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| **What Early Christians Taught - Summary Grid** Dec. 2020 | | Here are 20 out of over 1143 teachings, each of which  4 or more Christians taught and no Christian denied. | |
| B2. Old Testament is our authority Mk12:24-25; Acts3:22 | Jb6. Jesus Christ was a real, sinless man Heb 7:26 | | **Legend of what the symbols mean** |
| B5. New Testament is our authority 2 Pet 3:15-16 | Jp3. Jesus was crucified & died on a cross Mt 27:32-50 | | **W** = Wrote explicitly on this teaching |
| G1. There is only One True God Mk 12:29; Jms 2:19 | Jp19. Jesus rose from the dead 1 Cor 15:3-4; 1 Pet 1:21 | | **I** = Implied as true or opposite is false |
| G6. God is a Father Mt 6:9; Mk 14:36; Lk 10:22; Jn 15:26 | P3. Man fell when Adam and Eve ate the fruit Rom 5:12 | | Q = Quote of verse(s) **X** = Disagree |
| G7. Mention of the Trinity: 1 God in 3 (partial) Mt 28:19 | P5. We have inherited a sinful nature Rom 3:10,23; 5:12 | | P = partial (i.e. aspects of the Trinity) |
| T1. Jesus is the Son of God Mt 16:16; Jn 10:36 | P7. No way of salvation apart from Christ Jn14:6;Ac4:12 | | red = persecution of Christians |
| T3. The deity of Jesus our Lord Jn 1:1; 8:58; 20:28 | P8. People have the will to choose Josh 24:15; Lk 7:30 | | green = heresy |
| T8. Worship, praise, glorify Jesus Jn9:38;Heb1:6;Rv5:8- | S3. Jesus’ death paid for our sins Isa 53:8-11; Mk 10:45 | | orange = schism |
| T10. Incarnation of the Word/Jesus Php 2:7;Heb 2:17 | S4. Saved by Jesus’ blood; dying for us Mk4:24;Hb9:14 | | blue = Bible manuscripts  (pXX means papyrus number XX) |
| Jb1. Virgin birth of Christ Mt 1:18-20; Lk 1:34-35 | E9. Those who believe become sons of God 1 Jn 3:1 | |

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| Christian writer, heretic, or Bible manuscript | Pages | Date A.D. | B2 | B5 | G1 | G6 | G7 | T1 | T3 | T8 | T10 | Jb1 | Jb6 | Jp3 | Jp19 | P3 | P5 | P7 | P8 | S3 | S4 | E9 |
| **Nero & Domitian persecute Christians** |  | **50 & 95/96** | Christians were labeled atheists; killed for refusing to worship the emperor & idols | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clement of Rome (wrote *1 Clement*) | 16 ¼ | 96/98 | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | **I** | - | **W** | - | - | - | P | **W** | - | - | - | - | **W** | **W** | - |
| Papias, disciple of John + “Presbyters” | 2 + ½ | 95-117 | - | - | - | **W** | - | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ignatius disciple of John (shortest version) | 13 | c.100-117 | **W** | Q | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | - | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | - |
| **Trajan persecutes Christians** |  | **107-117** | Answered Pliny the Younger’s letter. Christians not sought after but killed if found | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Didache* (=*Teaching of the Twelve Apostles*) | 4 ¾ | c.60-120 | Q | Q | - | **W** | P | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| *Apology of Aristides* (Greek version) | 4 | 125or138-161 | - | - | **W** | - | - | **W** | - | - | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| *Epistle of Barnabas* | 12 ½ | c.70-130 | **W** | - | - | **W** | - | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | - | **W** | **W** | **W** |
| **Hadrian persecutes Christians** |  | **118 & 134** | Hadrian loved Greek culture. He persecuted both Jewish and Christian people. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Bar Cochba persecutes Christians** |  | **135** | Christians persecuted in Israel because they would not join Bar Cochba’s revolt. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *2 Clement* (anonymous writer) | 5 ¾ | 120-140 | **W** | - | - | **W** | - | - | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **W** | - | - | - | **I** |
| p46 Chester Beatty II - 1,680 verses (70%) Paul + Heb | | 100-150 | **W** | **I** | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | **W** |
| Polycarp, disciple of John *to the Philippians* | 3 ½ | 100-155 | - | **W** | - | **W** | - | **W** | - | - | **W** | - | **W** | P | **W** | - | - | **W** | - | **W** | - | - |
| *Epistle to Diognetus* (=*Mathetes to Diognetus*) | 5 ¼ | c.130-200 | - | - | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **W** | - | - |
| Apostolic fathers total: all symbols except P’s | 67.5 | -155 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| *Shepherd of Hermas* | 46 ½ | c.115-155 | - | - | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **W** | **I** | - | - | - |
| Justin Martyr, philosopher and apologist | 137 | c.138-165 | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | P | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **I** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** |
