The Didache – The Teaching of the Apostles

- I. The Didache (50-120 A.D.) Teaching of the Apostles
- A. The Two Ways The Way of Life and The Way of Death
- 1. The Way of Life
- a. Love the Lord God and thy neighbor as thyself
- b. Love your enemies
- c. Follow the commandments, obedience to masters
- d. Confession of sins
- 1. The Way of Death
- a. Sin, vice, corruption
- B. The Rite of Baptism
- 1. Recite the foregoing things (creeds)
- 2. Baptize in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
- 3. Fast refrain from food, pleasure
- C. The Eucharistic Rite
- 1. Only the Baptized may partake of the Eucharist
- 2. Gather on the Lord's Day for the breaking of the bread
- D. Beware false prophets
- E. Appoint bishops and deacons worthy of the Lord

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The Apostolic Tradition

 Laying of hands – successors of the Apostles, Apostolic succession

A. Importance of truth and consistency

First-hand account of those who knew Jesus

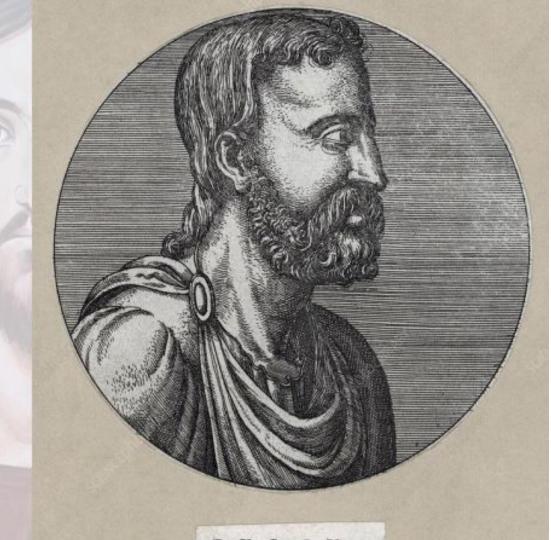
II. Polycarp and Ignatius taught by the Apostle John

- A. Creeds Confessions of Faith
- 160-170's Apostle's Creed
- Preserve unity, guard against heresy



Persecution under the Romans

- I. Christians refuse to attend Roman religious festivals
- II. Christians accused of lacking patriotism, not following the Mos Maiorum (Roman customs and mores)
- A. Celsus, a Platonist, who argues that Greek and Roman traditions must be preserved for the sake of the Empire
- 1. Mos Maiorium
- III. Christians accused of cannibalism
- A. Rumors of the Eucharist
- IV. Persecutions begin locally, dependent upon the magistrate



The Early Christian Martyrs

I. 64 A.D. - Peter crucified in Rome

II. 64 A.D. - Paul beheaded in Rome

III. 155 A.D. Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, burned and stabbed

A. Martyrdom of Polycarp - "Four score and six years I have been His servant and He has done me no wrong. How then can I blaspheme my King who has saved me?

IV. Justin would die for anything but the truth

C. Justin finds Christ of Neapolis (100-165 A.D.)

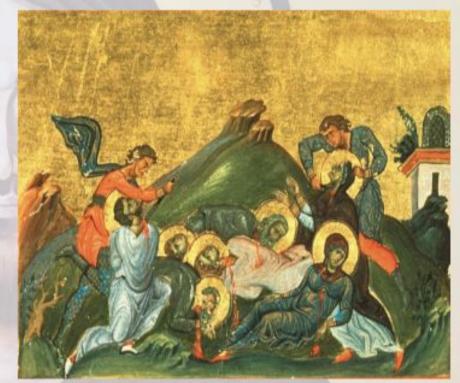
A. Christian convert and early martyr

B. Justin asks why the Christians in the Old Testament and sees Greek philosophy as a precursor to Christianity

 Given what it gets right, Greek philosophy prepares the way for Christian faith

V. 203 B.C. - Perpetua (noble-born Roman woman)

A. Receives a dream concerning her forthcoming passion





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- 2. Apostolic Tradition
 - a. Laying of hands-successors of the Apostles/Apostolic Succession
 - i. Importance of truth and consistency
 - ii. 1st hand account of those who knew Jesus
 - b. Polycarp and Ignatius taught by the Apostle John
 - c. Apostles Creed, 160-170 AD
 - d. Preserve unity, guard against heresy



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- 2. ...
- 3. Persecution
 - a. Christians refuse to attend Roman religious festivals
 - i. Accused of lacking patritorist, not following Mos Maiorum (Roman customs/norms)
 - Christians are accused of cannibalism because of the Eucharist
 - 2. Celsus -> platonist who argued the traditions must be preserved for sake of the empire

- 4. Early Christian Martyrs
 - a. 64 A.D. Peter is crucified in Rome
 - b. 64 A.D. Paul is beheaded in Rome
 - c. 155 A.D. Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna is burned and stabbed for refusing to blaspheme his king (Jesus)
 - d. Justin of Neapolis is beheaded, leading platonist that argued Greek Philosophy prepared the way for Christian faith
 - e. Perpetua (noble Roman woman) killed by a gladiator in 203 B.C.