

Epistle 130

by George Fox

George Fox's Epistle 130 emphasizes the importance of dwelling in the light and power of God to maintain a covenant relationship and receive spiritual nourishment through Christ.

Scripture: John 3:13, John 14:2, Romans 14:17, 2 Corinthians 6:2, Galatians 1:8

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Description

George Fox preaches about the importance of dwelling in the light of God, emphasizing the need to stay connected to the power and life of God within each individual. He urges believers to remain in the truth, in Christ, and in the power of God, as this is the only way to overcome deceit, worldly influences, and the wonders that distract from God's presence. Fox highlights the significance of recognizing Christ within, being redeemed from transgression, and allowing the seed of God to rule over strife and enmity, leading to peace and righteousness.

Transcript

All Friends, dwell in the truth; in my Father's house there are many mansions [John 14:2], said Christ. And ye all, that know the life, go not from it. Heed not words without life; but heed that which lets you see and know the Father. For mountains will arise, and may arise. But this is the word of the Lord God, and a charge to you all in the presence of the Lord God, heed the power and life, the power which ye have formerly known and tasted of; and that will keep you, until the day of salvation [2 Cor 6:2], and that brings you to know the kingdom of God to stand in righteousness [Rom 14:17], &c. and that will bring you to comprehend deceit, and to fathom it, and bring you to be over the deceit of the world.

So ye that know the power of the Lord God, heed it, and it will remove questionings out of your minds; it will remove that which causeth trouble to come into your minds. But if ye go from the power, the formal part gets up in you, and the wonders you will run into. But the power of God is the gospel [Rom 1:16]; and ye that have received the power of God, ye have received the gospel; and he is cursed that preacheth any other, yea, if an angel from heaven [Gal 1:8]. For Christ is the power of God [1 Cor 1:24], to whom the angels must bow.

And Christ Jesus, who was born (of a virgin,) crucified, and is ascended, (and there is no other), [John 3:13] all of you, that are turned to the light, wait to have him born in you [Gal 4:19], every one in particular. 'I am the light of the world [John 8:12],' saith Christ, by whom the world was made [John 1:3], who doth enlighten 'every man, that cometh into the world [John 1:9].' Who is the 'bread of life, that came down from

above; and who eateth of this bread, lives for ever [John 6:35,48,51,58].'

Now, every one of you having a light from Christ, the bread of life, wait, and with and from it you will see, know, and have your food in due season. Now, every one that comes into the world, having a light from Christ Jesus, who is not of the world, and being turned to this light [Acts 26:18] which he is lighted withal, he is turned to Jesus Christ, from whence it comes. And here none shall say 'Lo, here is Christ, or lo there is Christ [Mat 24:23];' but every one with the light, which comes from him, shall see Christ, (and shall see the Father, through the spirit that proceeds from the Father and the son [John 15:26],) and the glory that he had with the Father before the world began [John 17:5]; and shall have dominion over all the contrary in the male and in the female, having a light from him, that gives the 'light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Christ Jesus.'

Which light shines in your hearts [2 Cor 4:6]; and there shall every one feel their treasure in the earthen vessel [2 Cor 4:7], and the power which is of God. Now, whosoever goes from the light, which they are enlightened withal, they go into the darkness, and they go into the wonders; and run out gazing, and saying, 'Lo he is here, lo he is there.' I am come a light into the world, (saith Christ,) which every one, that cometh into the world, is lightened withal, which light is the covenant; and every one who is in the light, is in the covenant with God.

. . . . And who go from the light within, go from the Emmanuel [Isa 7:14], from the saviour within, Christ Jesus, and from the truth in the inward parts [Psa 51:6], and from the mediator between you and God [1Tim 2:5], and from the vine; and so, ye bear not fruit [John 15:4] to the glory of God. And going from the light within, ye go from your peace, and from the covenant of God; and going from the light within, ye go from the life, where every one receives the light of life. And who go from the light within, go from the increase of God [Col 2:19]; who go from the light within, go from the anointing within them [1 Jn 2:27], and so continue not in the son, nor in the Father. All who go from the light within, go out of the covenant of eternal life. But every one walking in the light within, which he hath received, he shall there receive the bread of life, Christ, whom the light comes from. And so, having your food within, ye shall not go forth to gather it; but he that is in the light, and believes in it, comes to know the garner, whereinto the wheat is gathered, and the chaff, that is to be burned with unquenchable fire, and the floor thoroughly purged [Mat 3:12]; and the immortal crown is known.

Therefore all Friends, keep in the power, and know the power of God in one another, and the life that stands in God; that out of all dryness and barrenness ye may be brought, and kept in the living and eternal spirit and power. And so, the God of glory keep you from the evil that is in the world, in glory, and in unity, every one in your measures. Now, the power of God will never be shaken; that which is to be shaken, (or tossed,) is out of the power, and the power remains; therefore dwell in the power which throws down all that which may be shaken, (or tossed,) and raiseth up that which can never be thrown down nor shaken [Heb 12:27]. . . .