| Evarestus’ *Martyrdom of Polycarp* | 5 | c.169 | - | - | - | **W** | P | **W** | - | **W** | - | - | - | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gnostic heresies become widespread |  | c.170- | Gnostics believed Creator was evil/foolish, rejected Old T., mixed in paganism. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dionysius of Corinth | 1/3 | 170 | - | - | - | **W** | - | - | P | - | - | - | - | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | **W** | - |
| Tatian+ *Diatessaron.* Encratite Gnostic later | 18+*86* | c.172 | **W** | - | - | **W** | P | ***W*** | **W** | ***W*** | - | **W** | - | **W** | ***W*** | **W** | - | ***W*** | **W** | - | - | - |
| p66 Bodmer II papyrii - 817 verses (92%) of John | | c.125-175 | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | P | **W** | - | - | **I** | **W** |
| Athenagoras (apologist) | 33 ½ | 177 | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | P | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **W** | - | - | **W** |
| Christians of Vienna and Lugdunum (Lyons) | 6 ½ | 177 | - | - | - | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Persecution of Marcus Aurelius** |  | **162/166-180** | Aurelius was a Stoic philosopher. Persecution mainly in Gaul ended when he died | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Claudius Apollinaris of Hierapolis + Rhodon | ½ + ½ | 160-180+180 | - | **W** | - | - | - | **I** | - | - | - | - | - | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | - |
| Melito/Meleto of Sardis + Hegesippus | 11 + 2½ | 170-177/180 | **W** | - | **W** | **2W** | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | P | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | **W** | - | **W** | - |
| Theophilus of Antioch (*to Autolycus*) | 32 | 168-181/188 | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ebionites & Clementina (OT Law,Father,Son) | 282 ½ | - 188 - | **W** | **X** | **W** | **W** | **X** | **W** | P | - | **W** | **X** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **I** | **X** | **W** | **W** | - | - | - |
| Irenaeus of Lyons, disciple of Polycarp | 284 ¾ | 182-188 | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | P | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** |
| Caius and the Muratorian Canon | 3 | 190-217 | - | - | - | - | - | - | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sabellian heresy (Praxeas, Noetus, Callistus) |  | c.200-257- | Also called Patripassians, they said the Father, Son, and Spirit were one person. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Persecution of Septimus Severus** |  | **202** | Although a Christian helped him through an illness, he did not repeal existing laws | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Minucius Felix + Apollonius of Ephesus | 25+1 | c.210 | - | - | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Clement of Alexandria | 424 | 193-217/220 | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** |
| p75 Lk 3:18-22; etc. Jn 1:1-11:45,etc. 1,166 verses | | 175-225 | **W** | - | - | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | - | **W** | - | - | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | **W** |
| p45 Chester Beatty I – 833 verses (4 gospels + Acts) | | 200-225 | **W** | - | - | **W** | - | **W** | P | - | - | - | - | P | **W** | - | - | - | - | **W** | P | **I** |
| p30 1 Th 4:12-13,16-17 etc. 2 Th 1:1-2 etc. 25 verses | | ca.225 | - | - | - | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **W** | - |
| Tertullian (joined the Montanist Church) | 928 | 198-220 | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** |
| Asterius Urbanus (against Montanists) | 2 ¾ | c.232 | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Elchasaite Ebionites (said Jesus God’s Son) | 2 ¼ | -236- | - | - | - | **I** | - | **W** | - | - | - | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Hippolytus, pupil of Irenaeus (undisputed) | 218 | 222-235/6 | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** |
| **Maximin Thrax persecutes Christians** |  | **235-238** | First empire-wide persecution, but only of clergy. It stopped when he was killed. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Instructions of Commodianus* + Julius Africanus | *16* + 9 | *c.240*,232-245 | ***W*** | - | ***W*** | **W** | - | - | - | **W** | - | - | - | ***W*** | - | ***W*** | ***W*** | - | - | - | - | - |
| Origen (heterodox teacher) | 742 | 225-254 | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** |
| **Severe persecution by Decius and Gallus** |  | **250-251 - 253** | 1st Christian schism. Can fallen Christians return, or doomed forever –Novatian | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Novatian (his schism lasted over 200 years) | 38 ½ | 250/254-257 | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | - |
