

# The Epistle of IGNATIUS to the Philadelphians

## CHAPTER 0

0:0 Ignatius, who is also Theophorus, to the church of Alahayim the Father and of Yache Christ, which is in Philadelphia of Asia, which hath found mercy and is firmly established in the concord of Alahayim and rejoiceth in the passion of our Lord and in His resurrection without wavering, being fully assured in all mercy; which church I salute in the blood of Yache Christ, that is eternal and abiding joy; more especially if they be at one with the bishop and the presbyters who are with him, and with the deacons that have been appointed according to the mind of Yache Christ, whom after His own will He confirmed and established by His Holy Spirit.

## CHAPTER 1

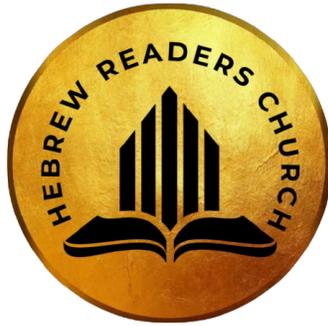
1:1 This your bishop I have found to hold the ministry which pertaineth to the common wealth, not of himself or through men, nor yet for vain glory, but in the love of Alahayim the Father and the Lord Yache Christ. And I am amazed at his forbearance; whose silence is more powerful than others' speech.

1:2 For he is attuned in harmony with the commandments, as a lyre with its strings. Wherefore my soul blesseth his holy mind, for I have found that it is virtuous and perfect -- even the imperturbable and calm temper which he hath, while living in all holy forbearance.

## CHAPTER 2

2:1 As children therefore [of the light] of the truth, shun division and wrong doctrines; and where the shepherd is, there follow ye as sheep.

2:2 For many specious wolves with baneful delights lead captive the runners in Alahayim's race; but, where ye are at one, they will find no place.



### **CHAPTER 3**

3:1 Abstain from noxious herbs, which are not the husbandry of Yache Christ, because they are not the planting of the Father. Not that I have found division among you, but filtering.

3:2 For as many as are of Alahayim and of Yache Christ, they are with the bishop; and as many as shall repent and enter into the unity of the Church, these also shall be of Alahayim, that they may be living after Yache Christ.

3:3 Be not deceived, my brethren. If any man followeth one that maketh a schism, he doth not inherit the kingdom of Alahayim. If any man walketh in strange doctrine, he hath no fellowship with the passion.

### **CHAPTER 4**

4:1 Be ye careful therefore to observe one eucharist (for there is one flesh of our Lord Yache Christ and one cup unto union in His blood; there is one altar, as there is one bishop, together with the presbytery and the deacons my fellow-servants), that whatsoever ye do, ye may do it after Alahayim.

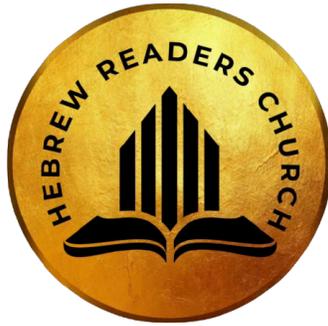
### **CHAPTER 5**

5:1 My brethren, my heart overfloweth altogether in love towards you; and rejoicing above measure I watch over your safety; yet not I, but Yache Christ, wearing whose bonds I am the more afraid, because I am not yet perfected. But your prayer will make me perfect [unto Alahayim], that I may attain unto the inheritance wherein I have found mercy, taking refuge in the Gospel as the flesh of Yache and in the Apostles as the presbytery of the Church.

5:2 Yea, and we love the prophets also, because they too pointed to the Gospel in their preaching and set their hope on Him and awaited Him; in whom also having faith they were saved in the unity of Yache Christ, being worthy of all love and admiration as holy men, approved of Yache Christ and numbered together in the Gospel of our common hope.

### **CHAPTER 6**

6:1 But if any one propound Judaism unto you, here him not: for it is better to hear Christianity from a man who is circumcised than Judaism from one uncircumcised. But if either the one or the other speak not concerning Yache



Christ, I look on them as tombstones and graves of the dead, whereon are inscribed only the names of men.

6:2 Shun ye therefore the wicked arts and plottings of the prince of this world, lest haply ye be crushed by his devices, and wax weak in your love. But assemble yourselves all together with undivided heart.

