in Ephesus in Asia.

You deserve to be extremely happy, having been totally blessed by GOD the Father. From before the beginning of time, you were destined for everlasting and unstoppable greatness. The basis of your unity and your being special is because of the physical suffering that you endure by the will of the Father and of Jesus the Christ our GOD. For a community of GOD's people, you truly deserve such great happiness.

I am well aware of your good reputation that has resulted from your consistent righteousness, much loved by GOD and born out of your faith in and love for Jesus the Christ our Saviour. Being imitators of GOD, you have inspired yourselves by the blood of GOD and perfectly completed your work which comes naturally to you.

When you heard that I was coming from Syria as a prisoner in chains for the common Name and hope, you hurried over to see me. I hope, also, that through your prayers I will be allowed to fight with killer beasts in Rome, and through my death as GOD's witness become a true disciple.

In the Name of GOD, I saw the whole community of you through your earthly chief overseer, Onesimus, a man of

unspeakable love. My prayer is that you should love him in Jesus the Christ and try hard to become like him. Blessed is he who has granted you such an excellent chief overseer just as you rightly deserve.

With respect to my comrade-in-service, Burrhus, your assistant overseer by GOD's will and blessed in everything, I would very much like him to remain with me, both for your honour and for that of your chief overseer. The same goes for Crocus, who is also worthy both of GOD and you and whom I received as the perfect example of your love. He has revitalised me in every way and therefore the Father of our RULER Jesus the Christ will likewise revitalise him along with Onesimus, Burrhus, Euplus, and Fronto. In them I saw you all.

May I always rejoice over you should I be worthy to. It is right for you to glorify Jesus the Christ just as he has glorified you. Due to your unity of mind in being obedient and because you submit to the chief overseer and overseers, you will become completely holy.

I won't order you about as if I were someone important, for I am not yet perfect even though I am a prisoner in chains for Jesus the Christ's sake. It is only now that I am starting to become a disciple and therefore treat you as my student peers. You are my mentors in the struggle for faith, instruction, patience, and endurance. Nevertheless, because love forbids me to remain silent about you, I have

taken on the task of persuading you to all run together in unity with the mind of GOD. In the Father's mind is our inseparable life in Jesus the Christ, just as the chief overseers appointed throughout the world are in the mind of Jesus the Christ.

It is right for you to run together in unity with the mind of your chief overseer which is what you are doing. Your overseers, who are justified in being well known for their great value to GOD, are closely tied to the chief overseer as strings to a harp. Your harmonious unity in love is like music to Jesus the Christ. Each and every one of you should join this chorus so that being harmonious in unity and being led by the keynote pitched by GOD you will sing with one voice to the Father through Jesus the Christ. He will hear you because of your good deeds and acknowledge you as belonging to his Son. You will profit from living in unbreakable unity because you will always have a stake in GOD.

If, in such a short period of time, I managed to enjoy close fellowship with your chief overseer spiritually (not physically), how much more do I reckon you are happy by being joined to him in unity just as the communities of GOD's people are to Jesus the Christ, and just as Jesus the Christ is to the Father! That is why there is so much harmony and unity everywhere. Don't deceive yourselves; if you are not in GOD's holy place you won't eat GOD's bread. If the prayer of one or two is so forceful, how much more that of

the chief overseer and the whole community of GOD's people! He who chooses not to gather with the community of GOD's people exposes his arrogance and becomes his own schism. It is written, '*GOD opposes the arrogant.*' We must therefore be careful not to set ourselves up in opposition against the chief overseer, in order that we may be in line with GOD.

The more you see the chief overseer being silent, the more everyone should respect him. We should treat the person that the head of the house sends to manage his household just the same as if it were the head of the house himself. It therefore makes sense that we should treat the chief overseer as we would the RULER himself. Onesimus himself praises you highly for your orderly behaviour in GOD. He says that you are all living in line with the truth and that no heretical sect has taken root among you. You must not listen to anyone except those who speak the truth about Jesus the Christ.

There are those who are in the habit of hawking the Name around in a deceitful way while behaving in a manner that is unacceptable to GOD. You should avoid them as you would killer beasts. They are like wild dogs that bite you by stealth. Be on your guard against them because their bite does not heal easily. There is only one Physician who is made of both flesh and spirit, born and unborn, GOD in the flesh, true life surrounded by death, son of Mary and Son of

GOD, initially experiencing suffering then afterwards beyond suffering – Jesus the Christ our RULER!

