

CHURCH HISTORY LITERACY

MARTYRS – PART THREE

Ignatius

Lesson 6

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Abdur Razzak



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- **30 Injured**





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“I joined the suicide squad and wanted to be a martyr to establish the law of Allah”

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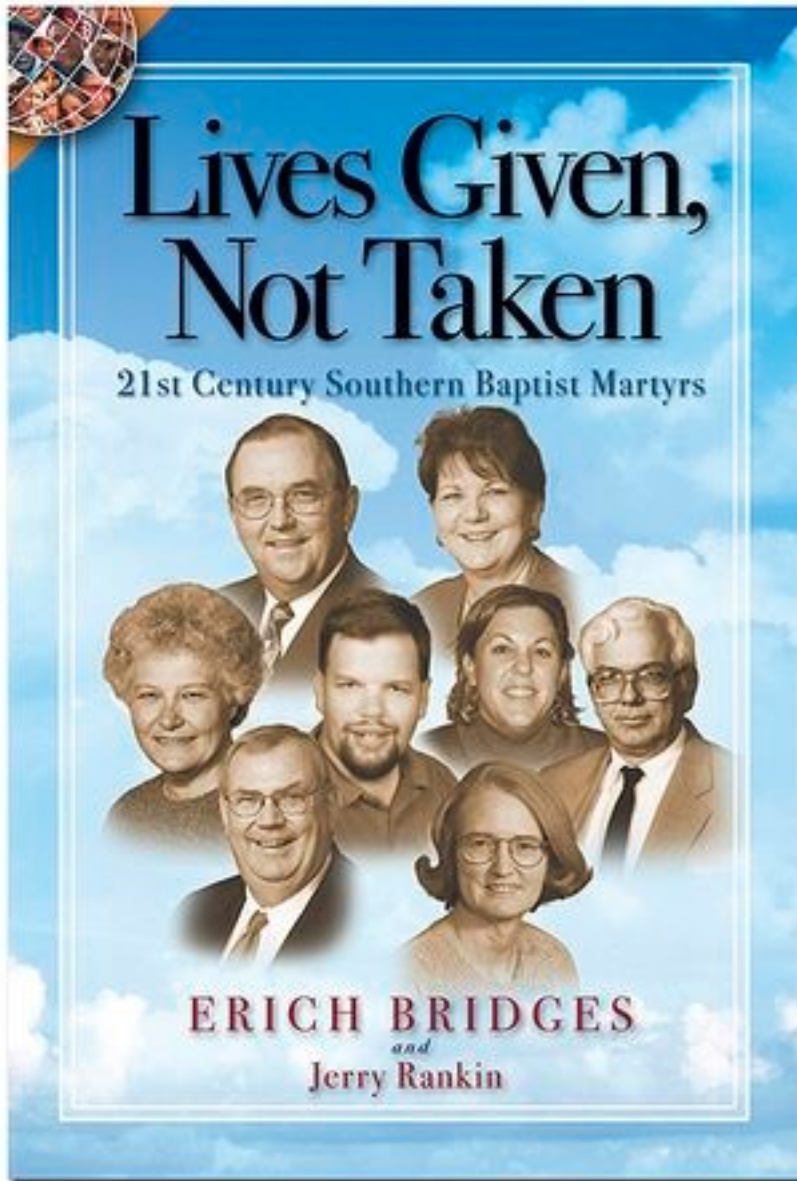


