

The Word of Righteousness

by St. Polycarp of Smyrna

St. Polycarp exhorts the listeners to yield obedience to the word of righteousness, trusting in God's plan and timing, and to love Christ more than the world.

Scripture: Galatians 2:20, Philippians 3:20, 2 Timothy 4:7, Hebrews 6:12, 1 John 2:15

Topics: "Faith And Righteousness", "Following Jesus"

Description

St. Polycarp of Smyrna encourages believers to follow the examples of faith and patience set by Ignatius, Zosimus, Rufus, Paul, and the apostles. He reminds them that these faithful individuals did not run in vain but lived in faith and righteousness, now in the presence of the Lord. Their love was not for the world but for Jesus, who died and rose again for them.

Transcript

I exhort you all, therefore, to yield obedience to the word of righteousness, and to exercise all patience, such as ye have seen [set] before your eyes, not only in the case of the blessed Ignatius, and Zosimus, and Rufus, but also in others among yourselves, and in Paul himself, and the rest of the apostles.

[This do] in the assurance that all these have not run in vain, but in faith and righteousness, and that they are [now] in their due place in the presence of the Lord, with whom also they suffered. For they loved not this present world, but Him who died for us, and for our sakes was raised again by God from the dead.

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