

True Virginity Perfect

by Clement of Rome

True virginity is obtained through the power of faith, which is demonstrated through good works and a life of righteousness.

Scripture: Proverbs 4:18, Matthew 5:16, Ephesians 2:10, James 2:26, 1 Peter 2:12

Topics: "Faith And Works", "Righteous Living"

Description

Clement of Rome emphasizes the importance of living a life of faith and righteousness, stating that true believers exhibit their faith through good works. He highlights that the kingdom of heaven is obtained not by worldly attributes, but by the power of faith and the manifestation of good works that glorify God. Those who choose to live a life of purity and righteousness for God are called to shine as lights in the world, illuminating the darkness with their good deeds and ultimately glorifying the Father in heaven.

Transcript

Of all virgins of either sex who have truly resolved to preserve virginity for the sake of the kingdom of heaven-- of each and every one of them it is required that he be worthy of the kingdom of heaven in every thing. For not by eloquence or renown, by station and descent, or by beauty or strength, or by length of life, is the kingdom of heaven obtained; but it is obtained by the power of faith, when a man exhibits the works of faith. For whosoever is truly righteous, his works testify concerning his faith, that he is truly a believer, with a faith which is great, a faith which is perfect, a faith which is in God, a faith which shines in good works, that the Father of all may be glorified through Christ.

Now, those who are truly virgins for the sake of God give heed to Him who has said, Let not righteousness and faith fail you; bind them on your neck, and you shall find favour for yourself, and devise good things before God and before men. The paths, therefore, of the righteous shine as the light, and the light of them advances until the day is perfect. For the beams of their light illumine the whole creation even now by good works, as those who are truly the light of the world, giving light to those who sit in darkness, that they may arise and go forth from the darkness by the light of the good works of the fear of God, that they may see our good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven.

For it is required of the man of God, that in all his words and works he be perfect, and that in his life he be adorned with all exemplary and well-ordered behaviour, and do all his deeds in righteousness, as a man of God.

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