Lives Given, Not Taken

21st Century Southern Baptist Martyrs



ERICH BRIDGES
and
Jerry Rankin



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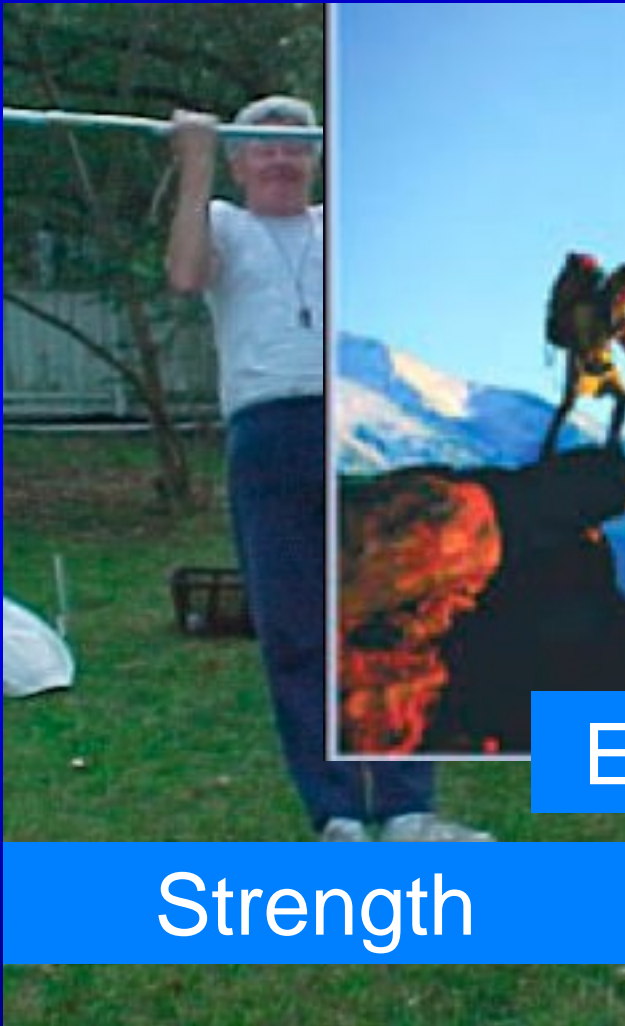


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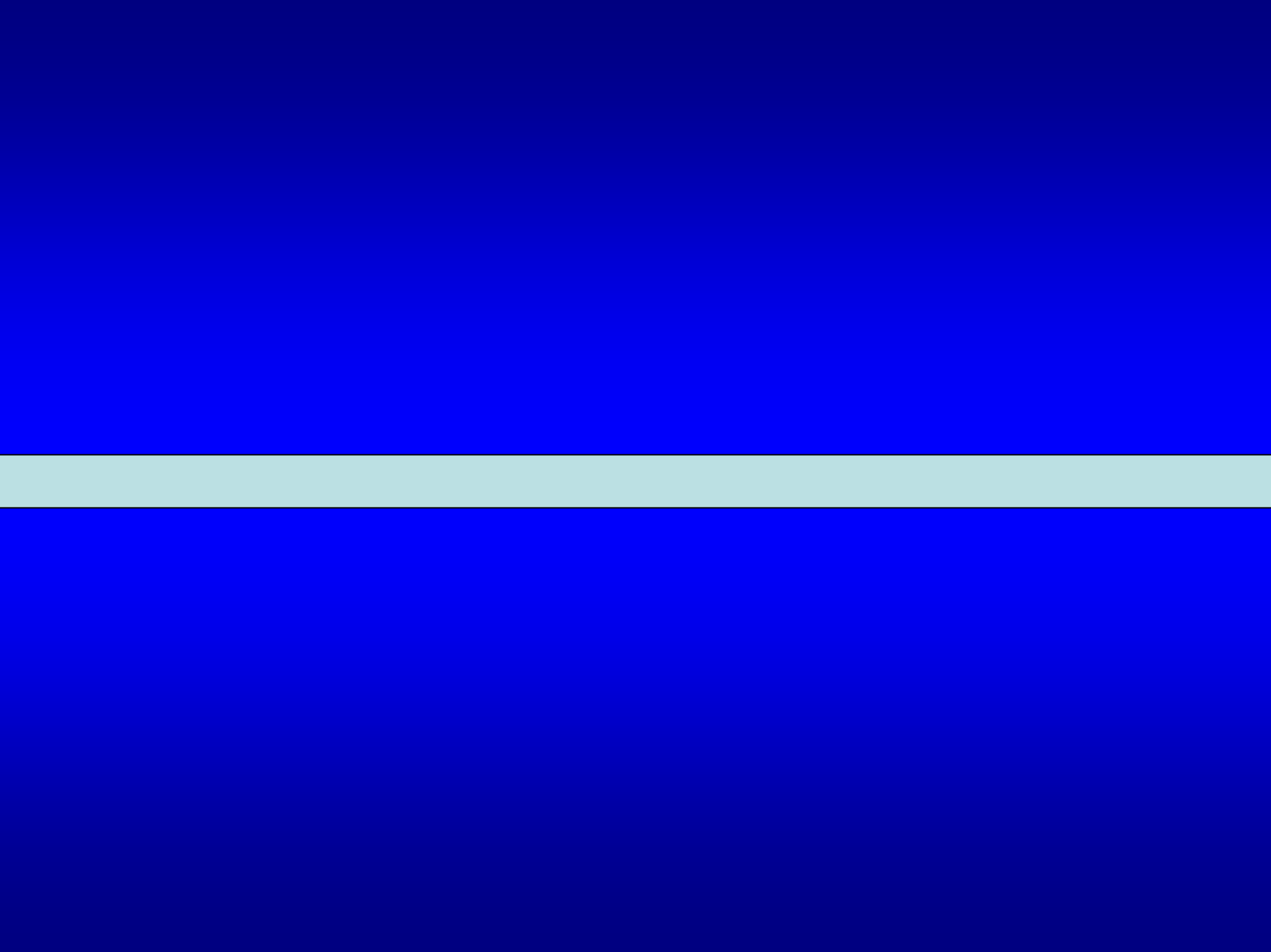
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Encouragement

