

Epistle 285

by George Fox

George Fox's Epistle 285 emphasizes the importance of gathering in Jesus' name and recognizing God's omnipresence and righteousness in our lives.

Scripture: Leviticus 22:18, Isaiah 63:1, Romans 14:17, 2 Corinthians 4:6, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Hebrews 4:16, Hebrews 11:6, Revelation 21:27

Topics: "Seeking God", "Spiritual Renewal"

Description

George Fox preaches about the importance of focusing our minds on Jesus, the invisible God, and His son Jesus Christ during gatherings, to feel His presence in life, light, power, and spirit. He emphasizes seeking God diligently, knowing that He rewards those who seek Him, and being aware that God sees all our actions, thoughts, and intentions, whether outwardly expressed or not. Fox urges turning away from evil, judging ourselves, and seeking the Almighty God who is mighty to save and deliver in times of need, standing in righteousness, power, and peace that His kingdom offers, unlike the temporary and imperfect kingdoms of the world.

Transcript

Friends,--When you are met together in the name of Jesus your saviour, let your minds be over all to him, and out of all things that change, and perish, and die of itself [Lev 22:18], and will corrupt, and are visible, up to him that is invisible, the Lord God, and his son Jesus Christ, that you may see him and feel him among you, and in your meetings, in his life, and light, and power, and spirit; and that you may know that God is, and that he is the rewarder of all them that diligently seek him [Heb 11:6]; and to know that God is present.

And that which giveth the knowledge of him, is the light that shineth in the heart, in the face of Jesus Christ [2 Cor 4:6], and so see him in all your troubles and afflictions; and that God is present, beholding all your actions done in your bodies, and your consenting to your evil thoughts, lusts, or motions; the thoughts, what you will speak or act; or motions which you have not acted outwardly; but if you do consent to do them in your mind or heart, the Lord seeth them there to be done, though they be not done outwardly to the sight of men; and so to God you must give an account of things done in your bodies [2 Cor 5:10], and of things done out of the body [1 Cor 6:18?]; for God both heareth, and seeth what is done in the body, and what is said and done without the body; and therefore turn from the evil that leadeth to destruction, and judge it, and yourselves for cleaving to it; and turn to the Lord, and know him who is mighty to save

[Isa 63:1], and to reward all them that diligently seek him, who is Almighty in his power to save and deliver, and to help in time of need [Heb 4:16].

So know him that was from everlasting to everlasting. And here thou knowest God in his power, light, and life, and righteousness, which his kingdom stands in, in that righteousness, and power, and holy ghost, and peace Rom 14:17. 1 Cor 4:20], that never will have an end; and is over all kingdoms that will have an end, and are unclean; and any unclean and imperfect thing may enter into them; and in them are troubles, tumults, and sin, and not peace, but sorrow. But into the kingdom of God no imperfect thing entereth, nor sin, nor any unclean thing [Rev 21:27]. For the kingdom of God standeth in righteousness, and everlasting peace, and in joy in the holy ghost.

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