

# Exhortations to Stedfastness and Unity

by Ignatius of Antioch

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of standing fast in the faith, unity in faith, obedience to church leaders, and living in God through Jesus Christ.*

**Scripture:** John 6:51, 1 Corinthians 16:13, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 4:3, 1 Peter 2:24

**Topics:** "Church Unity", "Spiritual Nourishment"

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## Description

Ignatius of Antioch emphasizes the importance of standing firm in the faith of Jesus Christ, His love, passion, and resurrection. He encourages unity in faith among believers, guided by the Holy Spirit, under the leadership of bishops and presbyters. Ignatius highlights the significance of partaking in the Eucharist as a source of spiritual nourishment, immortality, and cleansing from evil, leading believers to live in God through Jesus Christ.

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## Transcript

Stand fast, brethren, in the faith of Jesus Christ, and in His love, in His passion, and in His resurrection. Do ye all come together in common, and individually, through grace, in one faith of God the Father, and of Jesus Christ His only-begotten Son, and "the first-born of every creature," but of the seed of David according to the flesh, being under the guidance of the Comforter,

in obedience to the bishop and the presbytery with an undivided mind, breaking one and the same bread, which is the medicine of immortality, and the antidote which prevents us from dying, but a cleansing remedy driving away evil, [which causes] that we should live in God through Jesus Christ.

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