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Church
Established
30

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30

Scripture
Written
50 - 95

Church
Established
30

Ignatius
Martyred
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Martyrdom Charges: Atheism

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They think the Christians the cause of every public disaster... If the Tiber floods, if the Nile does not send its waters up over the fields, if the heavens give no rain, if there is an earthquake, if there is famine or pestilence, straightway the cry is, "Away with the Christians to the lion!"
(Tertullian, Apology, Ch 40).

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Why Rome?

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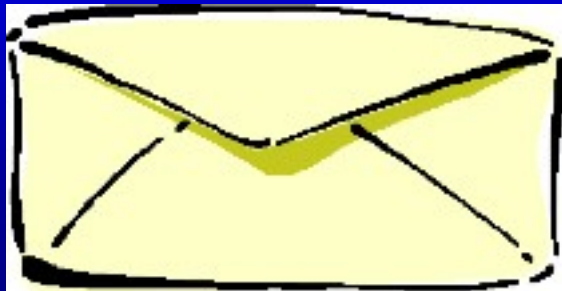
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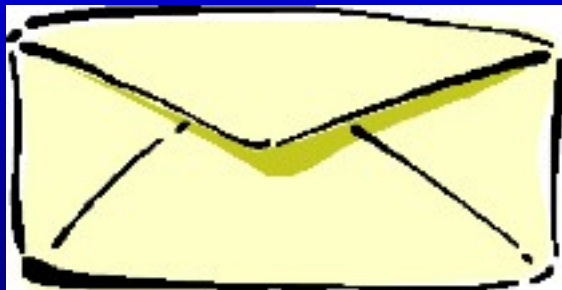
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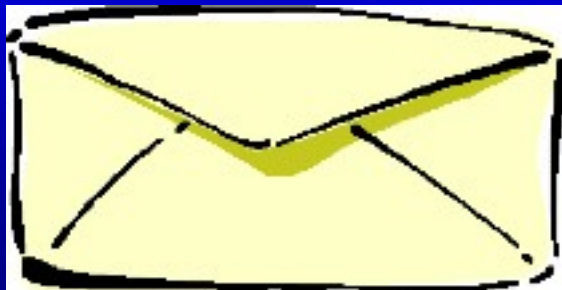


