

Praising the Saints in Corinth

by Clement of Rome

The Corinthian Church is commended for their virtuous ways and encouraged to continue in their obedience to God and their leaders.

Scripture: Proverbs 31:10, 1 Corinthians 1:2, 1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 2:4, 1 Peter 5:5

Topics: "Church Leadership", "Christian Virtue"

Description

Clement of Rome addresses the Church of God in Corinth, expressing regret for the delay in responding to their concerns due to recent calamities. He commends the Corinthians for their faith, virtue, godliness, hospitality, and knowledge, highlighting their obedience to God's commandments and respect for their leaders. Clement praises the Corinthians for their sober-mindedness, serious demeanor, and emphasis on living with blameless consciences and discretion.

Transcript

The Church of God which sojourns at Rome, to the Church of God sojourning at Corinth, to those who are called and sanctified by the will of God, through our Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you, and peace, from Almighty God through Jesus Christ, be multiplied.

Owing, dear brethren, to the sudden and successive calamitous events which have happened to ourselves, we feel that we have been somewhat tardy in turning our attention to the points respecting which you consulted us; and especially to that shameful and detestable sedition, utterly abhorrent to the elect of God, which a few rash and self-confident persons have kindled to such a pitch of frenzy, that your venerable and illustrious name, worthy to be universally loved, has suffered grievous injury.

For who ever dwelt even for a short time among you, and did not find your faith to be as fruitful of virtue as it was firmly established? Who did not admire the sobriety and moderation of your godliness in Christ? Who did not proclaim the magnificence of your habitual hospitality? And who did not rejoice over your perfect and well-grounded knowledge? For you did all things without respect of persons, and walked in the commandments of God, being obedient to those who had the rule over you, and giving all fitting honour to the presbyters among you.

You enjoined young men to be of a sober and serious mind; you instructed your wives to do all things with a blameless, becoming, and pure conscience, loving their husbands as in duty bound; and you taught them that, living in the rule of obedience, they should manage their household affairs becomingly, and be

in every respect marked by discretion.

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