THE QUESTION

What did the early Christians believe about salvation?

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

The early writers taught that salvation is God's gift of grace through Jesus Christ, who died and rose to bring us to God and forgive our sins. People receive it by faith, repentance and baptism, and they must then live it out in a changed life, body and soul, not by words alone.

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Salvation is God's gift, not our boast

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Polycarp repeats Paul's words that we are saved by grace and not by works, through God's will in Jesus Christ. Clement of Rome says we are not made right by our own wisdom or holy deeds, but by the faith through which God has always justified people.

1 “In whom, though now you see Him not, you believe, and believing, rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory;” into which joy many desire to enter, knowing that “by grace you are saved, not by works,” but by the will of God through Jesus Christ.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Polycarp,** *Epistle to the Philippians* (c. 100–155 AD) **Source 18, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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2 “And we, too, being called by His will in Christ Jesus, are not justified by ourselves, nor by our own wisdom, or understanding, or godliness, or works we have accomplished in holiness of heart; but by that faith through which, from the beginning, Almighty God has justified all people; to whom be glory forever and ever.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Rome,** *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Source 89, page 11** Read it in the library ›
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Christ died to bring us to God

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Methodius says the Son became man and died for sinners, the just for the unjust, to bring us to God. Ignatius calls the cross a stumbling-block to unbelievers but salvation and eternal life to those who believe.

3 “Rather, He Himself endured death for us sinners, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit; and afterward other things.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Methodius,** *Concerning Free Will* 1 (c. 270–311 AD) **Source 72, page 10** Read it in the library ›
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4 “The cross of Christ is indeed a stumbling-block to those who do not believe, but to the believing it is salvation and eternal life.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* (c. 98–117 AD)
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Source 12, page 7 **Read it in the library ›**

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Christ forgives sins as God and man

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Irenaeus teaches that only God can forgive sins, so Christ's forgiving shows He is God made man. As man He suffered for us, and as God He forgives our debt. He compares the tree of the fall with the tree of the cross.

5 “For if no one can forgive sins except God alone, and the Lord forgave them and healed people, it is clear that He Himself was the Word of God made the Son of man, receiving from the Father the power to forgive sins; because He was human, and because He was God, so that as a man He suffered for us, and as God He might have compassion on us and forgive our debts, which made us debtors to God our Creator.”

later in the same passage

“And so David said beforehand, "Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord has not counted sin;" indicating the forgiveness of sins that comes with His coming, by which "He has destroyed the record" of our debt and "nailed it to the cross;" so that just as through a tree we became debtors to God, through a tree we may also obtain the forgiveness of our debt.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book V* (c. 175–202 AD)
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Source 31, page 8 **Read it in the library ›**

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Repentance from the heart is required

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

The Apostolic Constitutions say Christ came to save sinners through repentance. The early sermon called Second Clement urges readers to give themselves to God while they can still be healed, and says the return He asks is sincere repentance.

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6 “Christ Jesus our Lord came to save sinners through repentance.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Source 67, page 10** Read it in the library ›
Apostolic Constitutions (c. 250–380 AD)
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7 “While we have an opportunity to be healed, let us give ourselves to God who heals us, and give Him a recompense. What kind of recompense? Repentance from a sincere heart.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Rome,** *Second Epistle* 9 (c. 88–99 AD) **Source 4, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Baptism is described as a new birth

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

Cyprian reads Paul as teaching that in baptism the old man dies and the new man is born. The Apostolic Constitutions explain going down into the water as dying with Christ and coming up as rising with Him.

8 “For the blessed apostle declares and proves that baptism is where the old man dies and the new man is born, saying, "He saved us by the washing of regeneration,"”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Epistles* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 56, page 9** Read it in the library ›
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9 “The going down into the water is dying together with Christ. The coming up out of the water is rising again with Him.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Apostolic Constitutions** (c. 250–380 AD) **Source 68, page 10** Read it in the library ›
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Faith must be lived, not only spoken

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

Ignatius warns that it is better to be a Christian quietly than to talk like one and not be one. Second Clement asks for praise from the heart and not the mouth only, so that God may accept us as sons.

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10 “It is better for a man to be silent and be [a Christian], than to talk and not be one. It is good to teach if the speaker also acts.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 17, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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11 “Therefore let us give Him praise, not with the mouth only, but also with the heart, so that He may accept us as sons.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Rome,** *Second Epistle* 9 (c. 88–99 AD) **Source 4, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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God saves the whole person, body included

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Justin argues that God's promise to save man includes the flesh, since a person is body and soul together. He adds that God is good and wants everyone to be saved.

12 “For when He promises to save man, He gives the promise to the flesh as well.”

later in the same passage

“But He is good and desires everyone to be saved.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Justin Martyr,** *On the Resurrection, Fragments* (c. 130–165 AD) **Source 19, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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We lose the sinful life to be saved

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Origen reads Jesus' saying about losing one's life as a call to give up the sinful life. He says what is saved is the life of right actions, and that losing the world for Christ is the better choice.

