

# The Fate of False Teachers

by Ignatius of Antioch

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*Those who corrupt families, the Church, or follow false doctrine will suffer severe consequences.*

**Scripture:** Proverbs 4:23, 1 Corinthians 10:14, 2 Corinthians 6:14, Ephesians 5:11, 1 Timothy 4:16

**Topics:** "False Teachers", "Righteous Living"

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## Description

Ignatius of Antioch emphasizes the severe consequences of corrupting the Church of Christ, comparing it to corrupting human families but with far greater punishment. He warns against disregarding the doctrine of Jesus and following false teachings, highlighting the importance of staying true to the truth. Ignatius questions the compatibility of light with darkness, Christ with Belial, and believers with unbelievers, stressing the need for believers to uphold righteousness and reject falsehood.

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## Transcript

Do not err, my brethren. Those that corrupt families shall not inherit the kingdom of God. And if those that corrupt mere human families are condemned to death, how much more shall those suffer everlasting punishment who endeavour to corrupt the Church of Christ, for which the Lord Jesus, the only-begotten Son of God, endured the cross, and submitted to death! Whosoever, "being waxen fat," and "become gross," sets at nought His doctrine, shall go into hell.

In like manner, every one that has received from God the power of distinguishing, and yet follows an unskilful shepherd, and receives a false opinion for the truth, shall be punished. "What communion hath light with darkness? or Christ with Belial?

Or what portion hath he that believeth with an infidel? or the temple of God with idols? " And in like manner say I, what communion hath truth with falsehood? or righteousness with unrighteousness? or true doctrine with that which is false?

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