

Epistle 205

by George Fox

The sermon emphasizes the importance of standing in God's power and enduring through trials, rather than succumbing to fleeting summer religion.

Scripture: Matthew 18:20, Hebrews 10:24

Topics: "Faith in Adversity", "Community in Christ"

Description

George Fox emphasizes the importance of living in God's dominion and power, which exists beyond the trials and tribulations of life. He contrasts 'summer religion,' which is superficial and fades in adversity, with a true faith rooted in God's power that withstands all storms. Fox encourages believers to gather in the name of Jesus, supporting one another in love and good works, and to remain steadfast against any forces that seek to separate them from God's love. He reminds them that Christ is the ultimate source of life and light, capable of overcoming darkness and death. The sermon calls for a deep, enduring faith that transcends temporary challenges.

Transcript

All Friends, live in God's dominion, and power, and life, which was before storms and tempests were, in which ye may feel life and dominion, power, and victory, the Lord's power being lived in, which was before tempests were, in which ye will have the victory. There is a summer religion, which appears when the sun shineth upon them; and in the summer time all the venomous creatures creep out of their holes, corners, and dens, and the flies, wasps, and snakes; but when the winter is come, and the storms and tempests come, then the summer religion is gone, then the venomous, viperous creatures' religion and works are gone. But the religion, that is in the power of God standeth, which was before the devil was, and all his works and children.

And so that is the standing religion, that is in the power of God, which was before the power of darkness was. And, friends, ye that know the light of Jesus Christ, and have tasted of his power, by which ye come to be gathered into the name of Jesus [Mat 18:20], do not forsake the assembling of yourselves together; but provoke one another, and exhort one another to love, and to good works [Heb 10:24f], and let not powers, nor principalities, nor prisons, thrones, nor dominions [Rom 8:38/Col 1:16], spoiling your goods, mockings, scoffings, nor reproachings, and pluckers off your hair, and smiters [Isa 50:6], separate you from the love of God, that ye have in Christ Jesus [Rom 8:39], who conquered death and the devil, the power of it, the adversary, the wicked one, the enmity.

Christ is the life, the light, the love of God to mankind; now ye coming to be gathered into him, who destroys the devil and his works [Heb 2:14, 1 Jn 3:8], the life that destroys death, and the light which destroys darkness, and the truth that destroys error and all falsehood, and the power of God that destroys the power of the devil, and being gathered into Christ [2 Th 2:1] and into his name, keep your meetings in the power of God and in his light and life, whose gathering is above all other gatherings in the earth; and Christ's name is above all other names [Phil 2:9] on the earth. And feel the seed of God set over all that which makes to suffer; which was before it was, and will remain when it is gone.

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