| *Treatise Against Novatian* | 6 ½ | 254-256 | **W** | - | - | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **W** | - |
| *Treatise on Rebaptism* | 11 | c.250-258 | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | P | **W** | - | - | - | - | **W** | - | **W** | - | - | **W** | - | - | **W** | - |
| Cyprian of Carthage (against Novatian) | 250 ¾ | c.246-258 | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** |
| 13 writers to Cyprian | 21 ¼ | c.246-256 | - | **W** | P | **4W** | **W** | **2W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **W** | - |
| Seventh Council of Carthage (85 bishops) | 7 ¼ | 258 | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | **W** |
| **Valerian Persecutes Christians** |  | **257-260** | 2nd most severe persecution. Tolerant at first, but then Macrianus influenced him | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Theognostus of Alexandria (Origenist) | ½ | 260 | - | - | - | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gregory Thaumaturgus (undisputed works) | 28 ½ | 240-265 | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dionysius of Alexandria (Origenist) | 39 ½ | 246-265 | Q | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | - | P | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dionysius of Rome (*against the Sabellians*) | 1 | 259-269 | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Malchion *(Against Paul of Samosata)* | 2 ½ | 270 | - | - | - | - | - | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Aurelian Persecution** |  | **270** | At first tolerant, Aurelian died soon after he decided to persecute Christians. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pierius | ½ | 275 | - | - | - | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Anatolius of Alexandria (mathematician) | 7 ½ | 270-280 | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Theonas of Alexandria (*Letter to Lucianus*) | 3 | 282-300 | P | - | - | **W** | - | - | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| *p72,* p38, 0162, 0171, 0220, 0232: 191, 13, 12, 30, 6, 9 verses | | ca.300 | - | - | - | **2W** | - | - | - | ***W*** | **W** | **W** | - | - | **W** | - | - | - | - | ***W*** | **W** | - |
| Adamantius *Dialog on the True Faith* | 42 | c.300 | **I** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | - | - | **W** | P | **W** | **W** | P | P | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | - |
| Sinaitic Syriac (most of the 4 gospels) | | 3/4th century | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | - | **W** | **W** | - |
| Alexander of Lycopolis *Of the Manichaeans* | 12 | 301 | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | P | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| *Arnobius Against the Heathen* (undisputed) | 126 ½ | 297-303 | - | - | **W** | **W** | - | - | **W** | **W** | - | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | - | - |
| Victorinus of Petau, Austria (commentator) | 18 ½ | martyred 304 | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | **W** | **W** |
| **Most severe persecution by Diocletian** |  | **284, 303-305** | He leveled churches, destroyed scriptures, killed many for not sacrificing. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Phileas of Thmuis, Egypt + *Pamphilus* | 2½+2¾ | -307 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **W** | ***W*** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Peter of Alexandria (undisputed works) | 8 ½ | 306,285-311 | Q | - | - | **W** | P | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | **W** | - | P | - |
| Methodius (corrected Origen’s followers) | 79 ½ | c.260-312 | **W** | - | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | P | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | **W** |
| Theophilus’ *Martyrdom of Habib the Deacon* | 5 ½ | events c.315 | - | **W** | - | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | **I** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Athanasius *Against the Heathen* & *Incarnation* | 56 | c.318 | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | - | **W** | **W** | - |
| **Licinius persecutes Christians in the east** |  | **315-323** | Licinius fought & was defeated by Constantine a few times from 314 to 324 A.D. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lactantius, tutor of Constantine’s son | 305 ½ | c.303-320/325 | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** |
| Alexander of Alexandria (undisputed works) | 11 ½ | 313-326 | **W** | - | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | **W** | - | - | - | - | - | **I** | **W** |
| Christian writer totals: all symbols except P’s | 4242.3 | up to 325 | 34 | 23 | 26 | 49 | 16 | 39 | 32 | 21 | 16 | 19 | 21 | 29 | 28 | 14 | 12 | 17 | 17 | 15 | 22 | 15 |

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