

# Farewell Letter

by Ignatius of Antioch

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*Ignatius encourages the listeners to support fellow believers in Rome, who are worthy of God and their support.*

**Scripture:** Romans 15:5, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Hebrews 10:24, 1 Peter 4:10, Revelation 2:10

**Topics:** "Christian Unity", "Perseverance"

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## Description

Ignatius of Antioch writes a letter to the Ephesians from Smyrna, expressing joy and gratitude for the companionship of believers like Crocus. He acknowledges those who have gone before him to Rome for the glory of God and urges the Ephesians to support and refresh them. Ignatius emphasizes the importance of unity and encouragement among believers, signing off with a message of perseverance in the patience of Jesus Christ.

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## Transcript

Now I write these things to you from Smyrna by the Ephesians, who are deservedly most happy. There is also with me, along with many others, Crocus, one dearly beloved by me. As to those who have gone before me from Syria to Rome for the glory of God, I believe that you are acquainted with them; to whom, [then, ] do ye make known that I am at hand.

For they are all worthy, both of God and of you; and it is becoming that you should refresh them in all things. I have written these things unto you on the day before the ninth of the Kalends of September. Fare ye well to the end, in the patience of Jesus Christ.

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