THE QUESTION

Should Christians follow church leaders who claim apostolic succession but do not obey Christ?

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The short answer *Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words*

The writers taught that Christians must obey God rather than men, and must not follow a teacher who turns from the apostles' teaching. Yet they also urged believers to honor their bishops. For them, true leaders had both succession from the apostles and the truth, and these passages do not settle what to do when the two seem split.

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God must be obeyed before men

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Origen says human laws must agree with God's laws. When they do not, he says Christians must not obey them, using the apostles' words about obeying God rather than men.

1

"If he means laws made by states, he must show that they agree with the divine laws."

later in the same passage

"And we must not obey these, for we must obey God rather than men."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Against Celsus* 26 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 20, page 7** **Read it in the library ›**

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Do not follow a teacher who turns away

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

The Didache tells churches to receive teachers who pass on the apostles' teaching. But if a teacher turns and teaches something that destroys it, believers are told not to listen.

2

"But if the teacher himself turns away and teaches another doctrine that destroys this teaching, do not listen to him."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Didache,** *Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* 11 (c. 50–120 AD) **Source 1, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**

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Leaders are known by how they live

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

The Didache says true and false prophets are known by their ways of life. A prophet who teaches the truth but does not live it is called false.

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3 “Therefore, the false prophet and the true prophet will be known by their ways.”

later in the same passage

“And every prophet who teaches the truth, if he does not do what he teaches, is a false prophet.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Didache,** *Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* 11 (c. 50–120 AD) **Source 1, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Succession and truth belong together

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Irenaeus says to obey presbyters who have both the succession from the apostles and the gift of truth. Tertullian adds that a line of bishops means nothing if the teaching differs from the apostles.

4 “Therefore, it is necessary to obey the presbyters in the Church—those who, as I have shown, possess the succession from the apostles; those who, along with the succession of the episcopate, have received the certain gift of truth, according to the good pleasure of the Father.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book IV* (c. 175–202 AD) **Source 11, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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5 “For when their doctrine is compared with the doctrine of the apostles, its very difference and opposition will show by itself that its author was neither an apostle nor an apostolic man.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *On Prescription Against Heretics* 32 (c. 196–220 AD) **Source 15, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Truth is what agrees with apostolic tradition

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Origen gives a test for teaching when believers disagree: accept only what matches what the Church received from the apostles. Ignatius likewise tells believers to stand firm in the teaching of the Lord and the apostles.

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6 “Therefore, that alone is to be accepted as truth which differs in no way from ecclesiastical and apostolic tradition.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *De Principiis (On First Principles)* (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 19, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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7 “Therefore, strive to be established in the doctrines of the Lord and the apostles, so that everything you do may prosper both in the flesh and spirit; in faith and love; in the Son, and in the Father, and in the Spirit; from the beginning to the end; with your most admirable bishop, and the well-formed spiritual crown of your presbytery, and the deacons who are according to God.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistle to the Magnesians* (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 6, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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The Church stands with those firm in faith

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Cyprian says the Church rests in the bishop, the clergy and all who stand firm in the faith. He refuses to call a group of fallen-away believers the Church, even when they claim to speak for it.

8 “Since this is founded on divine law, I am amazed that some, with reckless boldness, have chosen to write to me as if they were writing in the name of the Church, when the Church is established in the bishop and the clergy, and in all who stand firm in the faith.”

later in the same passage

“Far be it from the mercy of God and His unlimited power to allow the number of the lapsed to be called the Church, since it is written, “God is not the God of the dead, but of the living,””

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Epistles* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 25, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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Faithful bishops were still to be obeyed

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These writers did not treat church order lightly. Ignatius says being subject to the bishop, presbyters and deacons is obedience to Christ. Chrysostom warns that ignoring the authority of church leaders causes great harm.

9 “Beloved, be careful to be subject to the bishop, and the presbyters and deacons. For being subject to them is being obedient to Christ, who appointed them; but being disobedient to them is being disobedient to Christ Jesus.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 4, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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10 “This is the chief cause of all these evils: the authority of rulers is neglected.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **John Chrysostom,** *Homilies on Second Timothy* (c. 386–407 AD) **Source 35, page 8** Read it in the library ›
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Belonging to the Church means doing God's will

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

An early sermon credited to Clement says that those who do God's will belong to the true, spiritual Church. Those who do not are warned with the prophet's words about a den of robbers.

11 “So then, brothers, if we do the will of God our Father, we will be members of the first church, the spiritual church, the one that was created before the sun and moon.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Rome,** *Second Epistle* 14 (c. 88–99 AD) **Source 2, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not say what to do if every church that claims succession seems to have left Christ's teaching.