13 “Let each one, therefore, lose his own sinning life, so that, having lost what is sinful, he may receive that which is saved by right actions.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Commentary on Matthew* 12 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 49, page 9** Read it in the library ›
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages do not set out one full order showing how faith, repentance and baptism fit together.
- They do not settle whether a person once saved can later fall away.
- 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 89 early Christian passages and 389 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–89, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 90–244, in Bible order), then 234 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 *89 passages from 22 writers*

Didache, *c. 50–120 AD · source 1*

1 *Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* 7 (1885 English; on point 5) into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the… [continues online] **read ›**

Barnabas, *c. 70–132 AD · source 2*

2 *Epistle of Barnabas* (on point 5) indeed descend into the water full of sins and defilement, but come up, bearing fruit in our heart, having the fear of God and trust in Jesus in our spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Rome, *c. 88–99 AD · sources 3–4*

3 *Second Epistle* 19 (1885 English; on point 6) “us, therefore, work righteousness, that we may be saved to the end… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Second Epistle* 9 (1885 English) **Quotes 7, 11, pages 4, 5** “He knows all things beforehand, and is acquainted with what is in our hearts… [continues online] **read ›**

Hermas, *c. 90–150 AD · sources 5–11*

5 *Shepherd* (on point 4) “my questions." He said, "Go on." And I said, "Sir, I heard some teachers say that there is no repentance except the one that happens when we go down into… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Shepherd* (on point 4) Lord, that it is great and glorious, and that He has given His Spirit to those who are worthy of repentance." "Then why, sir," I said, "did not all these… [continues online] **read ›**

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7 *Shepherd* (on point 4) useless to their Lord because they have taken on savage habits. Therefore, these people have repentance in their power, unless they are found to have denied from the heart. But… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Shepherd* (1885 English; on point 4) “repentance is great wisdom. For he who has sinned understands that he acted wickedly in the sight of the Lord, and remembers the actions he has done, and he repents… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Shepherd* (1885 English; on point 6) “tell me, sir, say I, the nature of the good deeds, that I may walk in them and wait on them, so that doing them I can be saved… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *Shepherd* (1885 English; on point 6) “good works, therefore, you who have received good from the Lord… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *Shepherd* (on point 4) at least had their dwelling in the tower. But some of them later fell away. These, then, have no repentance, because on account of their business they blasphemed the Lord… [continues online] **read ›**

Ignatius of Antioch, *c. 98–117 AD · sources 12–17*

12 *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* (1885 English) **Quote 4, page 3** “cross of Christ is indeed a stumbling-block to those that do not believe, but to the believing it is salvation and life eternal… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *Epistle to the Philadelphians* (1885 English; on point 2) “they obtained through Him salvation, being holy ones, worthy of love and admiration, having testimony borne to them by Jesus Christ, in the Gospel of our common hope… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* (on point 6) “as faith cannot do the works of unbelief, nor unbelief the works of faith… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* (on point 6) “as faith cannot do the works of unbelief, nor unbelief the works of faith… [continues online] **read ›**

16 *Epistle to the Philadelphians* (1885 English; on point 4) “all them that repent, the Lord grants forgiveness, if they turn in penitence to the unity of God, and to communion with the bishop… [continues online] **read ›**

17 *Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians* **Quote 10, page 5** It is better for a man to be silent and be [a Christian], than to talk and not be one. It is good to teach if the speaker also acts. … [continues online] **read ›**

Polycarp, *c. 100–155 AD · source 18*

18 *Epistle to the Philippians* (1885 English) **Quote 1, page 2** which joy many desire to enter, knowing that “by grace ye are saved, not of works… [continues online] **read ›**

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · sources 19–25*

19 *On the Resurrection, Fragments* **Quote 12, page 5** “truth, He has called even the flesh to the resurrection and promises it everlasting life. For when He promises to save man, He gives the promise to the flesh as… [continues online] **read ›**

20 *Dialogue with Trypho* (on point 1) opinion regarding any of your nation, about whether or not some of them might be saved by the grace of the Lord of Sabaoth. Therefore, although you act wrongfully, I… [continues online] **read ›**

21 *First Apology* (1885 English; on point 6) “not those who make profession, but those who do the works, shall be saved, according to His word: “Not every one who saith to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into… [continues online] **read ›**

22 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English; on point 4) “indeed, you repent of your sins, and recognise Him to be Christ, and observe His commandments, then you may assert this… [continues online] **read ›**

23 *Dialogue with Trypho* (1885 English; on point 4) “works deliverance from death to those who repent of their wickedness and believe upon Him… [continues online] **read ›**

