

Epistle 226

by George Fox

George Fox's Epistle 226 emphasizes the importance of standing firm in faith, rejoicing in trials, and fostering unity among believers in Christ.

Scripture: Matthew 25:14

Topics: "Standing In Faith", "Living In Love"

Description

George Fox preaches about valiantly standing for the truth in the power of the Lord, using your talents to glorify God, and finding joy in tribulations and persecutions as a test of faith. He encourages believers to keep their meetings in the name of Jesus, not being discouraged by worldly sufferings but rejoicing in the eternal promises and blessings of God. Fox emphasizes the importance of living in love, peace, unity, and fellowship, growing in grace and faith together, and abiding in Christ, the faithful witness.

Transcript

My dear friends,--In the everlasting seed and covenant of life, be valiant for the truth upon the earth [Jer 9:3], and dwell in the power of the Lord God, and never heed that which makes to suffer, but the power of the Lord, which was before it was; and all live in that, and spread the truth abroad; and every one improve your Lord and master's money, your talent [Mat 25:14-30], to the advantage of your Lord. And be of good faith, and valiant for the truth. You who are gathered in the name of Jesus [Mat 18:20], keep your meetings in his name, over all the meetings which are gathered by the sons of Adam in the fall; and look over all prisons and outward bonds, which are in time, and will have an end; at the power of God look, which hath no end, in which your life is, and peace, crown, and dominion, and think not the time long that the rod of the wicked [Psa 125:3] should lie on your backs; but rejoice in tribulations and persecutions [Mat 5:12], which are for the trial of your faith, that it may be found more precious than gold that perisheth [1 Pet 1:7].

For remember that Christ the word, was tried, and Christ is the tried stone [Isa 28:16], and all the prophets, apostles, and martyrs were tried for their testimony to the precious pearl [Mat 13:45f], seed, and truth; and what sufferings they had in all ages were for the same, by the dark world, which was not worthy of them [Heb 11:38]; who were as pilgrims and strangers in the earth [Heb 11:13], and many of them forsook their native land and country. And so live in that which glorifieth the Lord, you who know the kindness, love, and mercies of God, and are made partakers of the heavenly riches, and of the inheritance that never fadeth away [1 Pet 1:4], and are heirs of the kingdom that never hath an end, and are partakers

of the promises and blessings, that were before the curse was; and know the new covenant made manifest in your hearts, and the law of God there written, and the anointing within you to teach you, and then you need no man to teach you [1 Jn 2:27], but as it doth teach you.

So abide in him [John 15:4], and learn of him [Mat 11:29] in whom God is well pleased [Mat 17:5]; and none turn to them whom God is not well pleased with. For you who are children of God, are not to look for salvation from the hills [Jer 3:23], neither to look at the arm of flesh, nor to put confidence in man [Jer 17:5], who are redeemed from under the curse [Gal 3:13], and the fear of man [Prov 29:25], and are bought with a price, the blood of Jesus Christ; and so are not your own [1 Cor 6:19f], and cannot do your own wills [John 5:30], nor other men's, but are to glorify your Father which is in heaven [Mat 5:16].

And so dwell in the love of God together, and in peace, and unity, and fellowship in the seed and life. For there is your growth, and therein ye grow in grace and faith together. The Lord God Almighty preserve you all in his everlasting arm and hand, which is his power, over all to his glory, bearing one with another in the gentle wisdom, which is peaceable and from above [John 3:17]. For how joyful a thing it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity [Psa 133:1]; and hereby it is known, that 'you are the disciples of Christ, if you love one another [John 13:35];' and a mark, that 'you are passed from death to life [John 5:24],' if you love one another.

And so the Lord God preserve your minds, and souls, and hearts, all holy and pure to his glory; and all live and sit down in Christ the seed, who is the faithful witness, the amen [Rev 3:14], the first and last, the beginning and ending [Rev 22:13]. No more, but my love is to you all, in the everlasting seed, Christ Jesus, that never fell [1 Pet 2:22].

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