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- They do not say whether a separate group without succession may rightly form its own church.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 42 early Christian passages and 113 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–42, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 43–82, in Bible order), then 73 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *42 passages from 17 writers*

Didache, *c. 50–120 AD · source 1*

1 *Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* 11 (1885 English) **Quotes 2, 3, pages 2, 3** "only if he hold the ways of the Lord… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Rome, *c. 88–99 AD · source 2*

2 *Second Epistle* 14 **Quote 11, page 5** then, brothers, if we do the will of God our Father, we will be members of the first church, the spiritual church, the one that was created before the sun… [continues online] **read ›**

Ignatius of Antioch, *c. 98–117 AD · sources 3–8*

3 *Epistle to the Trallians* (on point 7) "a person is defiled in his conscience and is worse than an infidel… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* (1885 English) **Quote 9, page 5** "he that is disobedient to these is disobedient to Christ Jesus… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Epistle to the Smyrnaeans* (1885 English; on point 7) "that ye all follow the bishop, even as Christ Jesus does the Father, and the presbytery as ye would the apostles… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Epistle to the Magnesians* (1885 English) **Quote 7, page 4** "ye subject to the bishop, and to one another, as Jesus Christ to the Father, according to the flesh, and the apostles to Christ, and to the Father, and to… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Epistle to the Smyrnaeans* (1885 English; on point 7) "that ye all follow the bishop, even as Jesus Christ does the Father, and the presbytery as ye would the apostles… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Epistles of Ignatius* Mindful of your love and zeal in Christ, which you have shown towards us, we thought it appropriate to write to you, who display such a godly and spiritual love… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 9–13*

9 *Against Heresies: Book III* (on point 5) He, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, was preached by the Churches and may also understand the apostolic tradition of the Church. This Epistle predates those who now spread… [continues online] **read ›**

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10 *Against Heresies: Book III* (1885 English; on point 5) “it is a matter of necessity that every Church should agree with this Church, on account of its pre-eminent authority, that is, the faithful everywhere, inasmuch as the apostolical… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *Against Heresies: Book IV* **Quote 4, page 3** “it is necessary to obey the presbyters in the Church—those who, as I have shown, possess the succession from the apostles; those who, along with the succession of the… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (1885 English; on point 4) “True knowledge is [that which consists in] the doctrine of the apostles, and the ancient constitution of the Church throughout all the world, and the distinctive manifestation of the body… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *Against Heresies: Book III* (1885 English; on point 5) “But, again, when we refer them to that tradition which originates from the apostles, [and] which is preserved by means of the succession of presbyters in the Churches, they object… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · source 14*

14 *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 23 (1885 English; on point 1) “me, and join with me in wickedness, and obey not the law of Christ… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 15–16*

15 *On Prescription Against Heretics* 32 **Quote 5, page 3** “if there are any heresies bold enough to place themselves in the middle of the apostolic age, so that they may seem to have been handed down by the apostles… [continues online] **read ›**

16 *On Prescription Against Heretics* 28 (1885 English; on point 5) “15:26 grant, also, that He, the Steward of God, the Vicar of Christ, neglected His office, permitting the churches for a time to understand differently, (and) to believe differently… [continues online] **read ›**

Hippolytus, *c. 200–236 AD · sources 17–18*

17 *Against the Heresy of Noetus* 1 (on point 1) “we ought to obey God rather than men… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *Refutation of All Heresies* 1 (1885 English; on point 4) “we, as being their successors, and as participators in this grace, high-priesthood, and office of teaching, as well as being reputed guardians of the Church, must not be found… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 19–21*

19 *De Principiis (On First Principles)* (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 4** “seeing there are many who think they hold the opinions of Christ, and yet some of these think differently from their predecessors, yet as the teaching of the Church, transmitted… [continues online] **read ›**

20 *Against Celsus* 26 **Quote 1, page 2** “must not believe in demons, even though Celsus urges us to do so. If we are to obey God, we must die, or endure anything, rather than obey demons. In… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *Commentary on Matthew* 12 “the saying spoken before, "The gates of Hades shall not prevail against it," Matthew 16:18, hold true for all and for each one of them? And also the saying… [continues online] **read ›**

Dionysius of Alexandria, *c. 232–265 AD · source 22*

22 *Epistles and Epistolary Fragments* (1885 English; on point 1) “I answered him neither unreasonably nor in many words, We must obey God rather than men… [continues online] **read ›**

Novatian, *c. 240–258 AD · source 23*

23 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 30 (on point 5) since the whole Old and New Testaments could be brought forward as witness that this is how the true faith stands. But because heretics, always fighting against the truth, are… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 24–27*

24 *Epistles* (on point 7) You also wrote that, because of me, the Church now has one part of herself scattered abroad, even though the whole people of the Church are gathered, united, and joined… [continues online] **read ›**