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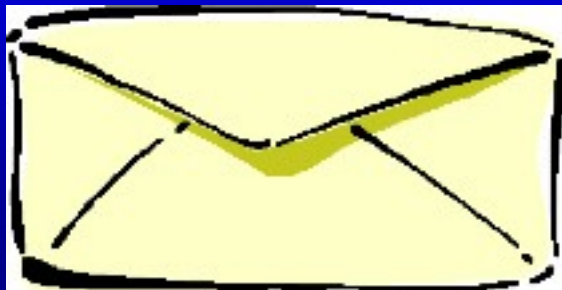
Missed Churches: Ephesus,
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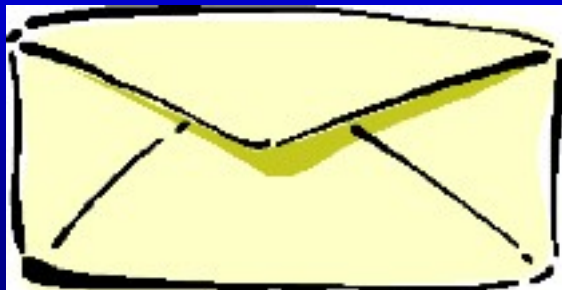
Destination Church: Rome

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Visited Churches: Smyrna
and Philadelphia

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Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna

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- Paul: “Blessed with every spiritual blessing ... predestined Chosen before the creation of the world”
- Ignatius: “Blessed with greatness through the fullness of God the Father, predestined before the ages for lasting and unchangeable glory”

Ephesians

- Paul: redeemed “through his blood” forgiven of sins “in accordance with the riches of his grace.”
- Ignatius: “took on new life through the blood of God”

How is Ignatius so familiar
with Paul?

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Onesimus

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Philemon

Ignatius on Church Structure



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Bishop



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Elders



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Deacons



Ignatius on Christian Behavior





Ignatius on Christian Behavior

“It is better to be
silent and be real,
than to talk and not
be real”

Ignatius on Christian Behavior

“It is good to teach, if
one does what one
says.”



Ignatius on Jesus





Ignatius on Jesus

“Jesus the Christ ...
Our God ... conceived
by the virgin Mary
according to God’s
plan both from the
seed of David and of
the Holy Spirit”

Ignatius on Communion



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“the medicine of
immortality ... The
medicine we take in
order not to die but to
live forever in Christ
Jesus”





Ignatius Dying Instructions:

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Ignatius Dying Instructions:

“Pray continually for the rest of mankind.”



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Ignatius Dying Instructions:

“In response to their anger, be gentle; in response to their errors, be steadfast in the faith;”



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Ignatius Dying Instructions:

“In response to their cruelty, be gentle; do not be eager to retaliate”



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Ignatius Dying Instructions:

“Farewell in God the Father and in Jesus Christ, our common hope.”

