

## APOSTOLIC FATHERS

Rush describes the content of the writings as follows: "They are occasional pieces, called forth by contemporary needs, which tend, often in a pedestrian way, to witness to the traditional ideas and language of the churches rather than to attempt to understand the faith."

## APOSTLES' CREED

- Current shape is from the 6th Century
- Earlier forms existed
- It is not improbable that it extends back to the late first century in its basic form

## DIDACHE

- Way of life and way of death
- Baptism
- Fast on Wednesdays and Fridays; not like the Jews on Mondays and Thursdays
- Lord's Prayer three times a day
- Eucharist
- Apostles and prophets
- The Lord's Day
- Elect bishops and deacons who are worthy; they stand in the place of the apostles and prophets
- Stand ready and await the coming of Christ.

## CLEMENT OF ROME

- Epistle to the Corinthians
  - "Let us fix our eyes on the blood of Christ and let us realize how precious it is to the Father, since it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of repentance to the whole world." (7)
  - Christians are in exile
  - Church: Importance of unity
  - Rome
  - Tradition
  - Resurrection of the dead
  - Jesus brings knowledge of the Father
- Non-Authentic Writings
  - 2 Clement
  - Two letters addressed to virgins
  - Pseudo-Clementines
    - Twenty Homilies
    - Ten Books of Recognitions

## APOCRYPHAL LITERATURE

### CHRISTIAN ADDITIONS TO THE OLD TESTAMENT

- Fourth Book of Esdras (c. 70 AD)
- Book of Enoch (1c)
- Secrets of Enoch
- Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs
- Apocalypse of Baruch
- Ascension of Isaiah (late 1c or early 2c)

## APOCRYPHAL GOSPELS

- Gospel according to the Hebrews
- Gospel of the Egyptians
- Ebionite Gospel
- Gospel according to Peter
- Gospel of Nicodemus
- Protoevangelion of James
- Gospel of Thomas
- Arabic Gospel of the Childhood of Jesus
- Arabic History of Joseph, the Carpenter
- Gospel of Philip
- Gospel of Matthias
- Gospel according to Barnabas
- Gospel of Bartholomew
- Non-extant texts
  - Gospel of Andrew (mentioned by Augustine)
  - Gospel of Judas Iscariot (used by the Gnostic Cainites)
  - Gospel Thaddeus (listed in the Gelasian Decree)
  - Gospel of Eve (mentioned by Epiphanius)
  - Gospel according to Basilides (mentioned by Origen)
  - Gospel of Cerinthus (mentioned by Epiphanius)
  - Gospel of Valentinus (mentioned by Tertullian)
  - Gospel of Apelles (mentioned by Jerome and Epiphanius)

## APOCRYPHAL ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

- Acts of Paul and Thecla
- Correspondence of Paul with the Corinthians
- Acts of Paul with the Martyrdom of Paul
- Acts of Peter
- Martyrdom of St. Peter
- Martyrdom of Saint Peter given to Linus
- Acts of Peter and Paul
- Acts of John
- Acts of Andrew
- Acts of Thomas
- Acts of Thaddaeus
- Acts of Matthew

## APOCRYPHAL APOCALYPSES

- Apocalypse of Peter
- Apocalypse of Paul
- Apocalypse of Stephen
- Apocalypse of Thomas
- Apocalypses of St. John
- Apocalypses of the Virgin

## APOCRYPHAL LETTERS OF THE APOSTLES

- Epistola Apostolorum
- Apocryphal Epistles of St. Paul
- Apocryphal Letters of Disciples of Paul

## HYMNS AND POETRY

- Phos Hilaron
- Oxyrhynchos Hymn
- Odes of Solomon
- Christian Sibylline Oracles
- Sayings of Sextus
- Inscriptions
  - Abercius Inscription

- Inscription of Pectorius

## IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

- Jesus
- Christ brings humanity and divinity together
- Smyrnaeans 1: human and God
- Smyrnaeans 3: He was flesh after the resurrection
- Keeping in the truth of his divinity and his human birth keeps one with God
- Philadelphians 8: Jesus is the truth; he is the summation of Revelation, surpassing the Old Testament
- Mystical Hierarchy
  - Christ is known in the bishop
  - Presbyters and deacons participate in the ministry of the bishop
- Truth
- Eucharist
  - The one loaf and one cup manifest the unity of the Church
- Suffering and martyrdom
  - Romans 4
    - “I am corresponding with all the churches and bidding them all realize that I am voluntarily dying for God—if, that is, you do not interfere. I plead with you, do not do me an unseasonable kindness. Let me be fodder for wild beasts—that is how I can get to God. I am God’s wheat and I am being ground by the teeth of wild beasts to make a pure loaf for Christ. I would rather that you fawn on the beasts so that they may be my tomb and no scrap of my body be left. Thus, when I have fallen asleep, I shall be a burden to no one. Then I shall be a real disciple of Jesus Christ when the world sees my body no more. Pray Christ for me that by these means I may become God’s sacrifice.”
  - Romans 7: Desire should pass through the cross
    - “My desire has been crucified and there burns in me no passion for material things”
- Rome
  - Romans 1: Rome is first in love, showing this in the blood of the martyrs
    - “Yes, you rank first in love, being true to Christ’s law and stamped with the Father’s name.”
  - Romans 4: Rome does not need teaching; it has this from Peter and Paul
    - “I do not give you orders like Peter and Paul. They were apostles; I am a convict. They were at liberty; I am still a slave. But if I suffer, I shall be emancipated by Jesus Christ; and united to him, I shall rise to freedom.”
- Cleansing the body
- Participating in God’s Redemption
  - “The last days are here.”

## POLYCARP OF SMYRNA

- Martyrdom of Polycarp
- Letter to the Philippians

## PAPIAS OF HIERAPOLIS

## EPISTLE OF BARNABAS

## SHEPHERD OF HERMAS

## ACTS OF THE MARTYRS

- Court Proceedings
  - Acts of St. Justin and his Companions
  - Acts of the Martyrs of Scilli in Africa
  - Proconsular Acts of St. Cyprian
- Reports of Eyewitnesses or Contemporaries (*passiones* or *martyria*)
  - Martyrdom of Polycarp

- Letter of the Churches of Vienne and Lyons to the Churches of Asia and Phrygia
- Passion of Perpetua and Felicitas
- Acts of St. Carpus, Papyrus, and Agathonice
- Acts of Apollonius
- Legends of martyrs
  - Acts of the Roman Martyrs: Agnes, Cecilia, Felicitas and her Seven Sons, Hippolytus, Lawrence, Sixtus, Sebastian, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian
  - Martyrdom of St. Clement
  - Martyrdom of St. Ignatius

## APOLOGISTS

- Quadratus
- Aristides of Athens
- Aristo of Pella
- Tatian the Syrian
- Miltiades
- Apollinaris of Hierapolis
- Athenagoras of Athens
- Theophilus of Antioch
- Melito of Sardis
- Epistle to Diognetus
- Hermias

## JUSTIN MARTYR

- *First Apology* (151-155 AD)
  - Addressed to the Emperor Antonius Pius (137-161).
- *Second Apology* (161-165)
  - Addressed to Marcus Aurelius (161-180).
- *Dialogue with Trypho*
- Non-existent writings
  - *Book against Heresies*
  - *Against Marcion*
  - *Psalter*
  - *On the Resurrection*
  - *Cohortatio ad Graecos*
  - *De Monarchia*

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