24 *First Apology* (1885 English; on point 5) they are brought by us where there is water, and are regenerated in the same manner in which we were ourselves regenerated. For, in the name of God, the Father… [continues online] **read ›**

25 *Dialogue with Trypho* (on point 4) do anything against right reason. We, both men and angels, will be proven guilty of sin unless we repent beforehand. If the word of God predicts that some angels and… [continues online] **read ›**

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Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 26–31*

26 *Against Heresies: Book III* (on point 3) “to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of salvation to His people for the forgiveness of their sins." This is the knowledge of salvation they lacked, that of the Son… [continues online] **read ›**

27 *Against Heresies: Book IV* (1885 English) “He thus bestowed salvation upon ourselves. For to follow the Saviour is to be a partaker of salvation, and to follow light is to receive light… [continues online] **read ›**

28 *Against Heresies: Book IV* “into deep anger, we could not have been saved. Just as the blindness of the Egyptians led to salvation, so are we saved by the blindness of the Jews, if… [continues online] **read ›**

29 *Against Heresies: Book V* (on point 7) these bodies can't receive life. But if the present temporary life, which is so much less than eternal life, can still manage to enliven our mortal bodies, why shouldn… [continues online] **read ›**

30 *Against Heresies: Book II* they were created: He has established them forever, yes, forever and ever.” And, concerning the salvation of humanity, it is stated, “He asked life of You, and You gave him… [continues online] **read ›**

31 *Against Heresies: Book V* **Quote 5, page 3** by forgiving sins, He indeed healed humanity, while also revealing who He was. For if no one can forgive sins except God alone, and the Lord forgave them and healed… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 32–40*

32 *Instructor* 1.6 (on point 5) human faith and divine grace, our transgressions being taken away by one Paeonian medicine, the baptism of the Word. We are washed from all our sins and are no longer… [continues online] **read ›**

33 *Stromata* 2.13 (on point 4) who has received forgiveness of sins ought not to sin anymore. For besides the first and only repentance from sins, which is from the sins of the former life, the… [continues online] **read ›**

34 *Stromata* 2.6 (on point 1) this husband, who is the Word, formerly desolate of the bridegroom. Now "the just shall live by faith," which is according to the covenant and the commandments, since these, which… [continues online] **read ›**

35 *Stromata* 5.1 the end, the agreement and harmony of both forms of faith lead to one goal: salvation. We have the apostle as a sure witness: "For I desire to see you… [continues online] **read ›**

36 *Stromata* 2.20 (1885 English; on point 6) “that salvation is from a change due to obedience, but not from nature… [continues online] **read ›**

37 *Stromata* 6.12 (1885 English; on point 6) “the promise is the means of pursuing obedience, by which comes salvation… [continues online] **read ›**

38 *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 40 (1885 English; on point 4) “this is to repent, to condemn the past deeds, and beg oblivion of them from the Father, who only of all is able to undo what is done, by mercy… [continues online] **read ›**

39 *Instructor* 1.6 (1885 English) “accordingly, is the following of Christ: For that which is in Him is life… [continues online] **read ›**

40 *Instructor* 1.6 (on point 5) so it was considered right to speak to the Word, and He is free. For at the moment of the Lord's baptism, a voice sounded from heaven as a… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 41–46*

41 *On Modesty* 2 those who are without?” But you remit, in order that remission may be granted you by God. The sins which are cleansed in this way are such as a man… [continues online] **read ›**

42 *Against Marcion* 25 (on point 7) same, and introducing no new command other than the one that concerns above all man's complete salvation, including both the present and the future life, sets before him the… [continues online] **read ›**

43 *On Baptism* 10 (on point 4) nothing celestial, but served beforehand for things celestial. That is, it was appointed over repentance, which is in man's power. In fact, the doctors of the law and the… [continues online] **read ›**

44 *On Modesty* 18 (1885 English; on point 4) “prejudice to that species of repentance after believing, which either, for lighter sins, will be able to obtain pardon from the bishop, or else, for greater and irremissible ones, from… [continues online] **read ›**

45 *Against Marcion* 40 (1885 English; on point 1) “the rest, the apostle must (be permitted to) go on with his own statement, wherein he says that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but… [continues online] **read ›**

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46 *Against Marcion* 40 (1885 English; on point 1) “object, therefore, of the faith whereby the just man shall live, will be that same God to whom likewise belongs the law, by doing which no man is justified… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 47–50*

47 *Commentary on John* 10 (on point 4) “we eat the flesh of the Lamb with bitter herbs and unleavened bread when we repent of our sins and grieve with the sorrow… [continues online] **read ›**

48 *Commentary on John* 6 (on point 5) repentance,” teaching that the benefit of baptism is connected with the intention of the person baptized. To him who repents it is salutary, but to him who comes to it… [continues online] **read ›**

49 *Commentary on Matthew* 12 **Quote 13, page 5** “if we think that the salvation of our life is a blessed… [continues online] **read ›**