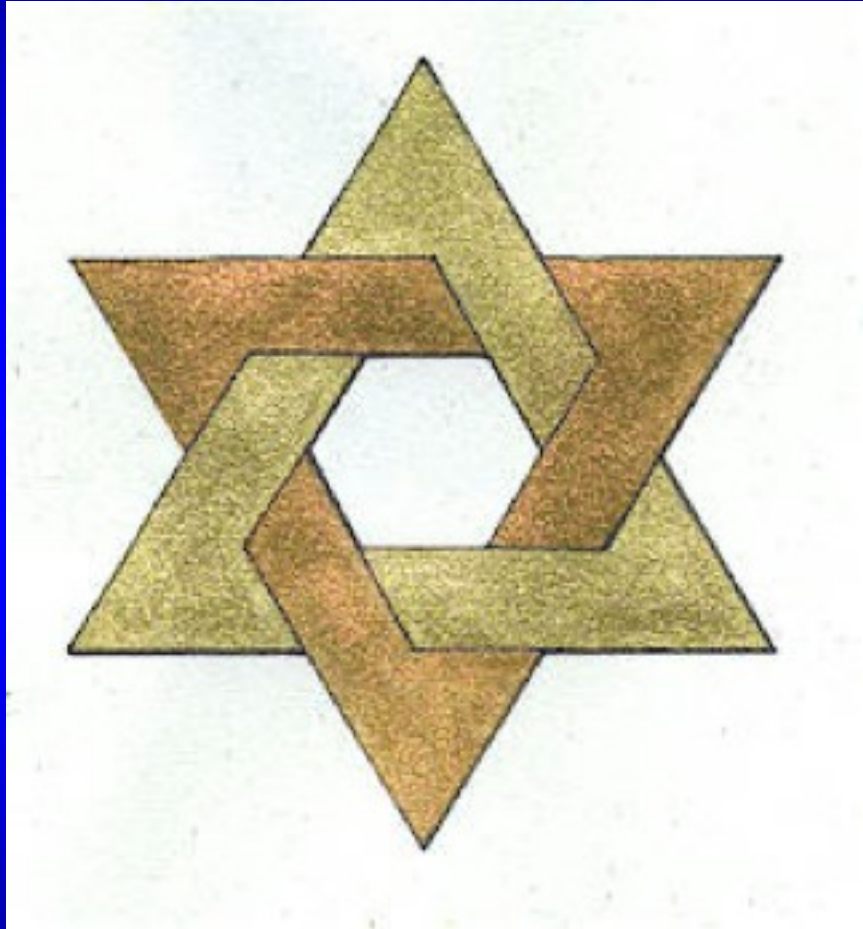
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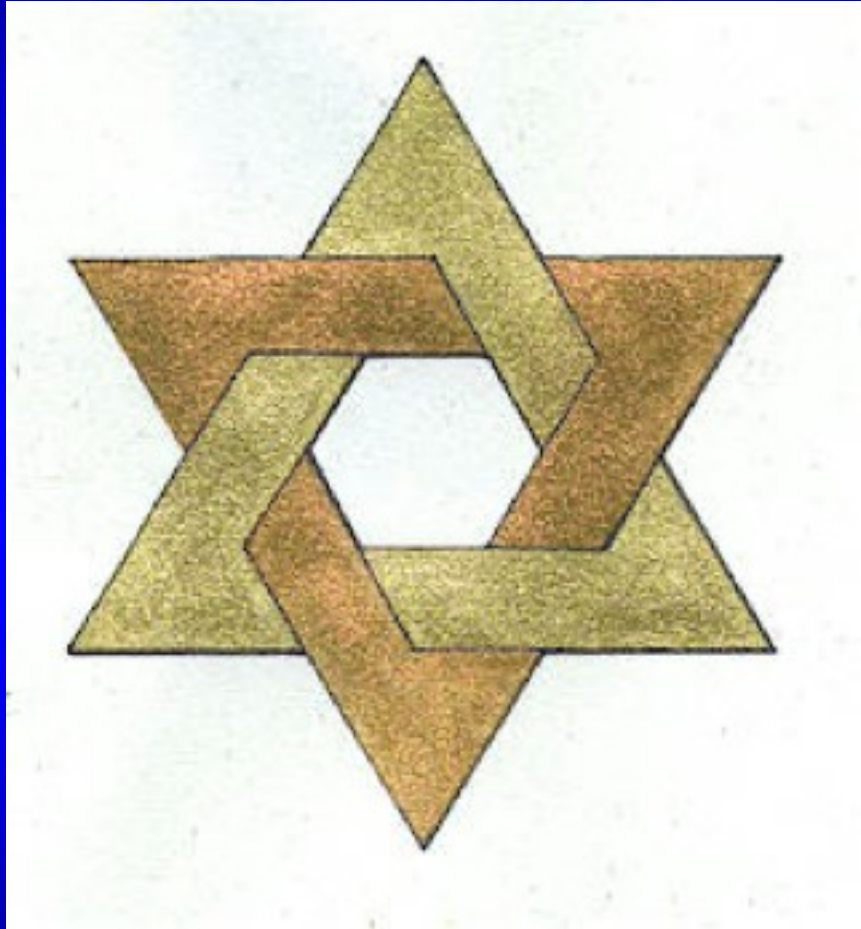
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- Ignatius: “Let there be one prayer, one petition, one mind, one hope, with love and blameless joy, which is Jesus Christ. Run together as to one temple of God, as to one altar, to one Jesus Christ, who came forth from one father and remained with one and returned to one.

