

Let There Be One Common Supplication

by Ignatius of Antioch

The sermon emphasizes the importance of submission to authority, unity in prayer and faith, and the significance of the temple of God as a symbol of unity among believers.

Scripture: John 5:19, 1 Corinthians 1:10, Philippians 2:2, Hebrews 4:14

Topics: "Church Unity", "Submission To Authority"

Description

Ignatius of Antioch emphasizes the importance of unity and submission to authority within the church, drawing parallels between the relationship of the Lord and the Father to the relationship between the bishop and the members of the church. He highlights the need for all individuals, whether presbyter, deacon, or layman, to act in accordance with the bishop's approval, as anything done without it is considered sinful and against God's will. Ignatius urges believers to gather together in prayer with one common supplication, one mind, and one hope, rooted in unblameable faith in Christ Jesus.

Transcript

As therefore the Lord does nothing without the Father, for says He, "I can of mine own self do nothing," so do ye, neither presbyter, nor deacon, nor layman, do anything without the bishop. Nor let anything appear commendable to you which is destitute of his approval. For every such thing is sinful, and opposed [to the will of] God. Do ye all come together into the same place for prayer.

Let there be one common supplication, one mind, one hope, with faith unblameable in Christ Jesus, than which nothing is more excellent. Do ye all, as one man, run together into the temple of God, as unto one altar, to one Jesus Christ, the High Priest of the unbegotten God.

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