

The Early Church Fathers View of Jesus' Deity

Ignatius (AD 30– (martyred between 98-117)), the third Bishop or Patriarch of Antioch, in his writings to the Ephesians, Romans and Smyrnaeans referred to Jesus as God in his writings:

- "Jesus Christ our God"
- "For our God, Jesus the Christ"
- "God appeared in the likeness of man"
- "our God Jesus Christ"
- "I give glory to Jesus Christ the God who bestowed such wisdom upon you"
- "the blood of Christ [who is God]"

Polycarp (70-155 AD), a disciple of the apostle John and a Bishop of Smyrna writes,

- "our Lord and God Jesus Christ"

Irenaeus (130–202 AD), a disciple of Polycarp and a Bishop at present day Lyon in France (178–200 AD):

- "He is Himself in His own right God and Lord and Eternal King and Only-begotten and Incarnate Word"
- "our Lord, and God, and Savior, and King."

Justin Martyr (100–165 AD), one of the first Christian apologists, said of Jesus:

- "being the first-begotten Word of God, is even God"
- "Christ...both God and Lord of hosts."

Clement of Alexandria (150–215 AD):

- "truly most manifest Deity, He that is made equal to the Lord of the universe; because He was His Son."

Tertullian (155-230 AD) said:

- "The only man who is without sin is Christ; for Christ is also God"

Origen (185-254 AD) who was one of the most distinguished of the early Church Fathers said:

- "We worship one God, the Father and the Son"