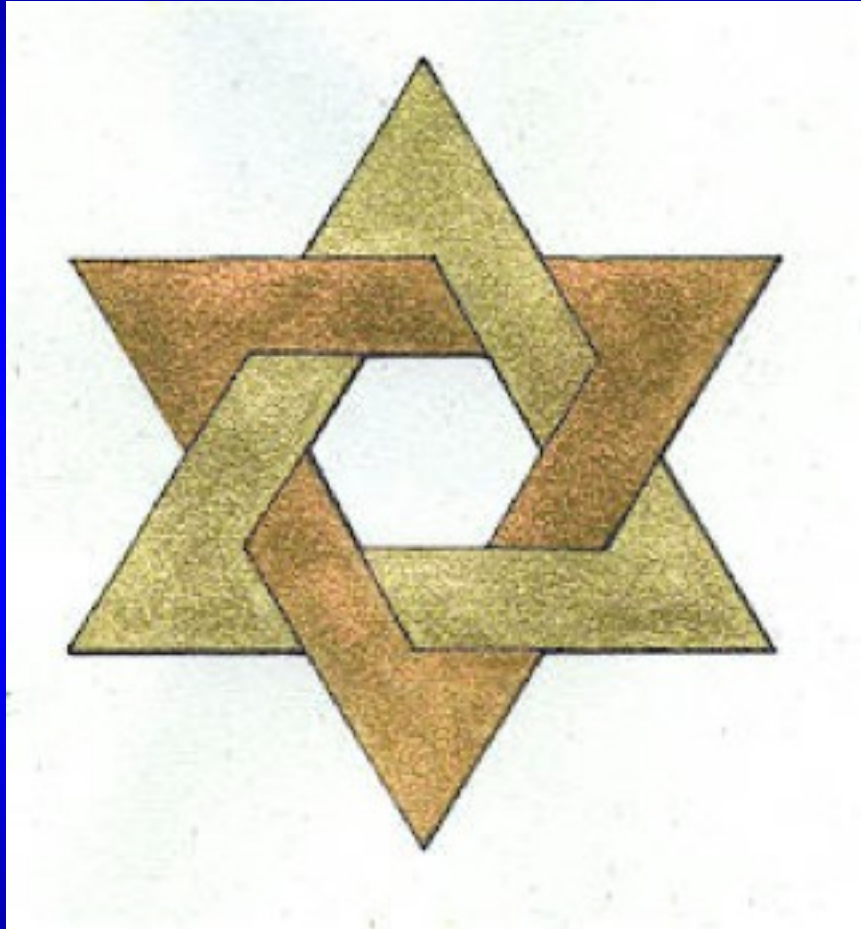


Ignatius on Judaism



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*“Antiquated
practice”*



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“Keeping the
Sabbath” instead
of “the Lord’s day”



Ignatius Dying Request:

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Ignatius Dying Request:

“I need your prayer.”

Trallian Letter



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Ignatius on
heresy



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Ignatius on heresy

Heresy and worldliness “mixes Jesus Christ with poison.”



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Ignatius on heresy

If Jesus “suffered in appearance only ... Why am I in chains? And why do I want to fight with wild beasts?”



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Ignatius on heresy

“If that is the case, I die for no reason; what is more I am telling lies about the Lord.”



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Ignatius on heresy

“Jesus was of the family of David ... was the son of Mary. Jesus really was born, really was persecuted under Pontius Pilate, really was crucified and died, and really was raised from the dead”

Ignatius to the Romans



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A sunset scene with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a glow across the sky. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a warm orange and red near the horizon. The sun is a bright, glowing orb just above the horizon line.

The Bishop from the East fittingly dies in the West, for in death he is setting from this world to rise again before God

Ignatius to the Romans

“I die for God of my own free will. Let me be food for the wild beasts, through whom I can reach God. I am God’s wheat being ground by the teeth of the wild beasts.”

