

Epistle 230

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True faith and spirit are necessary for a relationship with God, and salvation comes only through Jesus Christ.

Scripture: Exodus 14:16, Luke 10:38

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Description

George Fox emphasizes the importance of standing still to hear God's voice and choosing to sit at Jesus' feet, highlighting that true faith and service to God come from believing in His Son, Jesus Christ. He stresses that walking in the light and spirit, as well as worshiping in spirit and truth, are essential for a genuine relationship with God. Fox asserts that true religion is pure and comes from above, and that believers must be led by the Spirit to know God and experience salvation. He concludes that all true knowledge, wisdom, and love stem from Christ, who is the foundation of faith and the source of victory over sin.

Transcript

Friends,--Stand still and see [Exo 14:16], be still and hear, sit at Jesus' feet, and choose the better thing [Luke 10:38-42]; to do the work of God is to believe in his son Jesus Christ [John 6:29] the light; and your hope and faith are to stand in God, and in his son, walk by that faith which he is the author of [Heb 12:2], and walk in the light [1 Jn 1:7], and walk in the spirit [Gal 5:16]. As every one hath received Christ, so walk in him [Col 2:6], and so serve God in the spirit [Rom 7:6], and worship him in the spirit and in the truth [John 4:24]; for God is not worshipped out of the spirit and truth.

The babes' milk is from the word [2 Pet 2:2], and their bread is from above [John 6:47f], and there is no true religion but what is pure from above [James 1:27/3:17]; and the stayed, patient people abide in their own house, but the whore is gadding abroad [Prov 7:11f]; and there is no true church but where Christ exercises his offices in and amongst them, and they are asking their husband at home [1 Cor 14:35], and he is their head [Eph 5:23], and the true marriage to Christ the heavenly man is witnessed by such as are flesh of his flesh, and bone of his bone [Gen 2:23]; none come to be children of the light but such as believe in the light [John 12:36]; no sons of God, but by receiving Christ [John 1:12], and by being led by his spirit [Rom 8:14]; no coming into all truth, but by being led by the spirit of truth [John 16:13]; no running the true race [Heb 12:1] in the straight way [Jer 31:9] to get to the glorious crown [1 Pet 5:4], but with patience [Heb 12:1]; no purifying, but by coming to Christ, the hope of glory, the purifier [Col 1:27/1 Jn 3:3]; and no overcoming, but by believing in Christ [1 Jn 5:5] the light, and he that doth so is born of God [1

Jn 5:1].

And there is no true witness within but the light, the life, and spirit of Christ, the true record [John 8:14]; no true faith but that which Christ is the author of [Heb 12:2], which giveth victory [1 Jn 5:4]; no true anchor to the immortal soul [Heb 6:19] but by Christ, the hope of glory [Col 1:27]. So by hope you are saved [Rom 8:24]; no true liberty but in Christ, and in his law of the spirit of life [Rom 8:2], and in his gospel; no true knowledge of God, but by his light and spirit in the heart [2 Cor 4:6]; no salvation, but by the name of Jesus [Acts 4:12]; no true praying, but in the spirit; no true singing, but in the spirit [1 Cor 14:15]; no true fast, but that which breaks the bond of iniquity [Isa 58:6/Acts 8:23]; no true fellowship, but in the pure faith, light, spirit, and gospel [Phil 1:5,2:1] of God and Christ; no true foundation, but Christ [1 Cor 3:11], to build upon; no true way, but Christ [John 14:6]; no true seed, but what Christ hath sown in the heart [Mat 13:19]; no true rest, but in Christ [Mat 11:28]; no true peace, but in Christ [Rom 5:1]; no true service to God and Christ, but in the newness of life [Rom 6:4/7:6]; no knowing the things of God, but by the spirit of God [1 Cor 2:11]; no knowing the son nor the Father, but by the revelation of the holy spirit; no knowing the scriptures, but by the same holy ghost that moved the holy men to give them forth [2 Pet 1:21]; no calling Jesus, Lord, but by the holy ghost [1 Cor 12:3], by which he was conceived [Mat 1:20]; no grafting into Christ, but by believing [Rom 11:23] in the light [John 12:36], which is called the light in men, and the life in him [John 1:4]; no true wisdom, but from above [James 3:17]; and no true receiving it, but in the fear of the Lord [Job 28:28]; and no true understanding of spiritual things, but what Christ gives [1 Jn 5:20]; no divine reason, but in the faith that Christ is the author of [Heb 12:2], which giveth victory over that which is unreasonable [2 Th 3:2], and separates from God; and no true love to God, but what he sheddeth abroad in the heart [Rom 5:5]; and to know a fellowship with Christ in his death and sufferings [Phil 3:10], is above the fellowship of bread and wine, which will have an end; but the fellowship in the gospel and holy spirit hath no end.

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