

An Exhortation to Fear God

by Ignatius of Antioch

We must fear the long-suffering of God and find true joy in Christ Jesus, lest we despise His goodness and forbearance.

Scripture: Romans 2:4, Philippians 3:8, Colossians 3:3, 1 Peter 4:13, 1 John 5:12

Topics: "Fear Of God", "Eternal Life"

Description

Ignatius of Antioch emphasizes the urgency of the last times, urging believers to approach God with reverence and fear His long-suffering, not taking His goodness and forbearance for granted. He presents a choice between fearing the wrath to come or embracing the joy found in Christ Jesus in the present life. Ignatius encourages a complete dependence on Christ for hope, boasting, and eternal riches, even in the midst of suffering, desiring to partake in the sufferings of Christ and ultimately share in His resurrection and everlasting life.

Transcript

The last times are come upon us. Let us therefore be of a reverent spirit, and fear the long-suffering of God, lest we despise the riches of His goodness and forbearance. For let us either fear the wrath to come, or let us love the present joy in the life that now is; and let our present and true joy be only this, to be found in Christ Jesus, that we may truly live.

Do not at any time desire so much as even to breathe apart from Him.

For He is my hope; He is my boast; He is my never-failing riches, on whose account I bear about with me these bonds from Syria to Rome, these spiritual jewels, in which may I be perfected through your prayers, and become a partaker of the sufferings of Christ, and have fellowship with Him in His death, His resurrection from the dead, and His everlasting life. May I attain to this, so that I may be found in the lot of the Christians of Ephesus, who have always had intercourse with the apostles by the power of Jesus Christ, with Paul, and John, and Timothy the most faithful.

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