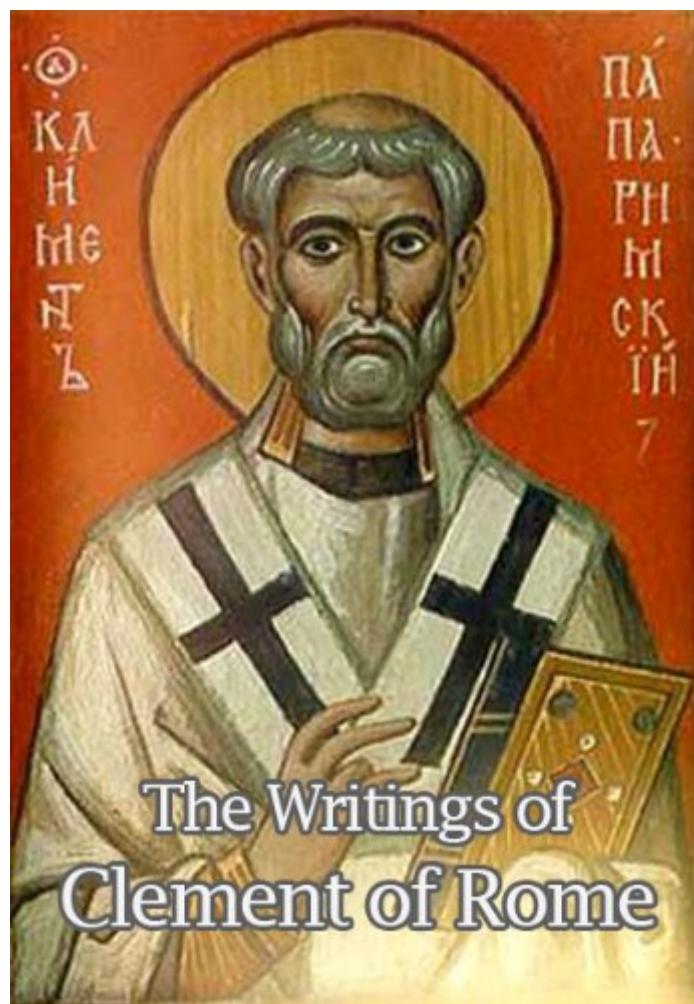


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The Writings Of Clement Of Rome



Synopsis

Who the Clement was to whom these writings are ascribed, cannot with absolute certainty be determined. The general opinion is, that he is the same as the person of that name referred to by St. Paul (Phil. iv. 3). The writings themselves contain no statement as to their author. The first, and by far the longer of them, simply purports to have been written in the name of the Church at Rome to the Church at Corinth. But in the catalogue of contents prefixed to the ms. they are both plainly attributed to one Clement; and the judgment of most scholars is, that, in regard to the first Epistle at least, this statement is correct, and that it is to be regarded as an authentic production of the friend and fellow-worker of St. Paul. This belief may be traced to an early period in the history of the Church. It is found in the writings of Eusebius (Hist. Eccl., iii. 15), of Origen (Comm. in Joan., i. 29), and others. The internal evidence also tends to support this opinion. The doctrine, style, and manner of thought are all in accordance with it; so that, although, as has been said, positive certainty cannot be reached on the subject, we may with great probability conclude that we have in this Epistle a composition of that Clement who is known to us from Scripture as having been an associate of the great apostle.

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I was struck by how much Clement relied on Old Testament Scripture but also used writings of the apostles as Scripture. The early date given to this epistle by some is intriguing. Clement implores the early Christians to think back to earlier times when Paul wrote to them as if many in their midst were actually present at that time and could easily recall, so the early date may be correct.

Pope Clement I was the second Pope and he served between 92 and 99 AD. It is interesting that we all know who was the first Pope but few know who followed Saint Peter. The message of these writings from two thousand years ago are very straight forward. I found his writings very interesting and think this common sense message should be a model that we all follow.

Considering the price, I found this to be a great purchase. The table of contents is hyperlinked and typing mistakes are minimal. There were a few formatting issues, but they were not overly distracting.

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