

LETTER OF IGNATIUS TO THE SMYRNEANS

CHAPTER 1 (originally chapter 1-4)

Ignatius, also called the God-bearer,

2 To an assembly of God the Father and of Jesus the Anointed-One who has been loved, an assembly which has received-mercy in every bestowed-favor, which has been filled in faith and love, being not-lacking of every bestowed-favor, god-fitting and holiness-bearing, the assembly which is in Smyrna of Asia: 3 May you* be made to be most rejoicing in an unblemished spirit and an account of a god.

4(1.1) I am glorifying Jesus the Anointed-One the God, the one who made you* wise in-this-manner. 5 For I comprehended that you* were fully-fitted in an immovable faith, even-as persons who have been nailed-on¹ the cross of our Lord Jesus the Anointed-One, both in flesh and spirit, and that you* have been set in love in the blood of the Anointed-One, 6 having been fully-convinced² in-regard-to our Lord: that he truly is from out of a race of David according-to flesh, and a son of a god according-to a will and a power of a god.³ 7 Having truly been birthed out of a virgin; having been immersed by Johanan in order that every righteousness might be fulfilled by him; 8(2) having truly been nailed-on in flesh in-behalf of us under⁴ Pontius Pilatus and Hérōdēs the tetrarch (from whose fruit we are from his suffering which is deemed-to-be-happy-by-God), 9 in order that he might lift a fixed-sign into the ages through the standing-up out of dead humans for⁵ his holy and faithful ones, whether among⁶ Judeans or among other nations, in one body of his assembly.

10(2.1) For he suffered all these things due to us, in order that we might be saved.⁷ 11 And he truly suffered, as even he truly stood himself up out of dead humans, 12 not even-as certain faithless-ones are saying, that for him to have suffered is the act of only seeming⁸ to have suffered. (It is they themselves who are the act of only seeming to be. And exactly-as they are being-minded, it will even happen to them – they being bodiless and demonic.)

13(3.1) For I have come-to-know¹⁰ and am having-faith that he is, even after the standing-up, in flesh. 14(2) And when he came¹¹ near Petros' party,¹² he was declaring to them, "Take, grope me, and see that I am not a bodiless demon." 15 And straightaway they touched him and had-faith, after they were mixed with his flesh and his spirit.¹³ 16 Due to this, they also despised death, but were found to be above death. 17(3) But after the standing-up, he ate-together and drank-together with them as being fleshly, even-though having been spiritually made-one with the Father. (unidentified or Luke 24:42-43)

18(4.1) But I am urging you* about these things, beloved ones, having also come-to-know that all of you* hold things in-the-same-manner as me. But I am fore-guarding you* from the beasts, the human-formed beasts, whom it is necessary for you* not only not to be accepting, but instead, if possible,¹⁴ not-even to be meeting-with them.¹⁵ 19 But you* are only praying-to¹⁶ God in-behalf of them, if-at-any-time they might somehow change-their-mind (which is difficult). 20 But Jesus the Anointed-One has this authority, who is our true life. 21(2) For if these things which were acted out by our Lord are for¹⁷ the act of only seeming¹⁸ to be, then I-also am the act of only seeming to be having been bound. 22 But why have I even given myself over into a state of being given-up¹⁹ to the death, to fire, to saber, to beasts? 23 Instead: near a saber, near a god; between beasts, between a god. I am enduring all things in the name of Jesus the Anointed-One alone, with²⁰ the result to be suffering-along with²¹ him; 24 in the name of him, after he became²² the complete human, who is empowering me.

CHAPTER 2 (originally chapter 5-9)

¹ literally "nailed-on in"

² literally "brought-to-fullness"

³ [1:6(1:1)] Arm, Theodoret / others add

⁴ literally "on"

⁵ literally "into"

⁶ literally "in" (also later in verse)

⁷ [1:10(2:1)] Sah omit "in order that we might be saved"

⁸ literally "thinking" (also later in verse)

⁹ [1:13(3:1)] Gk / Gk(Eusebios) "But"

¹⁰ [1:13(3:1)] Gk(M-L, Berlin, Eusebios, pseudo) / Jerome "have seen"

¹¹ [1:13(3:2)] Gk / Gk(Eusebios) "he has come"

¹² literally "the ones around Petros"

¹³ [1:15(3:2)] Gk(M-L), Lat, Sah (lit. "the spirit" / likely referring to his pulse, which is considered an

"invisible-power"/"spirit") / Arm "the blood"

¹⁴ may also be translated "powerful"

¹⁵ [1:18(4:1)] Gk(M-L, Berlin) / Lat, Arm, Sah add

¹⁶ [1:18(4:1)] Gk(Berlin), Syr, Sah / Gk(M-L), Lat, Arm "but to only be praying-to"

¹⁷ [1:21(4:2)] Gk(M-L) / Gk(Berlin, pseudo) "with/by-means-of/to" (here and elsewhere)

¹⁸ literally "thinking" (also later in verse)

¹⁹ literally "given-out"

