

Martyrdom

“The seed of the Church is the blood of her Martyrs”

Introduction

- The word marty is derived from the word *witness*. The second development of the word described the confessor's who suffered their faith for Jesus. The final development to the word is the modern day definition, those are killed for the sake of their faith.
- Martyrdom all started with Jesus Christ and then his followers. The persecution of the Jews to the Christians was the start.
- St. Paul is a significant character when talking about martyrdom.
- Pagan Rome became the greatest enemy to Christianity. They made it their goal to destroy it. It started with Nero and ended with King Constantine.



Emperors of the Roman Empire

Nero- Martyred st. Peter and St. Paul.

Domitian-The Corinthians was written during this time period, exiled St. John to Patmos

Trajan- Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, and Simeon, Bishop of Jerusalem.

Marcus Aurelius- He rewarded anyone who killed Christians and blamed everything on Christians.

Septimius Severus- Made it illegal to convert to Christianity.

Decius- Killed all priest and bishops.

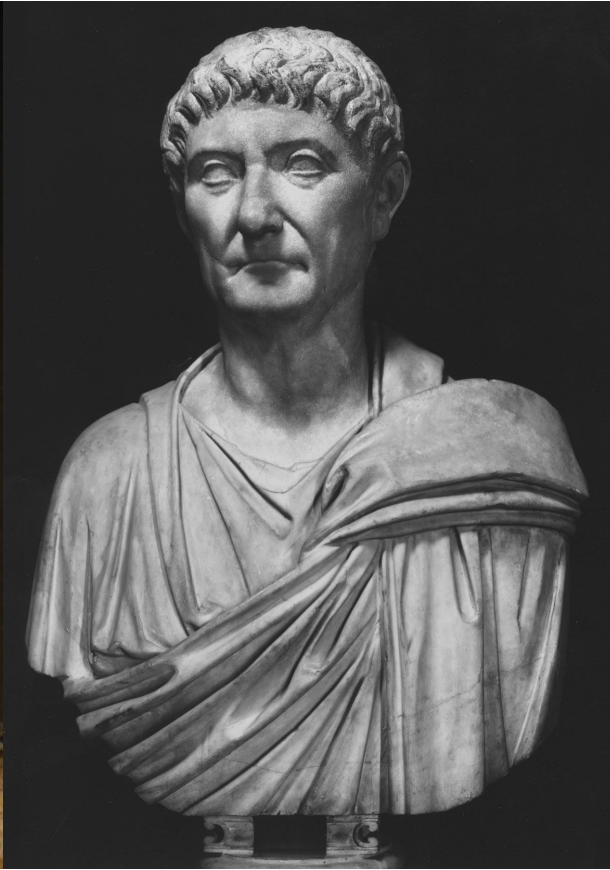
Valerian- Banned Christians from meeting up to pray.

Emperors of the Roman Empire

Aurelian- Destroyed the church of Bishop Domnus

Diocletian-The Coptic Orthodox Church began its own calendar of Martyrs by the first year of his reign. Out of all 10 emperors, Diocletian was the worst.

Constantine- The ended up adopting Christianity as the main religion of the Roman Empire.



Types of martyrs

Three types:

Those who die for the sake of faith (**majority**)