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25 *Epistles* **Quote 8, page 4** "commands and warnings we ought to keep, describes the honor of a bishop and the order of His Church in the Gospel. He says to Peter: "I say to you… [continues online] **read ›**

26 *Epistles* (on point 6) those whom they lure away from us. It does not matter to us at all what the enemies of the Church do, as long as we ourselves keep respect for… [continues online] **read ›**

27 *Epistles* (1885 English; on point 6) "let any one say, We follow that which we have received from the apostles, when the apostles only delivered one Church, and one baptism, which is not ordained except in… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 28–30*

28 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 7) master, as the high priest of God, and as a teacher of godliness. For the one who hears him hears Christ, and the one who rejects him rejects Christ. And… [continues online] **read ›**

29 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English; on point 8) "if any man follows unrighteousness, and does those things that are contrary to the will of God, such a one will be esteemed by God as the disobedient heathen… [continues online] **read ›**

30 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 1) Be subject to all royal authority and rule in matters that are pleasing to God, as to ministers of God and punishers of the ungodly. Give them all the fear… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · sources 31–32*

31 *Divine Institutes* 30 (1885 English; on point 6) "it is the Catholic Church alone which retains true worship… [continues online] **read ›**

32 *Divine Institutes* 16 (1885 English; on point 3) "who would obey, when they who give the precepts themselves teach disobedience… [continues online] **read ›**

Peter of Alexandria, *c. 300–311 AD · sources 33–34*

33 *Canonical Epistle* (1885 English) "although he finds fault with those who act in this way, he nevertheless decrees that the faithful must communicate with them, because in the name of Christ they come forward… [continues online] **read ›**

34 *Canonical Epistle* (1885 English; on point 3) "shall he who has repudiated the episcopate, and refuses any longer to feed the flock entrusted to him, and despises the care of it through his desire of an easy… [continues online] **read ›**

John Chrysostom, *c. 386–407 AD · sources 35–39*

35 *Homilies on Second Timothy* **Quote 10, page 5** those who rule over you, and submit yourselves, for they watch over your souls as those who must give account." Hebrews 13:17. For tell me, if he is under… [continues online] **read ›**

36 *Homilies on Acts* (1885 English; on point 1) "Peter and the other Apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men… [continues online] **read ›**

37 *Homilies on Ephesians* 11 (on point 3) why does a ruler in one Church invade another? "See," they say, "how everything among the Christians is full of empty glory. There is ambition among them, and hypocrisy. Strip… [continues online] **read ›**

38 *Homilies on Colossians* (1885 English; on point 1) "hear too those of blessed Peter's company, how gently they answer the Jews, saying, we must obey God rather than men… [continues online] **read ›**

39 *Homilies on First Corinthians* 19 (1885 English; on point 1) "is, Obey not men commanding unreasonable things: nay, obey not yourselves… [continues online] **read ›**

Anonymous · *source 40*

40 *Treatise on Re-Baptism* 1 (on point 8) "should depart from Christ, abiding only in His name, he would not be greatly advantaged. No; rather, he is even burdened by that name, although he may previously have been… [continues online] **read ›**

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Clement of Rome · *sources 41–42*

41 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* (1885 English; on point 1) “is right and holy therefore, men and brethren, rather to obey God than to follow those who, through pride and sedition, have become the leaders of a detestable emulation… [continues online] **read ›**

42 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* (1885 English; on point 7) us reverence the Lord Jesus Christ, whose blood was given for us; let us esteem those who have the rule over us… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *40 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

43 **Matthew 15:9** and in vain they worship me, teaching the commandments of men as doctrines.’” **read ›**

44 **Matthew 18:17** If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. **read ›**

45 **Matthew 23:3** Therefore observe and do everything they tell you to observe, but do not act according to their works; for they speak but do not act. **read ›**

46 **Matthew 23:10** Neither be called teachers, for one is your teacher, the Christ. **read ›**

47 **Mark 7:7** and in vain they worship me, teaching the commandments of men as doctrines. **read ›**

48 **Luke 14:17** He sent out his slave at supper time to tell those who were invited, ‘Come, for everything is ready now.’ **read ›**

49 **John 10:26** But you do not believe, because you are not of my sheep, as I told you. **read ›**

50 **Acts 1:25** to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas fell away, that he might go to his own place.” **read ›**

51 **Acts 2:42** They continued steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. **read ›**

52 **Acts 4:19** But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, judge for yourselves, **read ›**

53 **Acts 5:29** But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. **read ›**

54 **Acts 6:7** The word of God increased and the number of the disciples greatly multiplied in Jerusalem. A great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. **read ›**