Don't let anybody deceive you, as truly you are not deceived because of your total devotion to GOD. As you have no internal trouble that might cause disruption, you are truly living in line with GOD's will. Being a lowly sacrifice, I dedicate myself to you, the world-famous community of GOD's people in Ephesus. Those that live by the flesh cannot fulfil the desires of the spirit even as those that live by the spirit cannot fulfil the desires of the flesh. In the same way, faith cannot fulfil the desires of unbelief and neither can unbelief fulfil the desires of faith. Having said that, the works you do in your physical bodies are actually spiritual because you choose to do everything in Jesus the Christ.

I have heard that certain people came down your way teaching you heresy. But you did not allow them to spread it to you. Instead, you put your hands over your ears so as not to listen to such things. Like stones for the Father's temple, you are ready to go in GOD the Father's building work. You are being hoisted high by the crane of Jesus the Christ, who is the execution wood, using the Holy Spirit for rope. Your faith lifts you up and your love guides you to GOD. Like comrades in a religious procession, you hold up your GOD, temple, Christ and holy objects while clothing yourselves all over in the commandments of Jesus the Christ. I too, am joining you in this festival since I am in communion with you by this letter. I rejoice with you

because you don't love anything in this worldly existence except GOD.

Keep on praying for all mankind for there is hope that they will repent and find GOD. They should at least learn from your deeds. Be gentle when they are angry at you, be humble when they brag about themselves, pray for them when they slander you, be strong in the faith when they believe what is wrong, be mild when they are violent and do not take revenge against them. We should show them our brotherly kindness through our patience towards them. Let us compete in imitating the RULER and see who can be the most unjustly treated, the most robbed and the most rejected. In that way, no weed of Devil Satan can be planted in us, instead, we will be planted in Jesus the Christ physically and spiritually with all holiness and self-control.

These are the end times. We should humble ourselves and greatly respect the long-suffering of GOD in case we find ourselves condemned. Two choices are set before us:

- We must either fear the righteous anger that is to come in the future, or
- Value highly the grace we receive in this present age.

Regardless of which one, we must make sure we are living in Jesus the Christ who is our true life. Don't let anything else attract your attention apart from him for whom I carry around these chains which are my spiritual jewels. Through them and through your prayers I have the certain hope of

rising from the dead. May I always share in them in order to be counted as a member of the community of Christians in Ephesus who have always been in agreement with the apostles by the power of Jesus the Christ.

I know who I am, and I know who I am writing to. I am a condemned prisoner, but you have been freed. I face danger, but you are safe. You are the road through which people travel on their way to be killed for GOD. You are comrades of the mystery of the Good News with Paul since you, as holy people, experience great joy and happiness when being killed for GOD. May I be found to be like him when I meet GOD. In his letters, he mentions you personally in Jesus the Christ.

Make sure you meet together frequently for the Thanksgiving and for GOD's glory. When you meet together frequently Devil Satan's power is destroyed and his attempts to destroy are instead destroyed, and all because of the unity of your faith. There is nothing more precious than peace through which all war, whether in heaven or on earth, is abolished.

These things will not be hidden from you providing you have perfect faith and love towards Jesus the Christ. That is the beginning and end of life, faith being the beginning and love being the end. When these two combine in unity you get GOD, and everything else that is good and holy flows from them. Nobody who has true faith can sin and nobody who

has true love can hate. Just as '*The tree is known by its fruit*', so those who say they belong to Christ will be judged by their actions. What truly matters is not just talking about it here and now but persevering in the power of the faith to the very end.

It is better to be silent and real than to talk and not be real. It is good to teach providing that the teacher practices what he preaches. There is one teacher though, that whatever he said actually came true and happened. Even when he was silent the acts he performed were worthy of the Father. He who truly possesses the word of Jesus can understand his silence. Then he will be perfect as he acts when he speaks, and his character becomes known through his silence. Nothing can be hidden from GOD, even our secrets are laid bare before him. We must do everything in light of the fact that he lives inside us. We are his temples, and he actually lives inside us as our GOD. This fact is clearly revealed to us when we love him to the level that he truly deserves.