Those who die for the sake of purity-St Veronica, St. Theodora

Those who die for the sake of dogma-St. Makarous the bishop

TORTURES OF THE MARTYRS

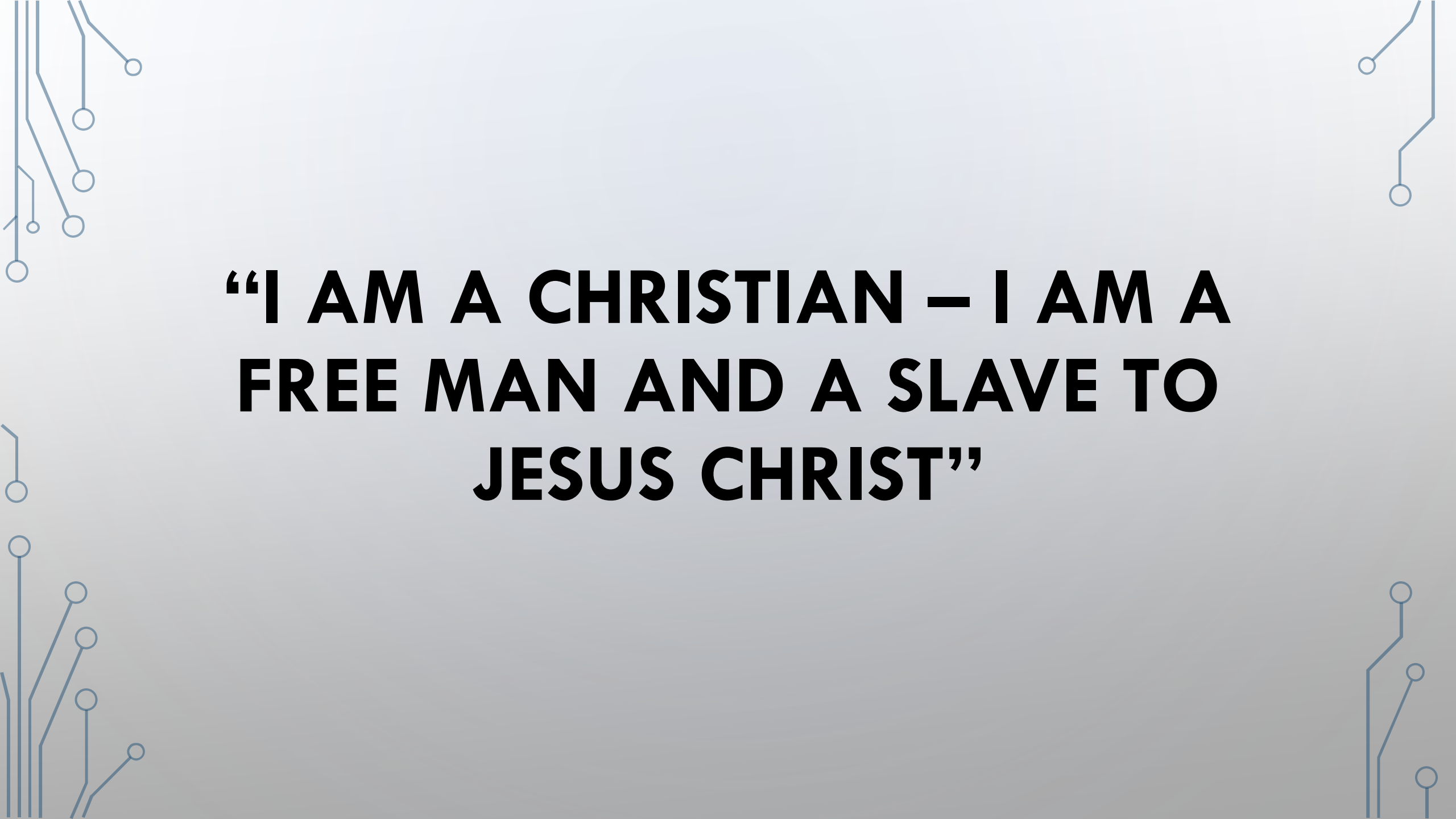
The confessors obtained martyrdom after much torture and hardships, experiencing pain:

- **Mentally:** degrading remarks, removal of wealth and possessions, and lack of legal assistance
- **Physically:** prison, starvation, abuse, fire, nails (no limitations)
- **Emotionally:** no empathy or consideration for their well-being

GOD'S GRACE



- Compassion and the prayers from the church
- Visions of heavenly glory
 - Hear the previous saints
 - Dream of angels, lights, and the doors of heaven

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**“I AM A CHRISTIAN – I AM A
FREE MAN AND A SLAVE TO
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EVALUATING MARTYRDOM

“No ‘sane’ person would ever agree to go through this much pain”

Desire/Purpose:

Eternity with Christ which gives them

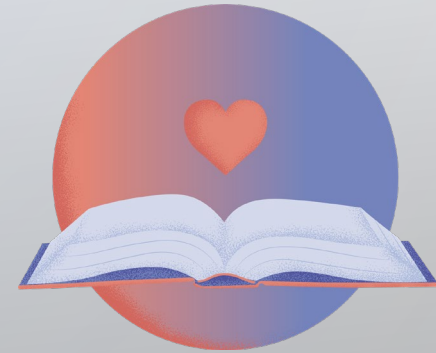
Courage:

A love to serve Christ

Evangelizing:

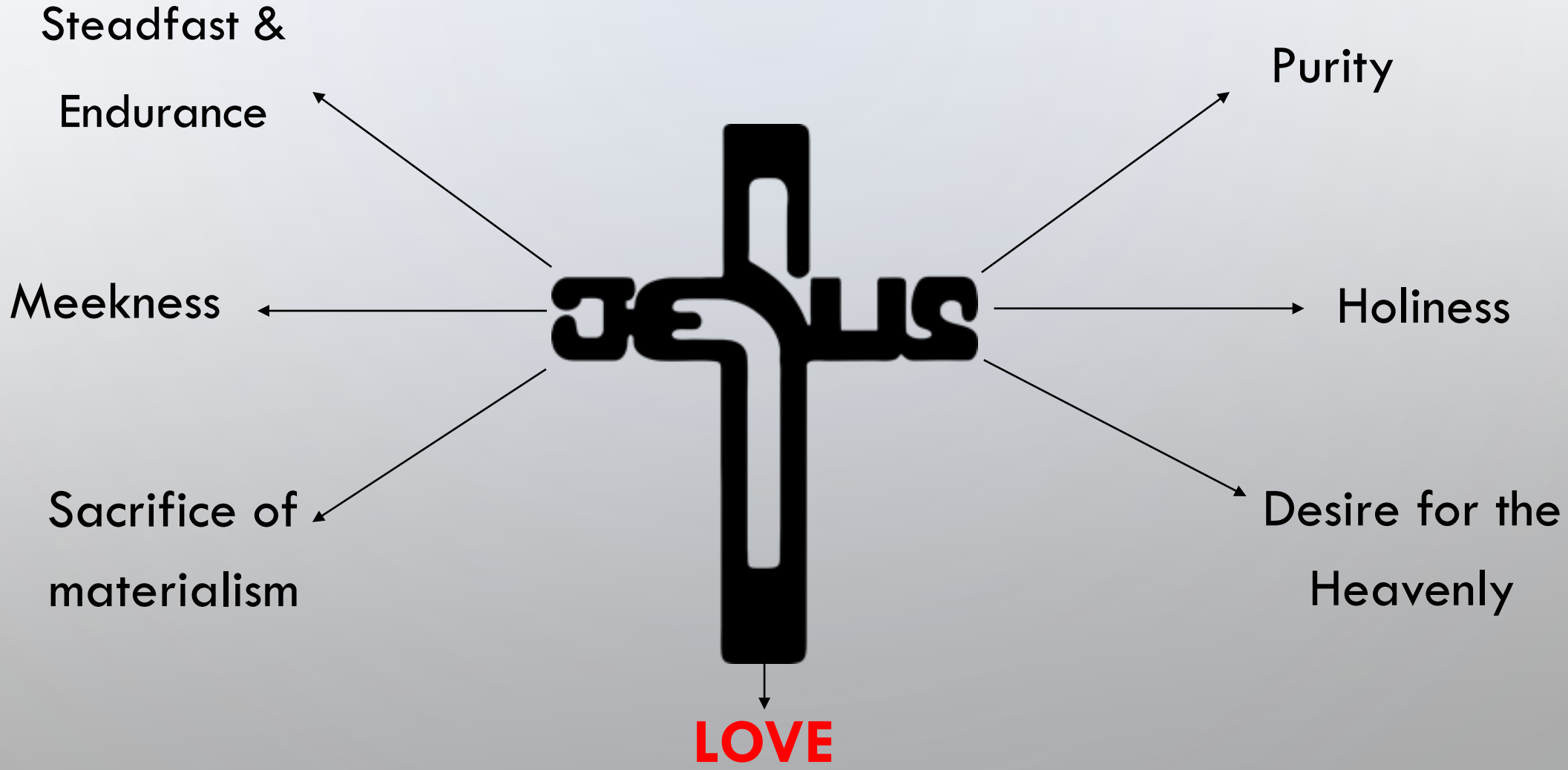
A hope for US, servants of today

CYCLE



“The blood of the martyrs are the seeds of the church.” Tertullian

VALIDITY OF OUR FAITH



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