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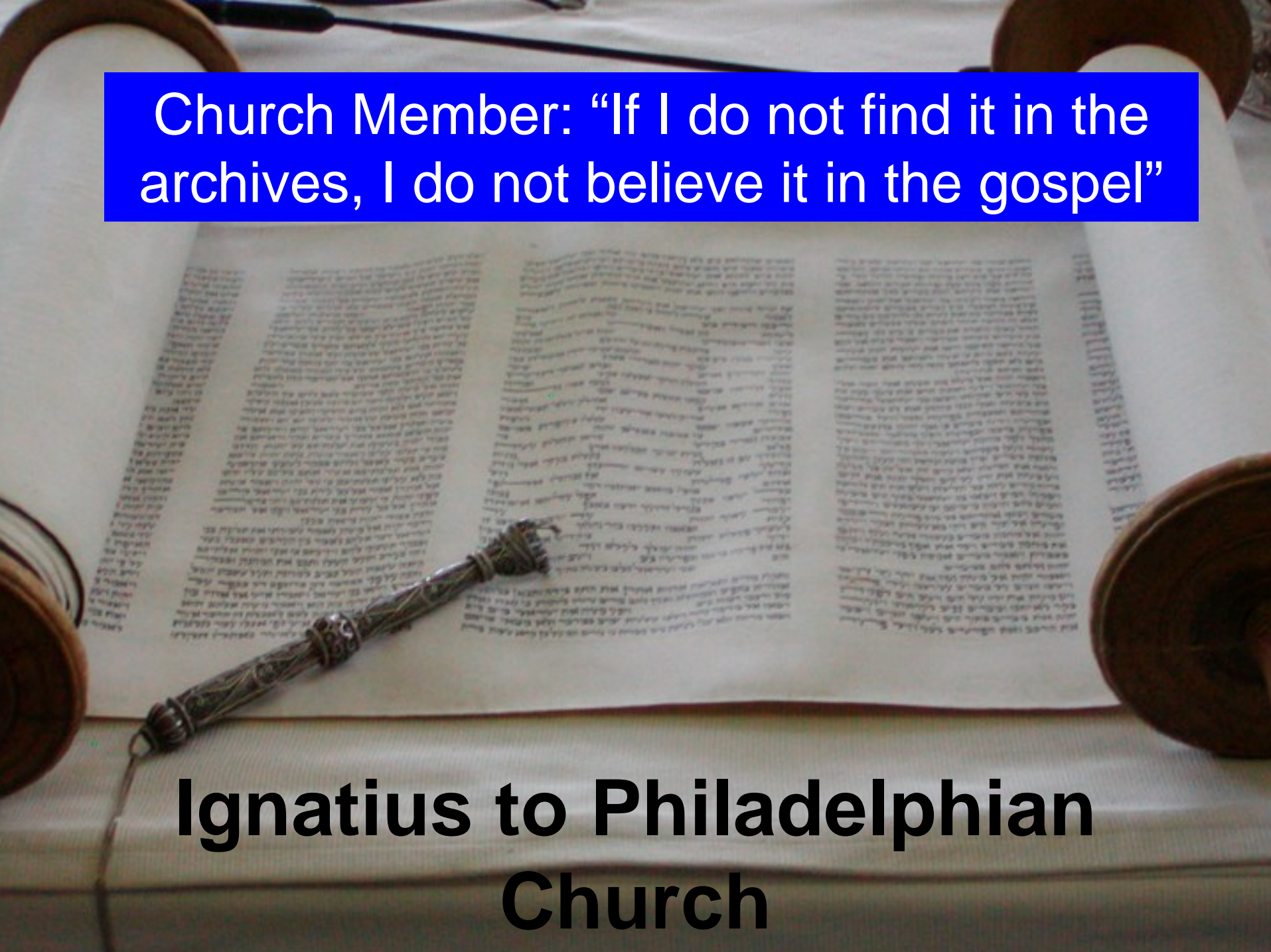


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Ignatius: “It is better
for me to die for Jesus
Christ than to rule
over the earth”



Ignatius to Philadelphian Church

An open book with a quill pen resting on it, symbolizing a church member's faith. The book is open to a page with dense, small text, likely a letter or a historical document. The quill pen is positioned diagonally across the page. The background is a light-colored surface, possibly a desk or table.