50 *Against Celsus* 68 (1885 English; on point 2) “how we know we shall be saved by Him… [continues online] **read ›**

Gregory Thaumaturgus, *c. 240–270 AD · source 51*

51 *Twelve Topics on the Faith* 1 (1885 English; on point 2) “any one affirms that Christ is saved, and refuses to acknowledge that He is the Saviour of the world, and the Light of the world, even as it is written… [continues online] **read ›**

Novatian, *c. 240–258 AD · source 52*

52 *Treatise Concerning the Trinity* 23 (1885 English; on point 2) “most profound and recondite mystery, destined before the worlds for the salvation of the human race, is found to be fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ, both God and man… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · sources 53–60*

53 *Treatises* (on point 6) “life is either lost or saved. Here eternal safety is provided for by the worship of God and the fruits of faith… [continues online] **read ›**

54 *Epistles* (1885 English; on point 5) “in the sacrament of salvation the contagion of sins is not in such wise washed away, as the filth of the skin and of the body is washed away in… [continues online] **read ›**

55 *Epistles* (on point 4) I am amazed that some are so stubborn that they think repentance should not be granted to the lapsed, or that pardon should be denied to those who repent, when… [continues online] **read ›**

56 *Epistles* **Quote 8, page 4** “3:5. But if regeneration is in the washing, that is, in baptism, how can heresy, which is… [continues online] **read ›**

57 *Treatises* (1885 English; on point 4) “long and full penitence deprecate the Lord so grievously offended, although it is written, Remember from whence you are fallen, and repent. Revelation 2:5… [continues online] **read ›**

58 *Epistles* (on point 5) immersed by heretics should not be baptized when they come to us, because they say there is one baptism, which is one for this reason: the Church is one, and… [continues online] **read ›**

59 *Epistles* (on point 5) Or if they say that the power of baptism comes from the greatness of the name, so that those who are baptized anywhere and in any way, in the name… [continues online] **read ›**

60 *Epistles* (on point 5) And now some among us claim that the baptism of heretics has the same standing. As if out of a certain dislike of baptizing again, they consider it unlawful to… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 61–68*

61 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 4) We must know, therefore, that God is very merciful to those who have offended, and has promised repentance with an oath. But the one who has offended and does not… [continues online] **read ›**

62 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 4) that You will deliver the second from the power of the evil one, and that You will accept the repentance of the last, and forgive both them and us our… [continues online] **read ›**

63 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 5) “them the laver of regeneration and the garment of incorruption, which is the true life… [continues online] **read ›**

64 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 5) be satisfied with one baptism only, the one into the death of the Lord; not the one given by wicked heretics, but the one given by blameless priests, in the… [continues online] **read ›**

65 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 4) “O bishop, judge with authority like God, yet receive those who repent, for God is a God of mercy. Rebuke those who sin. Warn those who have not turned back… [continues online] **read ›**

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66 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 5) concerning baptism, O bishop or presbyter, we have already given instruction, and now we say this: you shall baptize as the Lord commanded us, saying, “Go and teach all nations… [continues online] **read ›**

67 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 4** “Christ Jesus Our Lord Came to Save Sinners by Repentance… [continues online] **read ›**

68 *Apostolic Constitutions* (1885 English) **Quote 9, page 4** baptism, therefore, is given into the death of Jesus… [continues online] **read ›**

Commodianus, *c. 250–300 AD · source 69*

69 *Writings* (on point 5) “baptism, the coarse dress of your birth is washed… [continues online] **read ›**

Archelaus, *c. 270–300 AD · source 70*

70 *Disputation with Manes* 1 (1885 English; on point 4) afterwards, when he betook himself to the hangman's rope, he showed that he had not brought it to a complete birth, because remorse… [continues online] **read ›**

Methodius, *c. 270–311 AD · sources 71–73*

71 *Oration Concerning Simeon and Anna* 1 (on point 2) the prophet had announced before in the words: "No ambassador, nor angel, but the Lord Himself saved them; because He loved them, and spared them, and He took them up… [continues online] **read ›**

72 *Concerning Free Will* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 3, page 2** “certainly grace and truth came by Jesus Christ, John 1:17 whence also by grace we are saved, according to that word of the apostle, and that not of yourselves… [continues online] **read ›**

73 *Fragments* 1 (1885 English; on point 1) “certainly grace and truth came by Jesus Christ, John 1:17 whence also by grace we are saved, according to that word of the apostle, and that not of yourselves… [continues online] **read ›**

Lactantius, *c. 290–320 AD · sources 74–78*

74 *Divine Institutes* 17 (1885 English; on point 4) “being desirous of promoting our life and salvation in accordance with His own goodness, in that circumcision He has set before us repentance, that if we lay open our hearts… [continues online] **read ›**

