

# Epistle 43

by George Fox

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*George Fox encourages believers to remain united in faith, stand firm in their freedom, and rely on God's wisdom and love to overcome worldly challenges.*

**Scripture:** Genesis 27:28, Isaiah 30:7, Lamentations 3:26, Malachi 3:2, Matthew 11:30, Luke 16:8, 1 Corinthians 13:5, Galatians 5:1, 2 Timothy 4:2, James 4:4, 1 Peter 3:19, 1 John 5:1, Jude 1:6, Revelation 17:14

**Topics:** "Spiritual Freedom", "Christian Unity"

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## Description

George Fox preaches to the brethren, encouraging them to stand together in God's power and not be discouraged by external enemies. He emphasizes the importance of holding onto freedom in Christ, being armed with wisdom against worldly influences, and waiting in purity to comprehend God's wisdom. Fox urges believers to abide trials, stand firm in their freedom from worldly bondage, and wait for redemption. He also calls for unity among friends, exhorting them to speak words of eternal life, reprove evil, and meet together in the spirit to experience God's presence. The sermon concludes with blessings of God's love, guidance, and protection for the faithful who overcome the world through their faith.

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## Transcript

To all my dear brethren, the flock of God every where; keep together in the power up to God, and none be discouraged or disheartened at the enemies without, which are without God in the world; but be bold all in the power of truth, triumphing over the world. Hold your freedom, and keep and stand fast in it [Gal 5:1], that ye may be armed with wisdom, and furnished against your enemies, who are wiser in their generation than the children of light [Luke 16:8]. But the wisdom of the Most High is spreading, and making itself manifest in your hearts, by which ye may comprehend the world's wisdom, the world's worship and knowledge. And waiting in that which is pure, it will lead you into that which was before the world was, before the false worship was, before the seducers were, before the antichrist was, and before the outward temple was, and false prophet and hirelings: and here ye will comprehend the world, and what is done in the world. Therefore every one keep your habitation [Jude 1:6], abide the trial, and abide the day [Mal 3:2], and stand fast in your freedom, so far as Christ hath made you free; [Gal 5:1] free from man's will and commandments, which imbodageth; free from the fashions and lusts of the world, the fleshly will, which bondageth and burdens the pure. And to you that cannot witness this, wait, and mind the pure, and then the burden will be easy [Mat 11:30] ; and wait for redemption and salvation, to make it so [Lam 3:26f?]. And your strength is, to stand still [Isa 30:7], that ye may receive refreshings; that ye may know, how to wait, and how to walk before God, by the spirit of God within you. So God Almighty be with you, and keep

you up to himself under his own dominion, from under the dominion of satan, that ye may trample him under your feet.

And Friends every where, meet together, treading and trampling all the deceit under your feet; and watch over one another in that which is eternal, and see every one, that your words be from the eternal life. Examine and search with that which is eternal, which speaks to that which is in prison in others [1 Pet 3:19]. And ye that are led forth to exhort, or to reprove, do it with all diligence [2 Tim 4:2], taking all opportunities, reprovng that which devours the creation, and thereby destroys the very human reason. For the truth doth preserve every thing in its place. And all meet together every where, and in your meetings wait upon the Lord; and take heed of forming words, but mind the power, and know that which is eternal, which will keep you all in unity, walking in the spirit, and will let you see the 'Lord near you, and amongst you.' So, God Almighty be with you, and multiply you, and give you the dew of heaven [Gen 27:28], the heavenly dew, the living mercies, (which nourisheth the tender plants, which causeth them to grow, bud, and bring forth,) and water you with his blessings [Ezek 34:26]. So, the Lord God of power be with you all, my dear hearts! I am with you in the spirit, and in the love of your God, your Father and mine. The Lord God prosper, guide, and protect you, and bring you all into his kingdom of glory, you who are elected, called, chosen and faithful [Rev 17:14], who are the lambs. God Almighty bless you, and keep you all, my dear hearts! The love of God is love past knowledge, which bears all things, endures all things, hopes all things, envieth not, thinketh no evil [1 Cor 13:5,7]. And the love of God is the ground of all true love in your hearts, which casts out the love of the world, and the enmity, which was begotten betwixt you and God [James 4:4]. 'He that believes, is born of God [1 Jn 5:1]; and he that is born of God, overcomes the world [1 Jn 5:4].' So, fare ye all well, and God Almighty bless and prosper you.

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