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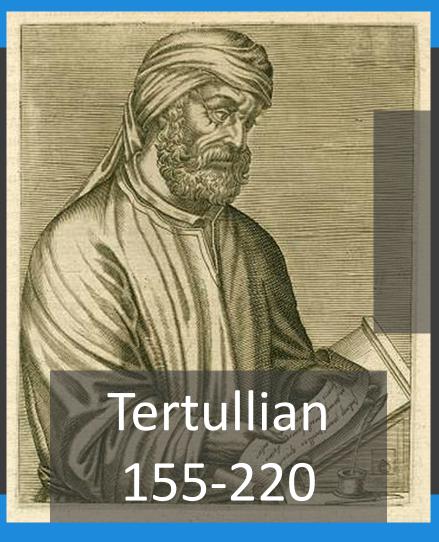
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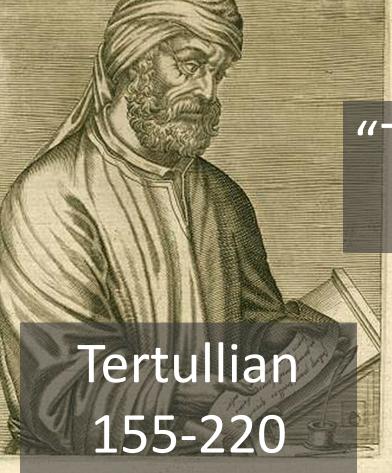
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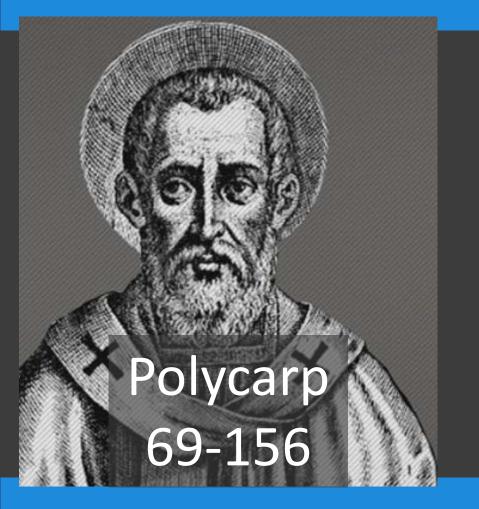
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POLYCARP 69-156



• Discipled by the Apostle John

 One extent letter shows him simple, relatively uneducated, humble, and godly

Polycarp 69-156 The proconsul: "Swear a reproach to Christ, and I will set you free." Polycarp: "86 years have I have served him, and he has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King and my Savior?"

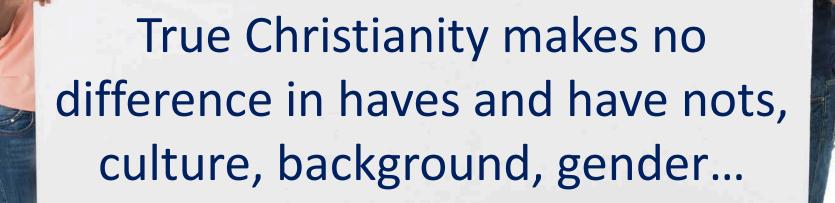
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This message is for everyone, not just church leaders







"There is neither Jew nor Greek," there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:28)



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"Refuse to recognize" "Act in a selfless manner"

Mk. 14:30-31



Day



This is a HUGE shift

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"to move behind someone in the same direction"

Why would *anyone* make this choice?



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About last week... Another view...

You better lose yourself in the music, the moment You own it, you better never let it go You only get one shot, do not miss your chance...

Eminem

For some this is upside-down thinking

The Range of Losing oneself





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See how entwined are Jesus and the gospel

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For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

ὃς γὰρ ἐὰν ἐπαισχυνθῆ με καὶ τούς έμούς λόγους έν τῆ γενεᾶ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ άμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ άνθρώπου έπαισχυνθήσεται αὐτόν, ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῆ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν άγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων.

William L. Lane 1931-1999 "Jesus was sent to reveal the glory of God in a world whose intoxication with its own glory is well expressed in the thought of gaining the world."

"For Jesus this required submission to the contempt and shame of the cross."

William L. Lane 1931-1999 And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power." Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσίν τινες ὡδε τῶν ἑστηκότων οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσωνται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσιν τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.

Consider the fruit that comes from this thinking

1 Thess. 1:3-10