75 *Divine Institutes* 30 (1885 English) “which if any one shall not enter, or from which if any shall go out, he is estranged from the hope of life and eternal salvation… [continues online] **read ›**

76 *Epitome of the Divine Institutes* 67 (1885 English; on point 4) “is the healing of wounds and offenses, that hope, that the harbour of safety… [continues online] **read ›**

77 *Divine Institutes* 4 in a changed and reversed order. In the one, He has first pointed out temporary evils followed by eternal goods, which is the better order. In the other, first temporary… [continues online] **read ›**

78 *Divine Institutes* 11 (on point 2) since God is kind and merciful to His people, He sent Him to those very persons whom He… [continues online] **read ›**

Peter of Alexandria, *c. 300–311 AD · sources 79–81*

79 *Canonical Epistle* (on point 4) “since they escaped the notice of their persecutors by doing this, let a penalty of six months of penance be imposed on them. For in this way they will profit… [continues online] **read ›**

80 *Canonical Epistle* (on point 4) prayers of others. Therefore we will pray for them, that God may grant them forgiveness of their sins. And with the others who have fallen away, but afterward turned back… [continues online] **read ›**

81 *Canonical Epistle* (on point 4) These canons deal with those who, during the persecution, denied the faith and are doing penance. The first canon orders that those who, after many tortures, sacrificed to the gods… [continues online] **read ›**

Anonymous · *sources 82–88*

82 *Treatise on Re-Baptism* 1 (on point 5) Although they were already righteous and, as we have said, had been baptized with the Lord's baptism, just as the apostles themselves had been, yet on the night when… [continues online] **read ›**

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83 *Treatise on Re-Baptism* 1 (on point 5) as you are not ignorant, the Holy Spirit is found to have been given by the Lord without baptism of water to men who believe, as it is written in… [continues online] **read ›**

84 *Treatise on Re-Baptism* 1 (on point 5) "And even up to this point, that whole heretical baptism may be amended, after some time has passed, if a man should survive and amend his faith. For our God… [continues online] **read ›**

85 *Treatise on Re-Baptism* 1 (on point 5) Therefore, for those who begin a discussion of saving and new baptism, that is, spiritual and evangelical baptism, the first thing that comes before them is the announcement that is… [continues online] **read ›**

86 *Treatise on Re-Baptism* 1 (1885 English) "this remission of sins that woman also which was a sinner in the city obtained, to whom the Lord said, Your sins are forgiven you… [continues online] **read ›**

87 *Treatise Against the Heretic Novatian* 1 (1885 English; on point 4) "us give our full confession, since the powers of heaven rejoice over our repentance, all the angels rejoice, and Christ also rejoices, who once again with full and merciful moderation… [continues online] **read ›**

88 *Treatise on Re-Baptism* 1 (on point 5) what will you say about those who, in many cases, are baptized by bishops of very bad character, who yet at last, when God so wills, are convicted of their… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Rome · *source 89*

89 *First Epistle to the Corinthians* **Quote 2, page 2** we, too, being called by His will in Christ Jesus, are not justified by ourselves, nor by our own wisdom, or understanding, or godliness… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *155 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

90 **Genesis 6:8** But Noah found grace before the Lord God. **read ›**

91 **Genesis 15:6** Abram believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness. **read ›**

92 **Genesis 49:18** waiting for the salvation of the Lord. **read ›**

93 **Exodus 10:17** Now therefore forgive my sin this once more, and pray to the Lord your God, and let him take this death away from me." **read ›**

94 **Exodus 29:4** You shall bring Aaron and his sons to the doors of the tabernacle of witness, and wash them with water. **read ›**

95 **Exodus 30:21** They shall wash their hands and their feet with water. Whenever they go into the tabernacle of witness, they shall wash with water, so that they do not die. It shall be a perpetual ordinance for them, for Aaron and for his generations after him." **read ›**

96 **Exodus 40:12** You shall bring Aaron and his sons to the doors of the tabernacle of witness and wash them with water. **read ›**

97 **Leviticus 8:6** Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons near and washed them with water. **read ›**

98 **Numbers 8:7** And thus you shall perform their purification: you shall sprinkle them with water of purification, and a razor shall pass over their whole body, and they shall wash their garments and be clean. **read ›**

99 **Numbers 19:19** And the clean man shall sprinkle the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day, and he shall be purified on the seventh day; and he shall wash his garments and bathe in water, and he shall be unclean until evening. **read ›**

100 **Numbers 19:20** But the man who is defiled and does not purify himself, that person shall be utterly destroyed from the midst of the congregation, because he has defiled the holy place of the Lord, because the water of sprinkling was not sprinkled on him; he is unclean. **read ›**

101 **Numbers 31:23** everything that passes through fire shall be clean; yet it shall be purified with the water of purification. And whatever does not pass through fire shall pass through water. **read ›**

