

Uniformity and Conformity proclaimed to the whole world, in the name of the eternal God, and his Son Christ Jesus.

By George Fox

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life; for, 'as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive.' And Christ, by the grace of God, has tasted death for every man, and is a propitiation for the sins of the whole world, the one mediator between God and man; through death destroys death, and the devil, that had the power of death; for sin brought death, and the devil, who abode not in the truth, in whom there is no truth, he is the power of death; and Christ, who is the truth and the life, makes an end of sin, that brought death, and destroys death and the devil, and his power of death. For the son of God was manifest that he might destroy the works of the devil, and finish transgression, and to make an end of sin, and to make a reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness into man and woman.

Here is the work of the son of God, who bruises the serpent's head, breaks his power, and destroys the destroyer; he is the saviour, called the seed of the woman, in which seed (Christ) all nations are blessed, which bruises the serpent's head, who has brought man into the curse and sin, darkness and corruption, etc. But in this seed (Christ) that bruises the serpent's head, and destroys his works, are all nations blessed, and all in uniformity, unity, and fellowship one with another, and with the son and the Father. And therefore, all must come into this seed, Christ Jesus, if they come into the heavenly unity and uniformity; and that you may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of the sufferings of Christ, being made conformable unto his death, who, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man; for in Adam all died. Now, Christ, by the grace of God, having tasted death for every man, that every man may be conformable unto his death; **here is a conformity unto the death of Christ; for you must all die with him before you live with him, and you must all suffer with him, if you reign with him.** And therefore all men and women in the whole world, of whatever religion or opinion you be of, in

old Adam you all died, and are dead, and Christ, by the grace of God, has tasted death for you all, and by Christ you may all be made alive. Therefore you must all be made conformable to Christ's death, and that is the conformity you are all to press after, and to exhort one another to be conformable to the death of Christ, and to die with him, if you intend to live with him; and to suffer with him, and to come into the fellowship of his sufferings, if you reign with Christ, or do intend to reign with him. Yes, all who profess Christ the son of God, ought to be conformed to the image of the son of God. If what is in you is not conformed to the image of the son of God, who destroys the devil and his works, your outward profession will stand you in no more stead than the Jews' profession without life; but all that are conformable to the image of the son of God, in his image they are in uniformity, and in unity, hallelujah, praising the Lord.

And the apostle said to the saints, 'Be not conformed to this world, but be you transformed by the renewing of the mind, , to the image of the son of God, and being made conformable unto his death.' Rom 8:29,12:2, Phil 3:10. And now, all people, if you are not conformable to the death of Christ, that has tasted death for you all, then you are yet alive in your sin; and if you are not conformed to the image of the son of God, who bruises the serpent's head, and destroys the devil and his works, then to what image are you conformable? All your profession, without you being conformed to the image of the son of God, is nothing; those who do so conform, are in the heavenly unity and conformity, and Christ, who tasted death for every man, (for all died in Adam). Christ enlightens every man that comes into the world, with his heavenly light, which is the life in him, the word, by whom all things were made. Now, every man and woman being turned to the light, which is the life in Christ, and believing in it, and walking in it, is the means by which they may be made conformable to the image of the son of God, and so come into unity, and conformity, and fellowship, one with another, and with the Father and the Son.

And the grace of God which brings salvation, has appeared unto all men; which grace taught the church of Christ, which grace and truth came by Jesus; now, I say, this grace taught the church of Christ to live godly, righteously, and to deny ungodliness and unrighteousness, and to live soberly in this world. Now, if all people will be conformed to the image of the son of God, it must be through this grace that comes from the son of God; and this grace is in their hearts, to settle them, and establish them, which teaches them to deny that which is ungodly and unrighteous, and to receive and cleave to that which is godly and righteous.

And so, here are God's love and favor to all men, who died in Adam, that his grace and favor should appear unto all men, to teach them and bring their salvation, that they may be made conformable to Christ's death, who has tasted death for them all, and die and live with him, and suffer and reign with him, and

so be conformable to the image of the son of God; and here is a heavenly, divine, and spiritual conformity and uniformity.

And Joel said, by prophecy, 'It shall come to pass in the last days, I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh.' Now these last days are the days of the new covenant and new testament, and the days of the gospel of salvation, preached to every creature, man and woman, that all might be obedient and conformable to the power of God, the gospel of salvation; and so, as all are conformable to this glorious gospel of Christ, they will be conformed to the image of the son of God, and so into a glorious peaceable uniformity and conformity, fellowship and unity in the gospel, the power of God, which brings life and immortality to light; and in this power of God they will see over the power of the devil, and before he was, that has darkened them. And likewise, God who poured out of his spirit upon all flesh, both men and women, that all with the spirit of God might mortify the deeds of the flesh, and in the spirit of God live, and that all with the spirit of God might be circumcised, and put off the body of death, and sins of the flesh, that's come into them by transgression, and disobeying of God, so that all in the spirit may be conformable to the image of the son of God, and be in unity and a spiritual fellowship and uniformity, through the spiritual conformity. For all the sons and daughters of God are led by the spirit of God; and here is a spiritual conformity, and a heavenly uniformity, among the sons and daughters of God; and God having poured out of his spirit upon all flesh, that is, all men and women, that all men and women might be conformable to this holy pure spirit of God, which spirit of God will baptize them, if they do not quench, vex, grieve, and rebel against it, or err from it, I say, it will baptize them all into one body, which Christ, the Lord from heaven is the head of; and so with this holy spirit that baptizes into one body, are all made to drink into one spirit.

Here is a spiritual conformity, and a heavenly uniformity and concord, where there is no discord; for the apostle said, 'There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,' and the work of the ministry was to bring people into the unity of this faith, and the knowledge of the son of God, who was and is the author and finisher of this precious holy and divine faith; in which faith they had victory over that which is unholy, and access to God; in which faith they pleased him, having victory over that which displeased him. And this is called the 'faith of God's elect,' in which they had all unity, and they were called 'the household of faith,' and through this faith did receive the righteousness of Christ, through which faith they were made conformable to Christ's death, and conformable to the image of the son of God, through the righteousness of faith, which was before, and beyond, and above the righteousness of man, and the righteousness of the law; and in the righteousness of Christ, and the image of the son of God, here is the saints' holy and righteous uniformity, and spiritual and heavenly unity and fellowship.

And David said, 'Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.' Now the unity and fellowship is in the light, grace, and truth, and spirit, and the gospel, the power of God, and the faith which Jesus Christ is the author and finisher of; and therefore, all must be conformable to the light, grace, and truth that comes by Jesus Christ, and to the spirit of God, that God pours upon them, and to the gospel of salvation, and to the faith that Jesus Christ is the author and finisher of, (if ever you do come into spiritual uniformity, unity, and fellowship in the light, in the truth, in the gospel, in the faith, in the image of the son of God), one with another, and with the Father and the son, that the saints are and were in, in the apostles' days. Glory and honor to the Lord over all for ever, who is teaching his people by his son, who bruises the serpent's head, that false teacher, and now God is the teacher of his people by his son, and I say was the teacher of Adam and Eve in paradise before they fell, who is God all-sufficient, and a sufficient teacher.

George Fox