

## Doctrinal Studies: Known Martyrs of the 300-year Persecution

### Justin Martyr

(100-165 AD – Generation following the Apostle John)

### Tertullian

160-220 AD

1. He was known as a Christian theologian in North Africa.
2. He said: "*The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.*"
3. He also said: "*We, the Christians, are but yesterday; and yet, oh Rome, we have filled your cities, your islands, your tents, your palaces, your Senate, and your Forum with Christians; all we have left are your empty temples.*"

### Origen

182-254 AD

He was born in Alexandria, Egypt. He was a scholar, an early Christian theologian. His father was murdered in 202 AD at the outbreak of the persecution, during the reign of Septimus Severus

He said: "*In all Greece, in all the barbaric races within our world, there are tens of thousands who have left their customary God for the Word of our Lord Jesus Christ. Those who adhere to the Word incur the hatred of idolatry, and to have embraced the Word is to have incurred death as well. And considering how, in a few years, and with no great store of teachers, in spite of attacks, which have cost us life and property, the preaching of the Word of God has found its way into every part of the world, so that Greeks and barbarians, wise and unwise, adhere to the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a work greater than any work of man.*"

### Eusebius

263-339AD

He said: "*I want you to know that I believe in the fundamental thought of the absolute sovereignty of God – God is the Cause of all being, but He is not merely a cause. In Him everything good is included; from Him all life originates, and He is the Source of all virtue. God sent Christ into the world that it may partake in the blessings included in the essence of God.*"