

WEIGHING THE DIDACHE

- **Little Evidence of Early Catholicism in Eschatology:**
 - **Urgent Mindset Maintained**
 - This Eschatology is Still Fairly Undeveloped — It Could Be Read as Chiliastic or Nonchiliastic
 - If There Is a Problem, It Is Moralism: “The whole time of your faith will not profit you unless you have been perfected in the last time” (16.2)

- **Benign Early Catholicism:**
 - **Laudable Concern for Balancing Ardor & Order**
 - Understandable, & Sometimes Helpful Theological & Ethical Developments

- **BUT, also: Elements of an Early Christian Pharisaism — *this* is the Early Catholicism which Käsemann et al. pillory:**
 - **Justification by Faith Gives Way to Works Righteousness**
 - Rules without Reasons, or for Wrong Reasons
 - Loss of Indicatives with lots of Imperatives
 - Lack of Grace as Dynamic of Obedience