

life for the triumph of good, and I have taught you to live for this victory. If you fulfil my commandments, you will be blessed. The commandment in which my whole teaching is expressed is this only: That all men should love one another. Love consists in the laying down of our bodily life for others. There is no other explanation of love. When you fulfil my commandment of love, you will not be as slaves that without understanding obey their master's orders, but as free men, free as I myself am, for I have explained to you the meaning of life which follows on the knowledge of the Father of Life. You have accepted my teaching, not because you have chosen it by chance, but because it is the only true teaching, and alone can make men free.

The teaching of the world is to do evil to men; my teaching is to love one another, and therefore the world has hated you as it has hated me. The world does not understand my teaching, and therefore it will persecute you, and do you evil in the belief that by doing so it is serving God. Be not, then, astonished at this, and understand that this must be so. The world not understanding the true God, must persecute you, and you must uphold the truth.

Do not sorrow because they kill me, for they will do so because I uphold the truth. Therefore, my death is needed that truth may be upheld. My death, in which I do not renounce the truth, shall strengthen you, and you will understand what is false and what is true, and what follows from the knowledge of falsehood and of truth. You will understand that the error lies in this, that men believe in the life of the body, and do not believe in the life of the spirit; that the truth lies in union with the Father; and that from this follows the victory of the spirit over the flesh.

When my life in the body has ceased, my spirit will be with you. But you, like all other men, will not always feel in you the strength of the spirit. You will sometimes grow weak and lose its

strength; you will fall into temptation, and again at times awaken to the true life. You will be often subject to the enslaving enticements of the flesh, but that will be only for a time; you will have to suffer and to be born again in the spirit; as a woman suffers in the pains of childbirth, and then feels the joy of having brought a man into the world, so will you feel, when, after the enslavements of the flesh, the spirit within you is roused again to life. Then you will feel a happiness and a peace that leaves you nothing more to desire. Know, then, beforehand, that, notwithstanding persecution, internal struggles, and the weakening of the spirit, the spirit is alive in you, and that the only true God is the understanding of the will of the Father, which has been unfolded to you by me.

Then addressing himself to the Father—Spirit, Jesus said, I have done what Thou hast commanded me, I have revealed to men that Thou art the beginning of all. And they have understood me. I have taught them that they have all proceeded from one source of infinite life, and that therefore they are all one; that as the Father is in me, and I in the Father, so are they one with me, and with the Father. I have revealed to them that as Thou in love has sent them into the world, so they through love must live in the world.

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#### OUR LITERATURE.

Upon one of the shelves in my library is a long row of Friends' books, which are very highly prized by me. Some of the works of George Fox and other early Friends, Lives of Fox, Penn and others, a few miscellanies and memoirs, and last but not least, the new books—"Quaker Strongholds," by Caroline E. Stephen, and "The Quakers," by Frederick Storrs Turner. These form a collection which, though small, must be considered valuable by any Friend. But of late there has