Do not be deceived brothers, those who corrupt families '*will not inherit the Kingdom of GOD*'. If those who do such things are physically put to death, how much more will be the case for those who through heresy corrupt the faith in GOD for which Jesus the Christ was crucified? Such vile people will be cast into the everlasting fire along with anyone who joins in with them.

The RULER allowed ointment to be poured over his head in order to breathe the aroma of immortality upon the community of GOD's people. Don't be anointed with the rotten odour of the teaching from the ruler of this world. Otherwise, he will take you prisoner and steal from you the life which you should live. In view of the fact that we have received the knowledge of GOD, which is Christ Jesus, why don't we all walk wisely? Why should we ignore the gift that the RULER has truly sent to us and die?

My lowly spirit is being sacrificed for the execution wood which trips up those who refuse to believe but provides salvation and eternal life to us. *'Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar?'* Where is the boasting of the so-called intelligent? For our GOD, Jesus the Christ was:

- Conceived in Mary's womb according to the pre-planning of GOD
- Descended from the seed of David and the Holy Spirit
- Born and baptised so that through his suffering he would make the water holy.

Furthermore, there are three secrets that we should all go about declaring in a loud voice:

- The virginity of Mary
- Her giving birth
- The death of our RULER.

These were hidden from the ruler of this world and were carried out in the silence of GOD. How did it arise that they were revealed to the ages? A star shone in heaven brighter than all the other stars. Its light could not be described, and its strangeness struck everyone with astonishment. The sun, moon and rest of the stars all formed a band around it yet the star itself far outshone them all. There was much bewilderment about the origin of this strange phenomenon, the like of which had never been seen before. Because of it, magic arts lost their power and witchcraft stopped working. The ignorance associated with evil disappeared and the ancient Kingdom of Evil was abolished. It was GOD appearing in human form to bring to us eternal life which had never been given before. What GOD had planned and prepared beforehand now began to take effect. Everything was being shaken up and there was great confusion because the abolition of death was taking place.

Should Jesus the Christ permit me through your prayers and in accordance with his will, I hope to write you a second letter that explains GOD's plan in more depth. Particularly about the new man Jesus the Christ and his faith, love, suffering and resurrection. I will do this especially if the RULER reveals to me that you are all meeting together in faith in one Jesus the Christ who was a physical descendant of David and is both son of man and Son of GOD. See to it that you are careful to obey the chief overseer and the overseers, breaking one bread which is the medicine of

immortality and the antidote to death that results in everlasting life in unity with Jesus the Christ.

I give my life for you and for all those that you sent to Smyrna in GOD's honour. I am writing to you from there while I give thanks to the RULER and share GOD's love with Polycarp as well as with you. Remember me just as Jesus the Christ remembers you. Pray for the community of GOD's people in Syria, from where I am being sent to Rome as a prisoner. Though I am the very least of the faithful there, I have been judged worthy of serving GOD for his glory. Goodbye in GOD the Father and in Jesus the Christ our common hope.

The Good Confession

We agree with the apostles and believe that there is only one Healer who is made of both flesh and spirit, born and unborn, GOD in the flesh, true life surrounded by death, son of Mary and Son of GOD, initially experiencing suffering then afterwards beyond suffering – Jesus the Christ our RULER.

For our GOD, Jesus the Christ:

- Was conceived in Mary's womb according to the pre-planning of GOD and by the Holy Spirit
- Is physically descended from the line of David according to ancestry
- Is the Son of GOD according to the will and power of GOD
- Was born the son of Mary when she was still a virgin
- Ate and drank among us, both before being killed and after being raised up to life again
- Was baptised by John in order that all righteousness might be fulfilled by him
- Was nailed and crucified for us in his physical body under Pontius Pilate and Herod the Tetrarch
- Died in full sight of persons in heaven, on earth, and under the earth

- Was physically and spiritually raised from the dead when his Father raised him up
- Was touched and handled by his disciples after his resurrection. His disciples then saw that he was composed of flesh while being spiritually united with the Father at the same time. For this reason, his disciples also treated death with the same contempt.

He suffered all these things for our sakes so that we might be saved and likewise be raised up from the dead by the Father if we exercise trust in Jesus the Christ.

He has raised up a standard for all ages through his resurrection, to rally together his holy and faithful people whether among Jews or non-Jews, in the one body of the Community of GOD's people.