55 **Acts 9:14** Here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” **read ›**

56 **Acts 15:1** Some men came down from Judea and taught the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” **read ›**

57 **Acts 20:28** Therefore pay attention to yourselves and to all the flock among whom the Holy Spirit has made you bishops, to shepherd the church of the Lord and God, which he purchased with his own blood. **read ›**

58 **Acts 26:3** especially because you are expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews. Therefore I beg you to hear me patiently. **read ›**

59 **1 Corinthians 1:12** Now I mean this: each of you says, “I am Paul’s,” or “I am Apollos’s,” or “I am Cephas’s,” or “I am Christ’s.” **read ›**

60 **1 Corinthians 3:4** For when one says, “I am Paul’s,” and another, “I am Apollos’s,” are you not fleshly? **read ›**

61 **1 Corinthians 11:2** Now I praise you, brothers, that you remember me in all things, and hold firm the traditions, even as I delivered them to you. **read ›**

62 **1 Corinthians 11:16** But if anyone wishes to be contentious, we have no such custom, nor do the churches of God. **read ›**

63 **2 Corinthians 11:13** For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as Christ’s apostles. **read ›**

64 **Galatians 1:8** But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach to you a gospel other than what we preached to you, let him be cursed. **read ›**

65 **Ephesians 2:20** built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone, **read ›**

66 **Ephesians 4:5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism, **read ›**

67 **Ephesians 5:21** subjecting yourselves to one another in the fear of Christ. **read ›**

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68 **Ephesians 5:24** But as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives also be to their own husbands in everything. **read ›**

69 **Ephesians 6:5** Slaves, obey your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as you would Christ, **read ›**

70 **2 Thessalonians 2:15** So then, brothers, stand firm and hold the traditions which you were taught by us, whether by word or by letter. **read ›**

71 **2 Thessalonians 3:6** Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to withdraw from every brother who walks in a disorderly way and not according to the tradition which they received from us. **read ›**

72 **2 Thessalonians 3:14** If any man does not obey our word in this letter, note that man and have no company with him, to the end that he may be ashamed. **read ›**

73 **1 Timothy 3:15** but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how one ought to conduct oneself in God's house, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth. **read ›**

74 **1 Timothy 5:12** having condemnation, because they have abandoned their former faithfulness. **read ›**

75 **1 Timothy 6:3** If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not consent to sound words, the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness, **read ›**

76 **Hebrews 13:7** Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Considering the outcome of their way of life, imitate their faithfulness. **read ›**

77 **Hebrews 13:17** Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they watch on behalf of your souls, as those who will give account, that they may do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be unprofitable for you. **read ›**

78 **1 Peter 2:13** Therefore subject yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether to the king, as supreme, **read ›**

79 **1 Peter 5:3** not as lording it over those entrusted to you, but making yourselves examples to the flock. **read ›**

80 **1 John 2:19** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us. But they went out so that it might be made manifest that none of them belong to us. **read ›**

81 **2 John 1:4** I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in truth, just as we received a commandment from the Father. **read ›**

82 **2 John 1:9** Everyone who transgresses and does not remain in the teaching of Christ does not have God. He who remains in the teaching of Christ has both the Father and the Son. **read ›**

ALSO LINKED BY THF TO THESE PASSAGES *73 verses, by reference*

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Psalms 37:11 · 37:35

Proverbs 2:21 · 30:19

Song of Solomon 2:16

Isaiah 66:2

Jeremiah 1:5 · 23:21

Matthew 7:24 · 9:2 · 9:12 · 10:19 · 10:40 · 12:31 · 13:27 · 16:18 · 16:19 · 18:12 · 19:17 · 20:25 · 22:39 · 23:8 · 24:4 · 24:5 · 24:23

Mark 3:29 · 5:34 · 8:38 · 9:50

Luke 5:20 · 10:16 · 15:4 · 16:15 · 19:10 · 21:14 · 22:32

John 1:1 · 1:3 · 7:37 · 10:11 · 14:26 · 15:1 · 15:12 · 15:26 · 20:22 · 21:17

Acts 14:4 · 15:13 · 16:4 · 20:29

Romans 13:1 · 13:8 · 16:7

1 Corinthians 1:30 · 5:11 · 10:4 · 12:3 · 14:2 · 15:5

2 Corinthians 3:18

Galatians 1:10 · 1:19 · 3:20

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Ephesians 4:27
Colossians 4:2
1 Thessalonians 2:6 · 5:12
1 Timothy 2:4 · 5:21 · 6:16
Titus 3:1
Hebrews 11:36
Revelation 2:5

Searched: Ante-Nicene Fathers volumes 1–9 and the Bible, including the Septuagint.

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