6:3 And I give thanks to my Alahayim, that I have a good conscience in my dealings with you, and no man can boast either in secret or openly, that I was burdensome to any one in small things or in great. Yea and for all among whom I spoke, it is my prayer that they may not turn it into a testimony against themselves.

## **CHAPTER 7**

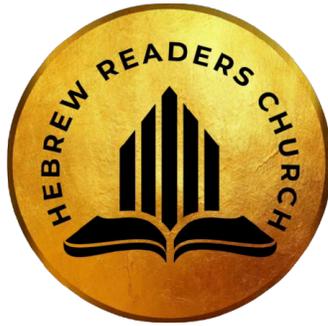
7:1 For even though certain persons desired to deceive me after the flesh, yet the spirit is not deceived, being from Alahayim; for it knoweth whence it cometh and where it goeth, and it searcheth out the hidden things. I cried out, when I was among you; I spake with a loud voice, with Alahayim's own voice, Give ye heed to the bishop and the presbytery and deacons.

7:2 Howbeit there were those who suspected me of saying this, because I knew beforehand of the division of certain persons. But He in whom I am bound is my witness that I learned it not from flesh of man; it was the preaching of the Spirit who spake on this wise; Do nothing without the bishop; keep your flesh as a temple of Alahayim; cherish union; shun divisions; be imitators of Yache Christ, as He Himself also was of His Father.

## **CHAPTER 8**

8:1 I therefore did my own part, as a man composed unto union. But where there is division and anger, there Alahayim abideth not. Now the Lord forgiveth all men when they repent, if repenting they return to the unity of Alahayim and to the council of the bishop. I have faith in the grace of Yache Christ, who shall strike off every fetter from you;

8:2 and I entreat you, Do ye nothing in a spirit of factiousness but after the



teaching of Christ. For I heard certain persons saying, If I find it not in the charters, I believe it not in the Gospel. And when I said to them, It is written, they answered me, That remains to be proved. But as for me, my charter is Yache Christ, the inviolable charter is His cross and His death and His resurrection, and faith through Him; wherein I desire to be justified through your prayers.

### **CHAPTER 9**

9:1 The priests likewise were good, but better is the High-priest to whom is committed the holy of holies; for to Him alone are committed the hidden things of Alahayim; He Himself being the door of the Father, through which Abraham and Isaac and Jacob enter in, and the Prophets and the Apostles and the whole Church; all these things combine in the unity of Alahayim.

9:2 But the Gospel hath a singular preeminence in the advent of the Saviour, even our Lord Yache Christ, and His passion and resurrection. For the beloved Prophets in their preaching pointed to Him; but the Gospel is the completion of immortality. All things together are good, if ye believe through love.

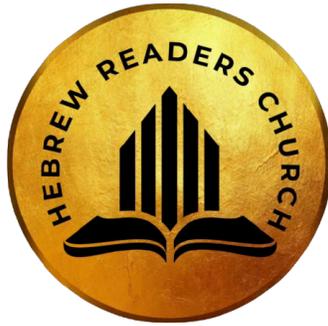
### **CHAPTER 10**

10:1 Seeing that in answer to your prayer and to the tender sympathy which ye have in Christ Yache, it hath been reported to me that the church which is in Antioch of Syria hath peace, it is becoming for you, as a church of Alahayim, to appoint a deacon to go thither as Alahayim's ambassador, that he may congratulate them when they are assembled together, and may glorify the Name.

10:2 Blessed in Yache Christ is he that shall be counted worthy of such a ministrations; and ye yourselves shall be glorified. Now if ye desire it, it is not impossible for you to do this for the name of Alahayim; even as the churches which are nearest have sent bishops, and others presbyters and deacons.

### **CHAPTER 11**

11:1 But as touching Philo the deacon from Cilicia, a man of good report, who now also ministereth to me in the word of Alahayim, together with Rhaius Agathopus, an elect one who followeth me from Syria, having bidden farewell



to this present life; the same who also bear witness to you -- and I myself thank Alahayim on your behalf, because ye received them, as I trust the Lord will receive you. But may those who treated them with dishonour be redeemed through the grace of Yache Christ.

11:2 The love of the brethren which are in Troas saluteth you; from whence also I write to you by the hand of Burrhus, who was sent with me by the Ephesians and Smyrnaeans as a mark of honour. The Lord shall honour them, even Yache Christ, on whom their hope is set in flesh and soul and spirit, by faith, by love, by concord. Fare ye well in Christ Yache our common hope.