Wait all this to know, here is the path of righteousness [Psa 23:3] and purity; and nothing shall stand but the mountain of the Lord [Zech 8:3]. Glory to the Lord in the beauty of holiness [Psa 29:2], which is felt and seen! And all being kept in the light, and walking in that [1 Jn 1:7], which ye are enlightened withal, ye cannot be in the strife; for the the enmity is out of the light, and the vain boaster, which comes to nothing, but is judged and condemned. And when that ye are met together in the light, hearken to it, that ye may feel the power of God in every one of you.

So here comes your ear to be opened to hear the counsel of the Lord God; and here the eye comes to be opened to see the Lord Jesus Christ in the midst of you [Mat 18:20], ye all sitting under your vines [Mic 4:4]. So, every particular wait on him, who received not honour of man [John 5:41], neither glorified himself; but the light, which enlighteneth every one that cometh into the world [John 1:9], is a witness against all them that seek their own glory [John 7:18], or glorify themselves, or bear witness of themselves [John 5:31].

Now they who receive honour from man, are from the light, both he that gives, and he that takes it; and it is to be stained, and the light stains it, and condemns it. So every particular of you, to you this is the word of the Lord God, know the son of God to be revealed in you [Gal 1:16]. And know the seed, which is Christ, to which the promise of God is; that ye may all witness the seed of the woman to bruise the serpent's head in every one of you. That you may all witness ye are come to him that was in the beginning; and to the seed of the woman, which bruise the serpent's head [Gen 3:15] in every one of you in your own particulars.

Then ye all will come to feed on the bread of life, that comes from above. And such are redeemed out of the transgression, who are here, that witness this. But where the seed of the woman hath not bruised the serpent's head, and that which abides not in the truth [John 8:44], reigns; there is the transgressor. So, that which is out of the truth reigning, the serpent being head, he sows his seed, his seed goes forth from him, and his food, his meat is dust [Isa 65:25]; for he could not feed upon life that abode not in the truth, which is the life.

He that abides not in the truth, which is the life, his food is dust; and he it is that is tormented. And who are out of the truth, are out of the worship of God; for who are the worshippers of the Father, they must be in the truth and in the spirit [John 4:24]. And being in the spirit and in the truth, they are in that the devil abode not in, but is out of; and all false ways, and seducers, and deceivers, and false worshippers are out of. And Jerusalem's worshippers, and Samaria's worshippers, and the worship that is at the mountain [John 4:21], and the idolatrous worshippers, and the worship of devils [Rev 9:20]; all these are out of the truth, and out of the spirit that changeth not.

But who are in the truth and in the spirit, they are atop of the world, and atop of him that abode not in the truth; their feet are shod with it [Eph 6:15]. Therefore every one of you that are come into the world, coming all to the light ye come to your armour [Rom 13:12], ye come to that which lets you see sin; it is the armour against it; it is the eye, with which ye see that which must be cut down and judged to death. In which truth, which is the light, we have fellowship one with another [1 Jn 1:7].

And this is the counsel of the Lord God to you, dwell all in the power of God, which is the gospel of peace. And the power of God is the cross of Christ [1 Cor 1:18]; and ye that feel the power of God, ye feel Christ; for Christ is the power of God. The power of God is but one, and the light is but one, and the cross of Christ is but one, which is the power of God; and the gospel of truth is but one, which is the power of God, and there is no other. Ye that come to know these, look for no other.

And Christ is that one in the male and in the female, which is the seed, which the promise of God is to; and there all wait to find him, and receive him. 'Know ye not, that Christ Jesus is in you, except ye are reprobates [2 Cor 13:5],' said the apostle; so now, if ye are reprobates, ye are wonderers and gazers in Adam, in transgression, out of the light, out of the life, out of the power, out of the truth, out of the way, which is Christ [John 14:6]. But being in the life, ye are in the way, in the truth, in the power of God, in

Christ, out of transgression, in the second Adam, the Lord from heaven [1 Cor 15:47], out of the transgression of the first Adam.

And if Christ Jesus be in you, the body of sin is dead [Rom 6:6], and ye are brought to God; and the Emmanuel being known, 'God with us' [Mat 1:23] is witnessed by every one of you, that are redeemed by him out of the transgression, who are in the second Adam. So, if Christ Jesus be in you, and ye in him, the body is dead [Rom 8:10]; and ye are alive to righteousness, and death is brought into death.

Friends, dwell all in the light, and then ye will dwell in covenant with God, and with God ye will have peace. And friends, all dwell in the light, that ye may receive the wisdom of God, by which all things were created; with which wisdom ye may come to order all the creatures. And be low, as babes and little children, for the little children receive the kingdom [Mat 19:14]. And so, all know the promise which is to the seed; and know the seed of God in one another, that there be no master but Christ, who bruise the serpent's head, where debate and enmity are, which are the cause of strife. So, let the seed be master in the male and in the female, that the ground of strife, which would be master, may be kept under, and the seed, which the grave could not hold under, be the ruler; so that ye may witness the rock that the gates of hell cannot prevail against [Mat 16:18], nor the temptations of the devil.

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