102 **Deuteronomy 32:4** God—true are his works, and all his ways are judgment; God is faithful, and there is no unrighteousness; righteous and holy is the Lord. **read ›**

103 **1 Samuel 15:22** Samuel said, "Are whole burnt offerings and sacrifices as pleasing to the Lord as hearing the voice of the Lord? Behold, hearing is better than a good sacrifice, and listening closely than the fat of rams. **read ›**

104 **2 Kings 5:10** And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh shall return to you, and you shall be clean." **read ›**

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105 **2 Kings 5:14** So Naaman went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha; and his flesh returned like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. **read ›**

106 **2 Chronicles 7:14** and my people, on whom my name is called, are put to shame, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will be gracious to their sins, and I will heal their land. **read ›**

107 **Psalms 12:8** The ungodly walk all around; according to your loftiness you have greatly cared for the sons of men. (Septuagint Psalm 11:9 (Psalm 12:8 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

108 **Proverbs 4:11** For I teach you the ways of wisdom, and I set you in straight tracks. **read ›**

109 **Ecclesiastes 1:2** “Vanity of vanities,” said the Preacher, “vanity of vanities; all is vanity.” **read ›**

110 **Song of Solomon 3:5** I have charged you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the powers and by the strengths of the field, that you not stir up or awaken love until it pleases. **read ›**

111 **Isaiah 13:15** For whoever is caught will be overcome, and those who are gathered together will fall by the sword. **read ›**

112 **Isaiah 15:3** Wrap yourselves in sackcloth in her squares, and lament on her rooftops and in her lanes; all of you, wail with weeping. **read ›**

113 **Isaiah 15:8** For the cry has reached the border of the land of Moab, of Eglaim, and her wailing as far as the well of Elim. **read ›**

114 **Jeremiah 19:7** And I will slaughter the counsel of Judah and the counsel of Jerusalem in this place, and I will strike them down by the sword before their enemies and by the hands of those who seek their lives; and I will give their corpses as food to the birds of heaven and to the wild beasts of the earth. **read ›**

115 **Jeremiah 23:5** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

116 **Jeremiah 50:4** In those days and at that time, the children of Israel will come, they and the children of Judah together; they will go walking and weeping, seeking the Lord their God. (Septuagint Jeremiah 27:4 (Jeremiah 50:4 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

117 **Jeremiah 50:9** For behold, I am stirring up against Babylon congregations of nations from the land of the north, and they will line up for battle against her; from there she will be taken; as the arrow of a skilled warrior, it will not return empty. (Septuagint Jeremiah 27:9 (Jeremiah 50:9 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

118 **Jeremiah 52:7** And the city was broken into, and all the men of war went out by night by way of the gate between the wall and the outer wall, which was by the king’s garden—and the Chaldeans were all around the city—and they went by the way to the Arabah. **read ›**

119 **Lamentations 1:7** Zain. Jerusalem remembered the days of her humiliation and of her rejection, all her desirable things that were from days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the oppressor, and there was none to help her; her enemies saw it and laughed at her dwelling. **read ›**

120 **Lamentations 1:8** Heth. Jerusalem has sinned a sin; therefore she has become a thing tossed about; all who honored her have humbled her, for they have seen her shame; and she herself groaned and turned backward. **read ›**

121 **Lamentations 1:13** Mem. From his height he has sent fire; into my bones he has brought it down; he has spread a net for my feet; he has turned me back; he has made me desolate, in pain all the day. **read ›**

122 **Lamentations 1:14** Nun. Watch has been kept over my ungodly deeds; they are twined together in my hands; they have come up upon my neck; my strength has failed; for the Lord has put pains in my hands; I shall not be able to stand. **read ›**

123 **Daniel 11:5** And the king of the south shall grow strong; and one of their rulers shall grow strong against him and shall rule with great dominion. **read ›**

124 **Daniel 11:18** And he shall turn his face to the islands and capture many, and he shall make rulers cease from their taunts; but his own taunts shall return upon him. **read ›**

125 **Daniel 11:31** And seeds from him shall arise, and they shall profane the sanctuary of might, and remove the continual offering, and set up an abomination made desolate. **read ›**

126 **Amos 1:15** and its kings shall go into captivity, their priests and their rulers together, says the Lord. **read ›**

127 **Amos 3:9** Proclaim it to the regions among the Assyrians, and to the regions of Egypt, and say, “Gather yourselves on the mountain of Samaria, and see the many marvels in her midst, and the oppression that is in her.” **read ›**

128 **Habakkuk 3:5** Before his face a word will go, and it will go out into the plains; **read ›**

129 **1 Esdras 1:23** And the works of Josiah were upright before his Lord, with a heart full of godliness. **read ›**

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130 **1 Esdras 8:94** as has been decided by you and by all who obey the law of the Lord. **read ›**