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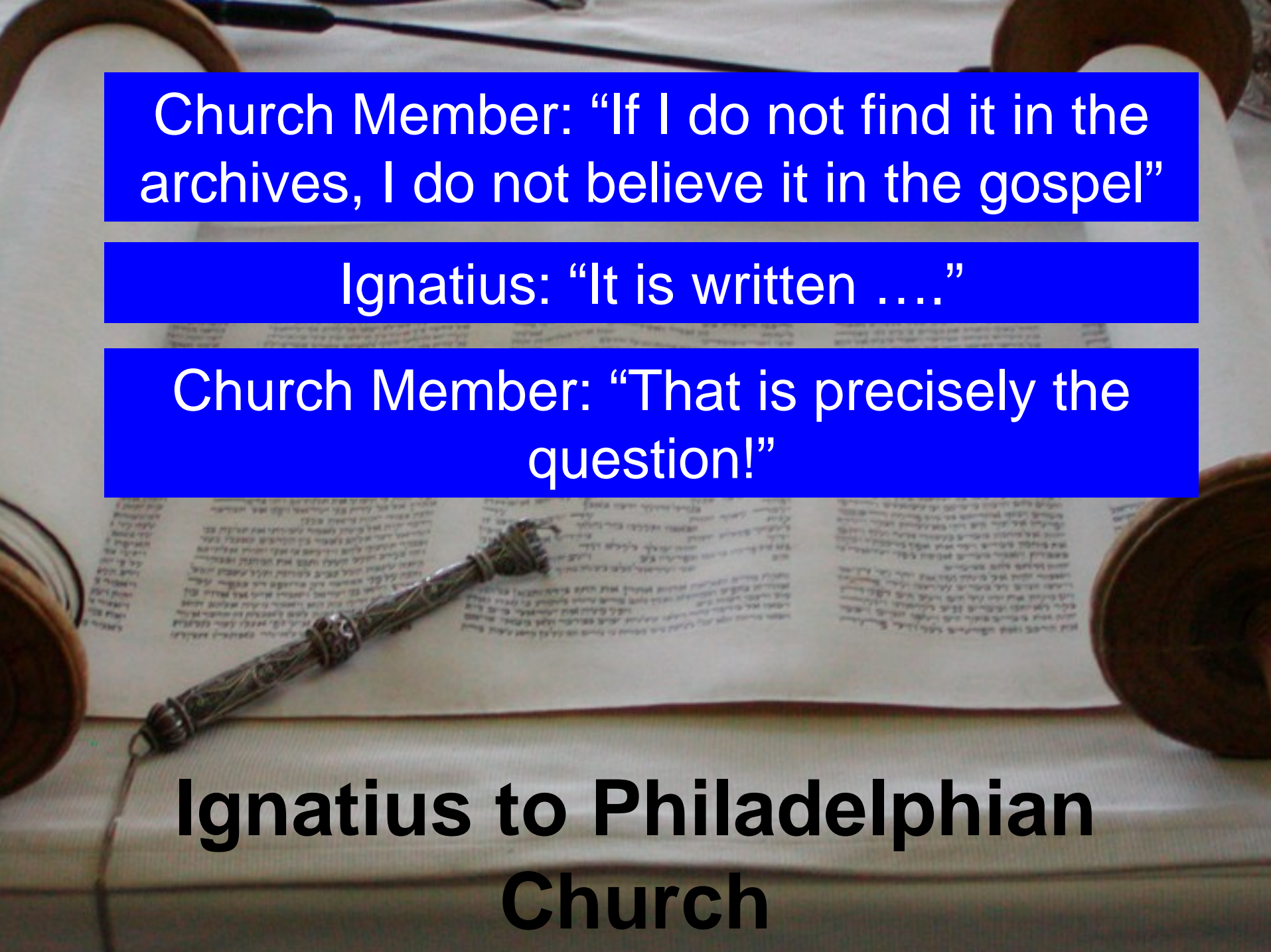
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Ignatius: “The archives are Jesus Christ, his cross and death and his resurrection and the faith that justifies”

**Ignatius to Philadelphian
Church**

Smyrna (Izmir)



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John: Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer... Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life... He who overcomes will not be hurt at all. (Rev. 2:8-11)

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4. Our faith is in a real man, a real God, a real crucifixion, a real resurrection, and a real promise (Heb 12:2-3)