

Church Fathers / Episode 8 / St. Barnabas

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Att. Picture of the Church (1).	<p><<CAM 1>> Hello and Welcome to this edition of Wisdom of the Fathers.</p> <p>The Catholic faith is one of rich intellectual tradition ... stretching all the way back to the time of Christ.</p>
Att. Picture of the Ascension (2).	<p>When Christ ascended into Heaven ... He left us a church that was in its infancy ... in its self-understanding.</p>
Att. Picture of the Bible (3).	<p>This infancy created a NEED within in the church for individuals to RISE UP and think about ... pray over ... and meditate upon what God was revealing.</p>
Att. Picture of Church Fathers (4).	<p>The answer to this NEED was the Church Fathers ... certain individuals who were intellectual giants ... gifted with the ability to either break down an article of faith into its simplest form or develop it further.</p>
Att. Picture of Catholics in the Pews (5).	<p>They did this so we ordinary Catholics could understand the fullness of what Jesus was trying to purport to us in sacred scripture and apostolic tradition ... also known as the Deposit of Faith.</p>
Att. Picture of St. Barnabas (6).	<p>In this eighth episode of Wisdom of the Fathers we're going to talk about St. Barnabas ... an early Church Father.</p> <p><<CAM 2>></p> <p>Now ... before we get into a comprehensive treatment of his life ... let's shift our attention to the significance of this man.</p> <p>St. Barnabas was not always named</p>

<p>Att. Picture of Pentecost (8).</p>	<p>beginning of the Christian era. His exact date of birth is unknown. He was a Levite and lived in Jerusalem. He also owned land in and around Jerusalem.</p>
<p>Att. Picture of St. Paul (9).</p>	<p>In 30 A.D. ... shortly after Pentecost ... he converted to Christianity and sold all his goods. He gave the money to the apostles in Jerusalem.</p>
<p>Att. Picture of Antioch (10).</p>	<p>After devoting his life to Christ ... Barnabas ascended to a high position in the Church. He used this power to introduce Saint Paul to the apostles.</p>
<p>Att. Picture of Barnabas (6). Att. Picture of St. Paul (8).</p>	<p>During this time ... the church at Antioch ... the third-most important city of the Roman Empire ... was prosperous and because of this the apostles requested Barnabas to superintend the movement. He found the work so exhausting and overwhelming that he went to Tarsus in search of St. Paul ... “an admirable colleague” ... to assist him. Paul returned with him to Antioch and labored with him for a whole year. It is interesting to note that the people of Antioch were the first to go by the name of “Christians.”</p>
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<p>Att. Picture of Antioch (10). Att. Picture of Cyprus (11).</p>	<p>The partnership of St. Barnabas and St. Paul would prove profitable for the Church. The two men who set out to evangelize the Gentiles in Antioch ... experienced fantastic success. With this victory for the Bride of Christ ... they set forth to evangelize Cyprus. After Cyprus was evangelized ... they crossed over into Asia Minor and pushed into the interior of the country ... preaching at Antioch of Pisidia ... Iconium ... Lystra ... at Derbe ... to name a few. In the course of these travels ... St. Barnabas and St. Paul were persecuted on more than one occasion.</p>
<p>Att. Picture of Asia Minor (12).</p>	

in the way of death ... You shall not forsake the commandments of the Lord ... You shall not commit fornication: you shall not commit adultery: you shall not be a corrupter of youth. You shall not let the word of God issue from your lips with any kind of impurity ... You shall not slay the child by procuring abortion; nor, again, shall you destroy it after it is born. You shall not withdraw your hand from your son, or from your daughter, but from their infancy you shall teach them the fear of the Lord ... You shall not be hasty with your tongue, for the mouth is a snare of death ... You shall remember the day of judgment, night and day ... You shall not make a schism, but you shall pacify those that contend by bringing them together. You shall confess your sins. You shall not go to prayer with an evil conscience. This is the way of light.

But the way of darkness is crooked, and full of cursing; for it is the way of eternal death with punishment, in which way are the things that destroy the soul, viz., idolatry, over-confidence, the arrogance of power, hypocrisy, double-heartedness, adultery, murder, rapine, haughtiness, transgression, deceit, malice, self-sufficiency, poisoning, magic, avarice, want of the fear of God.

In this way, too, are those who persecute the good, those who hate truth, those who love falsehood, those who know not the reward of righteousness, those who cleave not to that which is good, those who attend not with just judgment to the widow and orphan, those who watch not to the fear of God, [but incline] to wickedness, from whom meekness and patience are far off; persons who love vanity, follow after a reward, pity not the

	<p>needy, labour not in aid of him who is overcome with toil; who are prone to evil-speaking, who know not Him that made them, who are murderers of children, destroyers of the workmanship of God; who turn away him that is in want, who oppress the afflicted, who are advocates of the rich, who are unjust judges of the poor, and who are in every respect transgressors.</p>
<p>Att. Russell on screen; no pictures or animations.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Conclusion</p> <p><<CAM 2>></p> <p>Well ... that's all for this episode! Thank you for tuning in to Wisdom of the Fathers!</p> <p>AND make sure to catch us next time ... where we discuss our next Church Father ... Irenaeus of Lyons and what he had to say about apostolic tradition.</p> <p>I'm Russell Voris. God Bless!</p>