²⁰ literally "into"

²¹ may also be translated "to be sympathizing-along with"

²² [1:24(4:2)] Gk(M-L), Lat add

1(5.1) Certain individuals, being-ignorant-of him, are denying him.²³ But they were rather denied by him, being advocates²⁴ of the death rather than of the truth. 2 The prophets did not persuade them,²⁵ not-even the law of Moses,²⁶ instead not-even (at least until now) the good-message, not-even our sufferings of²⁷ man by man. For they are having the same mind even about us. 3(2) For what is someone profiting if he is praising me, but is reviling my Lord, by not confessing him to be flesh-bearing? 4 But the one who is not²⁸ saying this has been made-to completely disown him, being dead-bearing. 5(3) But it was not thought good to me to enroll their names, while they are being faithless-ones. 6 Instead, I wish that it would not-even come-to-be to me to be remembering them, until they²⁹ might change-their-mind in-regard-to the suffering, which is a standing-up of us.

7(6.1) Let no-one be misleading themselves. Even the things-in-heaven and the glory of the messengers and even the chiefs (both seeable and unseeable), if-at-any-time they might not put-faith into the blood of the Anointed-One – there is even a judging to those. 8 The one who is making-room-to-hold this fact, let him be making-room-to-hold it. 9 Let a place of status be inflating no-one. 10 For faith and love are the whole thing, of which nothing has been judged-to-be-before them. 11(2) But all of you* learn-from the ones who are holding-different-opinions in-regard-to the favor of Jesus the Anointed-One, the favor which came into us, 12 how opposite they are to the resolve of God. They did not care about love, not about a widow, not about an orphan, not about someone suffering-tribulation, not about someone having been bound or having been released,³⁰ not about someone hungering or thirsting. 13(7.1) They are keeping themselves distant from thanksgiving and prayer-to God, due to the fact that they are not confessing that the thanksgiving is flesh of our savior Jesus the Anointed-One, the thanksgiving which suffered in-behalf of our sins, which the Father arose by-means-of his³¹ kindness.

14 Therefore, the ones who are speaking-against the gift of God, while they are discussing-these-things-together with one another, are dying-off. 15 But it was being-beneficial for them to be loving, in order that they might also stand-up out of dead humans. 16(2) Therefore,³² It is being-proper to be keeping yourselves distant from the men such as these, and neither to be uttering about them by yourself nor communally, 17 but to be paying-attention to the prophets, but specially³³ to the good-message in which the suffering has been made-clear to us and the standing-up has been completed. 18 But all of you* be fleeing the divisions, as the beginning of evil things.

19(8.1) All of you* be following the overseer as Jesus the Anointed-One followed the Father, and the body-of-elders as the emissaries. But be respecting the ministers as an instruction of a god. 20 Apart-from the overseer, let no-one be acting out anything of the things which are pertaining in-regard-to the assembly. 21 Let that thanksgiving³⁴ be being deemed firm, the one being held under the overseer or whomever he himself might permit. 22(2) Wherever the overseer might be made-to-appear, there let the multitude be; even-as wherever Jesus the Anointed-One might be, there is the universal assembly. 23 It is not allowable to be immersing nor to be making a love feast apart-from the overseer. 24 Instead, whatever might be approved by that man, this is also well-pleasing to God, in order that everything which you* are acting might be secure and firm.

25(9.1) For the rest, it is of-good-reason for us to sober-up, as we are still having a season to be changing-our-mind toward³⁵ a god. 26 It is beautiful³⁶ to have already come-to-know a god and overseer. The person of honors for an overseer has been honored by a god. 27 The person who is acting out something stealthily without an overseer is serving the Slanderer. 28(2) Therefore, let all things be exceeding to you* in favor; for you* are worthy. 29 You* rested me up throughout all things, and may Jesus the Anointed-One do the same to you*. 30 Being-away from me and being-beside me, you* loved me. God is a recompense to you*,³⁷ 31 for whose sake,³⁸ you*, while you* are enduring all things, will obtain him for yourselves.

CHAPTER 3 (originally chapter 10-13)

1(10.1) You* did beautifully, after you* received Philōn and Rheos³⁹ Agathopous under your* roof as ministers of an anointed-one of a god,⁴⁰ the ones who followed-along-behind me in-regard-to an account of a god. 2 And the men are

²³ literally "whom"

²⁴ more literally, but missing the meaning "co-marketers"

²⁵ literally "who"

²⁶ Hebrew form is "Mosheh"

²⁷ literally "not-even the sufferings of the"

²⁸ [2:4(5:2)] Gk(Berlin), Sah / Gk(M-L), Lat, Arm add

²⁹ literally "who"

³⁰ [2:12(6:2)] Gk(Berlin, M-L), Lat, Arab / Arm, Sah omit "or having been released"

³¹ literally "the"

³² [2:16(7:2)] Gk(Berlin), Lat, Arm / Gk(M-L, pseudo) add

³³ literally "out-chosenly"

³⁴ literally "Let a thanksgiving, that one"

³⁵ literally "into"

³⁶ literally "It is having beautifully"

³⁷ [2:30(2:2)] Gk(Berlin) / Gk(M-L) "I wish that God would recompense you." / Gk(pseudo), Lat, Arm "God will recompense you."