131 **Tobit 12:8** Prayer is good with fasting and alms and righteousness. A little with righteousness is better than much with unrighteousness. It is better to give alms than to lay up gold. **read ›**

132 **Tobit 12:9** For alms delivers from death, and it will purge away every sin. Those who do acts of alms and righteous deeds will be filled with life; **read ›**

133 **Wisdom of Solomon 1:15** For righteousness is immortal. **read ›**

134 **Wisdom of Solomon 3:9** Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will stay with him in love, for grace and mercy are for his chosen ones. **read ›**

135 **Wisdom of Solomon 14:7** For blessed is the wood through which righteousness comes. **read ›**

136 **Wisdom of Solomon 16:7** For the one who turned toward it was saved, not by what he saw, but by you, the Savior of all. **read ›**

137 **Wisdom of Solomon 18:5** And when they had resolved to kill the infants of the holy ones, and one child had been cast out and saved, you took away the multitude of their children as a rebuke, and destroyed them all together in mighty water. **read ›**

138 **Wisdom of Solomon 18:7** The salvation of the righteous and the destruction of the enemies were awaited by your people. **read ›**

139 **Wisdom of Solomon 18:9** For the holy children of good men offered sacrifice in secret, and in full agreement they established the divine law, that the holy ones would share alike in the same good things and dangers, the fathers already leading the songs of praise. **read ›**

140 **Wisdom of Sirach 2:11** For the Lord is compassionate and merciful; he forgives sins and saves in the time of trouble. **read ›**

141 **Wisdom of Sirach 8:5** Do not insult a man who turns from sin; remember that we are all under penalty. **read ›**

142 **Wisdom of Sirach 15:15** If you are willing, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is of your own good will. **read ›**

143 **Wisdom of Sirach 16:14** He will make room for every act of mercy; each one will find according to his works. **read ›**

144 **Wisdom of Sirach 17:25** Turn back to the Lord and forsake your sins; make your prayer before his face and lessen your offense. **read ›**

145 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:2** The Lord alone will be justified. **read ›**

146 **Wisdom of Sirach 18:21** Before you fall sick, humble yourself, and in the time of sins, show your turning back. **read ›**

147 **Wisdom of Sirach 21:1** My child, have you sinned? Do not do so again, and pray concerning your former sins. **read ›**

148 **Wisdom of Sirach 24:22** Whoever obeys me will not be put to shame, and those who work in me will not sin.” **read ›**

149 **Wisdom of Sirach 31:13** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

150 **Wisdom of Sirach 31:25** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

151 **Wisdom of Sirach 35:23** In every work trust your own soul, for this too is the keeping of the commandments. **read ›**

152 **Wisdom of Sirach 37:21** for grace was not given him from the Lord, because he was deprived of all wisdom. **read ›**

153 **Wisdom of Sirach 38:10** Put away trespass, and direct your hands rightly, and cleanse your heart from all sin. **read ›**

154 **Wisdom of Sirach 39:16** All the works of the Lord are very good, and every command will come to pass in its time. **read ›**

155 **Wisdom of Sirach 42:2** of the law of the Most High and of the covenant, and of judgment, to justify the ungodly; **read ›**

156 **Baruch 1:17** because we have sinned before the Lord, **read ›**

157 **Baruch 4:22** For I have set my hope on the Everlasting for your salvation, and joy has come to me from the Holy One because of the mercy that will soon come to you from the Everlasting, your Savior. **read ›**

158 **1 Maccabees 2:52** Was not Abraham found faithful in trial, and it was counted to him for righteousness? **read ›**

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159 **1 Maccabees 4:11** Then all the nations will know that there is one who redeems and saves Israel." **read ›**

160 **2 Maccabees 1:2** May God do good to you, and may he remember his covenant with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, his faithful slaves. **read ›**

161 **2 Maccabees 12:42** and they turned to pleading, asking that the sin that had been committed might be wholly blotted out. And the noble Judas urged the multitude to keep themselves free from sin, since they had seen with their own eyes what had happened because of the sin of those who had fallen. **read ›**

162 **3 Maccabees 3:5** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

163 **3 Maccabees 6:29** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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178 **1 Enoch 61:4** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

179 **1 Enoch 62:13** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

180 **1 Enoch 63:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

181 **1 Enoch 67:13** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

182 **1 Enoch 91:14** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

183 **1 Enoch 92:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

184 **1 Enoch 99:10** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

185 **Matthew 3:6** They were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. **read ›**

186 **Mark 1:4** John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching the baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins. **read ›**

187 **Mark 16:16** He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who disbelieves will be condemned. **read ›**

188 **Luke 3:3** He came into all the region around the Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for remission of sins, **read ›**

189 **Luke 24:47** and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **read ›**

190 **John 3:5** Jesus answered, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless one is born of water and Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **read ›**

