

The A B C's of Christianity

Polycarp was a Christian historian in the 2nd century AD, and a bishop of Smyrna. He is said to have died a martyr, bound and burned at the stake, then stabbed when the fire failed to touch him. Historical information shows that he was a disciple of the apostle John, who ordained him with his position as bishop.

In a large amphitheater full with thousands of people, Polycarp was ordered by Proconsul Statius Quadratus to renounce Jesus Christ as his King and Savior. He is recorded to have replied "Eighty and six years I have served Him, and He has done me no wrong. How then can I blaspheme my King and Savior? Bring forth what thou wilt".

Remember what Christ said in Matthew 10:32-33 (NKJV):

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven."

Over time, these words seem to have lost their meaning in the world. To some they are a mere reminder of something that occurred in the distant past. What people today forget or perhaps ignore is that by their own words and actions they will be judged. Remember this passage in Matthew 12:36-37 (NKJV):

"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Polycarp stood his ground and faced evil without flinching. He stood up to his accusers because he knew, as we know, that the trials in this world are menial compared to those we must face in God's presence. So my advice to you is to follow the ABC's of Christianity:

Always **B**e **C**hrist-like.

Adrian

Scripture Reading: Luke 15: 1 - 7

***Sermon Topic:
Lost and Found***

The bulletin is now on our website. Check it out.

<http://www.churchofchristswsa.com>

Mark Your Calenders:

Saturday, November 3 – Building clean-up and door knocking. This will be a major cleaning day so everyone is needed to help.

Sunday, November 4 – First Sunday Pot Luck. Time for fellowship and sharing our favorite casseroles. Also, Day Light Savings Time ENDS. Turn your clocks back before bedtime.

Tuesday, December 11 – Sunny Glenn pick-up day for **Body Wash and Floor Cleaner**.

Sunday, December 16 – Annual Christmas party at the Heinesh's. Note: This is NOT on the first Sunday since they will be out of town December 2 – 9.