

Epistle 293

by George Fox

George Fox emphasizes the importance of faithfulness, spiritual growth, and peace in the life of a true Christian, who is called to possess Christ, the source of eternal life.

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6, John 1:3, Romans 4:16, Romans 8:6, Philippians 1:27, Colossians 1:10, Colossians 3:10, Hebrews 1:3, James 1:27, Revelation 19:14

Topics: "Spiritual Growth", "Righteous Living"

Description

George Fox preaches about the importance of walking in the truth and power of godliness, being renewed into the heavenly image of God, and growing in the knowledge and grace of Jesus Christ. He emphasizes the need for believers to be clothed in the righteousness of Christ, filled with grace, love, and peaceable truth, and to be spiritually minded rather than carnally minded. Fox encourages faithful family meetings, urging diligence in duty to God and others, and promoting peace and unity among believers as disciples of Christ.

Transcript

Dear friends, to whom is my love in the Lord Jesus Christ, by whom were all things made [John 1:3], and by whom all things do consist, and who filleth all things [Eph 4:10], and doth uphold all by his word and power [Heb 1:3]; who is the first and last [Rev 1:11], the holy head of his holy church [Col 1:18], and the door into the holy way, for his holy people to walk in, and the setter up of a holy worship in the holy spirit and truth, to worship the holy God in; and the setter up of a holy religion, to keep from the spots of the world [Jas 1:27]; which religion is pure in his sight. And this never came out of the brain-beaten stuff of man, nor of his chamber of imagery [Ezek 8:12]; but for his people to walk in, that they might sing forth his praises in righteousness.

And therefore, all Friends, in your men and women's meetings, be faithful, and see how you do grow in the truth and power of godliness, and are circumcised; and witness your renewings into the heavenly image of him that created you [Col 3:10]; and that you all may be fruitful in the knowledge and grace [Col 1:10?] of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the orderer of all things [Wis 8:1]; and wear his livery and fine linen [Rev 19:14], the righteousness of Christ; and hold forth his ensign and his standard, and all to be filled with his grace, and love, and peaceable truth, and be over all outward earthly things; so that none be carnally but spiritually minded [Rom 8:6]; and walk as becomes the glorious order of the gospel [Phil 1:27], having the water of life in your cisterns, and the bread of life in your tabernacles, and fruits on your trees, to the praise

of God. Amen.

And all your family meetings do not neglect, among your whites and negroes, but do your diligence and duty to God and them; which you will not neglect, if you keep in the faith of Abraham [Rom 4:16], and of the blessed seed which inheriteth the crown. And be at peace among yourselves, that each one show that you are in Christ the prince of peace [Isa 9:6]; and that doth show that you are the disciples of Christ, and learners and followers of him. So possess him who is life eternal. Amen. . . .

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