191 **John 3:15** that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. **read ›**

192 **John 5:24** Amen, amen, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. **read ›**

193 **John 20:23** If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone's sins, they have been retained." **read ›**

194 **Acts 1:16** "Brothers, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. **read ›**

195 **Acts 2:38** Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **read ›**

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196 **Acts 3:19** Therefore repent and turn back, so that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, **read ›**

197 **Acts 4:4** But many of those who heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to be about five thousand. **read ›**

198 **Acts 5:23** “We found the prison shut and locked, and the guards standing before the doors, but when we opened them, we found no one inside!” **read ›**

199 **Acts 8:22** Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray to God that perhaps the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. **read ›**

200 **Acts 12:3** When he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This was during the days of unleavened bread. **read ›**

201 **Acts 15:11** But we believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they are.” **read ›**

202 **Acts 22:16** Now why do you wait? Arise, be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’ **read ›**

203 **Romans 1:17** For in it God’s righteousness is revealed from faithfulness to faithfulness. As it is written: But the righteous will live by faithfulness. **read ›**

204 **Romans 3:11** there is none who understands; there is none who seeks God. **read ›**

205 **Romans 3:24** being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, **read ›**

206 **Romans 3:26** in God’s forbearance; to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so that he is just and justifies the one on the basis of Jesus’ faithfulness. **read ›**

207 **Romans 3:28** We maintain therefore that a man is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. **read ›**

208 **Romans 4:5** But to him who does not work, but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness. **read ›**

209 **Romans 5:9** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we will be saved from God’s wrath through him. **read ›**

210 **Romans 5:10** For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we will be saved by his life. **read ›**

211 **Romans 5:19** For as through the one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the one, many will be made righteous. **read ›**

212 **Romans 6:3** Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **read ›**

213 **Romans 6:4** We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. **read ›**

214 **Romans 6:16** Do you not know that when you present yourselves as slaves and obey someone, you are the slaves of whomever you obey, whether of sin to death, or of obedience to righteousness? **read ›**

215 **Romans 6:17** But thanks be to God that, although you were slaves of sin, you obeyed from the heart that form of teaching to which you were handed over. **read ›**

216 **Romans 10:5** For Moses writes of the righteousness that is from the law, “The man who does them shall live in them.” **read ›**

217 **Romans 10:10** For with the heart one believes resulting in righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made resulting in salvation. **read ›**

218 **Romans 11:6** And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work. **read ›**

219 **Romans 16:19** For your obedience has become known to all. I rejoice therefore over you. But I desire to have you wise in that which is good, but innocent in that which is evil. **read ›**

220 **1 Corinthians 1:17** For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be emptied of its power. **read ›**

221 **1 Corinthians 6:11** And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and in the Spirit of our God. **read ›**

222 **2 Corinthians 7:10** For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, which brings no regret. But the sorrow of the world produces death. **read ›**

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223 **Galatians 2:16** yet knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, even we believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by the faithfulness of Christ and not by works of the law, because no flesh will be justified by works of the law. **read ›**

224 **Galatians 3:10** For as many as are of works of the law are under a curse. For it is written: Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things written in the book of the law, to do them. **read ›**

225 **Ephesians 2:5** even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— **read ›**

226 **Ephesians 2:8** for by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, **read ›**

227 **Philippians 2:12** So then, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; **read ›**

228 **1 Timothy 1:14** And the grace of our Lord overflowed with faithfulness and the love that is in Christ Jesus. **read ›**

229 **2 Timothy 1:9** who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, **read ›**

230 **Titus 2:11** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, **read ›**

231 **Titus 3:5** not by works of righteousness which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy, he saved us through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, **read ›**

232 **Titus 3:7** that being justified by his grace, we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. **read ›**

233 **Titus 3:8** The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist firmly on these things, so that those who have believed God may take care to maintain good works. These things are good and beneficial to men. **read ›**

234 **Hebrews 5:9** Having been made perfect, he became to all of those who obey him the author of eternal salvation, **read ›**

235 **James 2:14** What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but has no works? Can that faith save him? **read ›**

236 **James 2:17** Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead in itself. **read ›**

237 **James 2:18** But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith by your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. **read ›**

238 **James 2:22** Do you see that faithfulness was working with his works, and by works faithfulness was made perfect? **read ›**

239 **James 2:24** You see then that by works a man is justified, and not only by faith. **read ›**

240 **1 Peter 1:5** who by the power of God are guarded through faithfulness for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **read ›**

241 **1 Peter 1:9** receiving the goal of your faithfulness, the salvation of your souls. **read ›**

242 **1 Peter 3:6** as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. You have become her children, doing good and not fearing any terror. **read ›**

243 **1 Peter 3:21** Baptism, which corresponds to this, now also saves us—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but the appeal of a good conscience to God—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, **read ›**

244 **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **read ›**

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