³⁸ Literally "due to whom"

³⁹ [3:1(10:1)] Gk(Berlin, pseudo) "Rhaios"

⁴⁰ [3:1(10:1)] Gk(Berlin), Arm / Gk(M-L, Lat "of an anointed-one of a god" or "an anointed god"

giving-thanks to the Lord in-behalf of you*, because you* rested them up according-to every manner. Never will anything *which you* gave* be-lost to you*. **3(2)** I am offering-up-my-soul-in-place of you*, and my bonds which you* did not treat-arrogantly nor-even were made-ashamed-of. **4** But-neither will Jesus the Anointed-One, the complete hope,¹ be made-ashamed of you*.

5(11.1) Your* prayer-to God went-off to the assembly, the *assembly* in Antiocheia of °Syria, from-where I, having been bound with god-fitting bonds, am greeting all *persons*—not *that* I am worthy to be from-there, being a last-one of them. **6** But, according-to a will, I was considered-worthy – not out of having been-conscious, *but* instead out of a favor of a god – *favor* which I am praying to be given to me complete, in order that, in your* prayer-to God, I might attain a god. **7(2)** Therefore, in order that your* work might become complete even on a *piece of* earth and in a heaven, it is being-proper for your* assembly, for² an honor of a god, to vote-by-raise-of-hands an elder-of-god, with³ *the* result, after he comes-to-be in Syria,⁴ to be made-to-rejoice-together with them, that they are being-at-peace, and *that* they took-back⁵ their own greatness, and *that* their own corporate-body was restored to them. **8(3)** Therefore, it was made-to-appear to me, *that this is* an affair worthy of a god,⁶ for you* to send someone of **yours*** with a letter, in order he might together-glorify the fair-weather *which* came-to-be to them according to a god, and that, by-means-of your* prayers-to God, they were already obtaining⁷ a harbor. **9** All of you*, *while* being complete, be having a complete mind. For *while* you* are wanting to be acting well, a god is ready with⁸ the result to be affording⁹ it to you*.

10(12.1) The love of the brothers, the *ones* in Trōas, is greeting you*, from-where I am also writing to you* through Burrus,¹⁰ whom you*, simultaneously with *the* Ephesians (your* brothers), commissioned with me. **11** Burrus¹¹ has rested me up throughout all *things*. And *it is* my unattainable-wish if all *persons* were imitating him, being an exemplar of a ministry of a god. **12** The favor will recompense him throughout all *things*. **13(2)** I am greeting the god-worthy overseer and god-fitting body-of-elders and the ministers *who are* fellow-slaves of mine, **14** and you* all, *man* by man¹² and communally, in *the* name of Jesus the Anointed-One, and in his flesh and his¹³ blood, *in both his* suffering and standing-up, both fleshly and spiritually, in oneness with a god and you*. **15** May favor, mercy, peace, and endurance *be* to you* through everything.

16(13.1) I am greeting the houses of my brothers, along with women and children, and the virgins (the *ones* being said to *be* widows). All of you*, farewell¹⁴ to me in a power of *the* Father.¹⁵ **17** Philōn, *who* is along with **me**, is greeting you*. **18(2)** I am greeting the house of Tavia,¹⁶ for whom I am praying to be set *in* faith and love, both fleshly and spiritually. **19** I am greeting Alké, my yearned-for name, and Daphnos the incomparable,¹⁷ and Euteknos, and all of you* *name* by name. **20** All of you*, farewell¹⁸ in a favor of a god.

¹ [3:4(10:2)] Gk(Berlin, pseudo), Arm / Gk(M-L), Lat “faith”

² literally “into”

³ literally “into”

⁴ [3:7(11:2)] Gk(Berlin, pseudo), Arm is dative / Gk(M-L), Lat is genitive

⁵ literally “took-from/away”

⁶ [3:8(11:3)] Gk(Berlin), Lat, Arm / Gk(M-L, pseudo) omit “of a god”

⁷ [3:8(11:3)] Gk(Berlin) “they already obtained”

⁸ literally “into”

⁹ [3:9(11:3)] Gk(Berlin) / Gk(M-L, pseudo) “to afford”

¹⁰ [3:10(12:1)] Latin equivalent / most text “Bourros” / Gk(Berlin) “Borros”

¹¹ literally “who”

¹² literally “all the *man* by man”

¹³ literally “the”

¹⁴ literally “be having been invigorated”

¹⁵ [3:16(13:1)] Lat, Arm / Gk(M-L, pseudo) “spirit”

¹⁶ [3:18(13:2)] Latin equivalent / Gk(M-L), Lat “Taouia” / Gk(pseudo), Arm “Gaouia”

¹⁷ literally (but meaning the meaning) “not-judged-together”

¹⁸ literally “be having been invigorated”