

Contents of St. Polycarp's *Epistle to the Philippians*

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Chapter 2: Exhortation to Virtue: Adherence to faith and obedience of the Lord's commandments in hope of the Resurrection.

Chapter 3: St. Polycarp composes an epistle concerning righteousness at the invitation of the church at Philippi. Commendation of the writings of the Holy Apostle Paul (who founded the church at Philippi).

Chapter 4: Exhortation to Virtue: Love of money is the root of all evil, the duties of wives, the duties of widows.

Chapter 5: Exhortation to Virtue: the duties of deacons, the duties of young men, the duties of virgins.

Chapter 6: Exhortation to Virtue: the duties of presbyters.

Chapter 7: Avoid Heresy. Return to the faith delivered from the beginning, persevering in prayer and fasting.

Chapter 8: Persevere in our hope, in Jesus Christ, the pledge of our righteousness, imitating His endurance.

Chapter 9: Obey the Word of justice and endure as did the martyrs Ignatius, Zosimus, Rufus, the Apostle Paul and the other Apostles, knowing that they received their rewards.

Chapter 10: Abide in faith, brotherly love and almsgiving, avoiding by such good works giving non-believers the occasion to blaspheme.

Chapter 11: The fall of the presbyter Valens and his wife over pecuniary matters. Avarice leads inevitably to idolatry. Moderation toward the fallen couple advised in case of repentance.

Chapter 12: St. Polycarp's ignorance of Old Testament scriptures and the Church of Philippi's command of them. Parting Admonitions. Pray for emperors, rulers, persecutors, and enemies of the Cross so one's fruit may be manifest and that one may be perfected in Christ.

Chapter 13: Earlier cover letter inserted: Sending letters of St. Ignatius of Antioch to Philippi and promising the forwarding of a letter to the Church in Syria.

Chapter 14: Final Salutations and Commendations. Letter dictated by St. Polycarp to Crescens.

Biblical Citations and Allusions in *Epistle to the Philippians*

<i>To the Philippians:</i> 1:2	Acts 2:24
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 1:3	1 Peter 1:8, Eph 2:5, 8:9
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 2:1	1 Peter 1:13, Eph 6:14, <i>Psalm 2:11</i> , 1 Peter 1:21, Phil 3:21, Phil 2:10, Acts 10:42, 2 Tim 4:1, 1 Peter 4:5
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 2:2	2 Cor 4:14, 1 Cor 6:14, Rom 8:11, 1 Peter 3:9
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 2:3	Matt 7:1-2, Luke 6:36-38, Luke 6:20, Matt 5: 3, 10
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 3:3	Gal 4:26
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 4:1	1 Tim 6:10, 1 Tim 6:7, <i>Job 1:21</i> , 2 Cor 6:7
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 4:3	1 Tim 5:5, 1 Cor 14:25
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 5:1	Gal 6:7
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 5:2	1 Tim 3:8, John 5:21, 2 Tim 2:12, Rom 8:17
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 5:3	1 Peter 2:11, Gal 5:17, 1 Cor 6:9-10
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 6:1	<i>Proverbs 3:4</i> , 2 Cor 8:21, Rom 12:17
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 6:2	Rom 14:10, 12, 2 Cor 5:10
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 6:3	<i>Psalm 2:11</i> , Heb 12:28
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 7:1	1 John 4:2-3, 2 John 7
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 7:2	1 Peter 4:7, Matt 6:13, Matt 26:21, Mark 14:38
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 8:1	1 Tim 1:1, 1 Peter 2:24, 1 Peter 2:22
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 9:2	Phil 2:16, <u>1 Clem 5,4</u> , 2 Tim 4:10
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 10:1	Col 1:23, 1 Cor 15:58, 1 Peter 3:8, 1Peter 2:17, John 13:34, John 15:12, 17 Rom 13:8
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 10:2	<i>Tobit 4:10</i> , <i>Tobit 12:9</i> , 1 Peter 5:5, Eph 5:21
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 10:3	1 Peter 2:12, <i>Isaiah 52:5</i>
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 11:2	Eph 5:5, Col 3:5, <i>Jeremiah 5:4</i> , 1 Cor 6:2
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 11:3	Phil 4:15, 2 Thess 1:4
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 11:4	2 Tim 2:25, 2 Thess 3:15
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 12:1	<i>Psalm 4:5</i> , Eph 4:26
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 12:2	Heb 6:20, Heb 7:3
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 12:3	Gal 1:1, Matt 5:44, Luke 6:27, Phil 3:18, John 15:16, 1 Tim 4:15, James 1:4
<i>To the Philippians:</i> 13	None
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¹ All citations above per Kirsopp Lake.

