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St. Clement: First Century Rome First Epistle The Church of God that resides in Rome to the Church of God at Corinth, called and sanctified by the will of God Jesus Christ. Grace and peace from Almighty God through Jesus Christ be multiplied to you. --- **12. Praise B Schism** Despite recent calamities delaying our response, we now address the discord among shameful and detestable sedition, foreign to the elect of God, kindled by a few rash individuals. This strife has damaged your esteemed reputation, once admired for faith, hospitality, and knowledge. In former times, you acted impartially, honored your leaders, instructed the young to be sober-minded, and guided your wives in faithfulness order. **36. Fallout From and Division** Once, you were humble, content, obedient, and filled with good works. But now, envy and strife have persecution, disorder, and contempt for the fear of God. The unworthy have been honored; the young defied elders. Righteousness and peace fled as people followed their own desires, imitating that first brought death into the world: Cain against Abel, Joseph's persecution, Miriam and Aaron's exile, a rebellion against Moses and David. **57. Evils and the Martyrdom of Peter and Paul** Similar evils arise in our days. The greatest and most righteous Peter and Paul suffered persecution and martyrdom out of envy, as did many others. Women, too, died for their faith. Envy has destroyed families, cities, and nations. **89. Exhortation to Repentance** We write these things to remind us that fellow combatants in this struggle must turn from vain cares and follow our holy calling, fixing our eyes on the Lord Jesus Christ, who made repentance possible for all generations. Examples abound: Noah and the Ninevites were saved by repentance. **1012. Examples of Faithful Obedience** Ministers and prophets spoke of repentance by God's desire: death of sinners but their repentance. Even the most stained in sin will be heard if they turn to God. Let everyone seek mercy, as Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Lot, and Rahab did, each saved by faith and obedience. **1314. Humility** Let us be humble, avoiding pride and strife. Scriptural wisdom says, Let not the wise boast in their wisdom, let him glory in the Lord. Remember the words of Jesus: be meek, merciful, forgiving, and with the measure you will be measured to you. **1518. God, Not Humans, Is Our Leader** We must obey God instead of divisive leaders pursuing peace through hypocrisy. Christ, though Lord, came in humility and accepted suffering for our sake, fulfilling the prophecy of the suffering servant. **1921. Examples of Humility and Peace** Imitate Elijah, Elisha, Ezekiel, Abraham, Job, and Moses, who, though they remained humble and contrite. David, too, despite his favor with God, humbled himself with sincerest repentance. **2224. Restoration to Peace and a Call to Faith** Let us value peace as marked by creation and then follow God's will in harmonious order. Our faith, rooted in Christ, calls us to seek good

and peace, go on and turning from evil. **2527. The Promise and Proof of Resurrection** Let us be mindful that life and resurrection are evident in nature the mythical phoenix was cited as an emblem of resurrection to remind us that God's promise of faith is sure. **2830. Approaching God's Will** Since all is seen by God, let us flee from wickedness and approach in perfect love, doing all things pertaining to holiness avoiding slander, immorality, drunkenness, and pride. Let us be by works, not just words, and remain humble. **3134. Justification by Faith, Not Works** Consider why Abraham is blessed: it was not merely for his work but his faith. Just as priests, Levites, and kings arose by God's will from Jacob's line, we too are justified by faith, in our own merit. **3537. The Reward for Following God's Will** God has prepared gifts beyond our imagination for the faithful. Fix our minds on Him, seek what pleases Him, and cast away iniquity and strife. Each in the body of Christ should fulfill their own role, honoring one another. **3841. Order in the Church** Church must preserve the order set by God: priests, Levites, and laypeople their station. The apostles, sent by appointed bishops and deacons, ensuring succession and continuity of ministry. Dismissing the blameless from our grave error. **4247. The Danger and Evil of Discord** Scripture shows the righteous are persecuted by the wicked. So we must cleave to the just and innocent, rejecting the destructive strife and schisms among us. The current is worse than that which Paul once rebuked. It is shameful that such division should arise over one or two men in the united faith once honored in Corinth. **4851. Return to Love and Confession** Let us end this discord, return to brotherly love, and seek forgiveness. Truly noble will bear blame to preserve peace. Many have sacrificed themselves. Judith and Esther for others. **5258. Embrace Correction and Submission** Confession and correction please God. Chastened, let us learn humility, for God blesses those who accept discipline. Those who caused division should answer to the presbyters. **5960. Prayer for Unity and Forgiveness** If any disregard this counsel, they endanger themselves, but we know that God preserves unity among the elect and grants forgiveness, peace, and deliverance from evil. **6163. Prayer for Rulers and Final Counsel** Pray for rulers, that they exercise authority justly and promote. In all things, pursue faith, love, patience, self-control, and repentance to be pleasing to God. Hold fast to unity and humility. **6465. Request for Restoration and Benediction** Quickly send backword of restored peace so we may grace be with you all who are called by God through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever. --- *This version any introductions, footnotes, or publisher notes, presenting only the core message and making it in a clear and accessible style, as requested.*