



CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA

Clement of Alexandria

d. 216

4 December

Theologian and Catechist

- ✦ Highly educated pagan convert
- ✦ Became colleague, then successor, of Pantaenus
- ✦ Fled Alexandria to avoid persecution, 202
- ✦ May have taught Origen, who assumed leadership of the catechetical school in 203
- ✦ Wrote *Pædagogus*, *Protrepticus*, *Stromata*, and “What Rich Person Will Be Saved?”
- ✦ Patron saint of teachers

Do not you judge who is worthy or who is unworthy. For it is possible you may be mistaken in your opinion. As in the uncertainty of ignorance it is better to do good to the undeserving for the sake of the deserving, than by guarding against those that are less good to fail to meet in with the good.

In [God’s] ineffable essence he is Father; in his compassion to us he became Mother.

“What Rich Person Will Be Saved?” xxxiii, xxxvii

O Teacher Jesus, be favourable to your children. Grant that we who follow your command may attain the likeness of your image and in accord with our strength find in you both a good God and a judge who is not severe. *Amen.*

Attributed to Clement