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Biblical Parallels of Polycarp's Martyrdom per the *Martyrdom of St. Polycarp*

Martyrdom of the Model of Christ

- Christ and St. Polycarp foreknew their fates:** *Martyrium* 5:2, 12:3;
Matthew 16:21-23, 26:31; Luke 18:33, 24:44-47; Mark 14:8; John 16:5-32, 18:4.
- Christ and St. Polycarp waited to be betrayed:** *Martyrium* 1:1;
Matthew 26:36-57; Mark 14:32-41; Luke 22:39-54; John 17:1-18:12.
- Christ and St. Polycarp prayed before being taken:** *Martyrium* 5:1, 7:3;
Matthew 26:36-45; Mark 14:32-41; Luke 22:39-46; John 17:1-26, 18:1-12.
- Christ and St. Polycarp fled not their fates:** *Martyrium* 5:1-2, 7:1-3;
Matthew 26: 36-54; Mark 14:32-50; Luke 22:39-54; John 18:1-12.
- Christ and St. Polycarp were betrayed by their own:** *Martyrium* 6:1-7:1;
Matthew 26:21-25, 46-50; Mark 14:1-20, 42-46;
Luke 22:21-23, 47-48; John 18:1-5.
- Christ and St. Polycarp faced persecutors named "Herod":** *Martyrium* 6:2;
Luke 23:7-12.
- Christ and St. Polycarp were seized as bandits:** *Martyrium* 7:1;
Matthew 26:55; Mark 14:48-49; Luke 22:52-53.
- Christ and St. Polycarp submitted to God's will:** *Martyrium* 7:1;
Matthew 26:40-43; Mark 14:36; John 18:11; (Imitating St. Paul? Acts 21:1-14).
- Christ and St. Polycarp enter the city riding an ass:** *Martyrium* 8:1;
Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:12-23.
- Christ and St. Polycarp face the enraged crowd:** *Martyrium* 12:2;
Matthew 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:17-25;
John 19:12-15; (Again like St. Paul: Acts 16:14-22, 19:24-41).
- Christ and St. Polycarp as sacrifices acceptable to God:** *Martyrium* 14:1-2;
John 12:52; Ephesians 5:2; Hebrews 7:27-28, etc.
(Crucifixion narratives) Matthew 27:20-66; Mark 15:15-39; Luke 23:25-54; .
- Christ's and St. Polycarp's sacrifices as sweet aromas:** *Martyrium* 15:2;
Ephesians 5:2.
- Christ and St. Polycarp prayed before their deaths:** *Martyrium* 14:1-3;
Luke 23:34.
- Christ and St. Polycarp both are pierced:** *Martyrium* 16:1;
John 19:24.

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Martyrdom of the Model of the Apostle Paul

Apostle Paul and Polycarp accept God's Will concerning Martyrdom: *Martyrium* 18:3;
Acts 21:1-14

Apostle Paul and Polycarp face enraged Mobs: *Martyrium* 15:2;
Acts 16:14-22, 19:24-41

Apostle Paul and Polycarp offer to explain Christianity to Officialdom: *Martyrium* 10:2;
Acts 25:14-26:16, also Romans 13:1-7