*Monday, March 3, 2014*

**Keep It Up**

Revelation 2:25-27 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. 26 And he that overcomes, and keeps my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. (KJV)

Salvation is described as a race; a race of endurance that has to become a way of life for you to achieve the prize. Being born again is a great start, but you have to end your walk in the Spirit in order to be given a crown of life. You see the terms hold fast, keep, endure, and continue come up many times in the Bible. It tells us that when we begin in this new found realm of the Spirit we have to end there as well, otherwise our walk with the Lord is summed up in one word, vain.

Colossians 1:21-23 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight: 23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; (KJV)

The Lord has done His part and everything is good on His end; his promise to never leave us or forsake us is true. In times past before our conversion in Christ we were alienated or kept out of the kingdom of God because of our lower carnal nature which could not receive the things of God. If you revert back to that realm after being born again you won’t last long in your walk with the Lord.

John 15:4-7 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. (KJV)

Many are called by God, but few are chosen; because many become alienated from the path of life walking more by sight than faith. It is so vital that you spend time in the Word, renewing your mind on a daily basis so that you can keep His Word alive and working in you. Otherwise your time here on planet earth will be nothing more than a vain outward show which accurately describes religion.

2 Timothy 4:5-8 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. 6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. (KJV)

You can see what it takes to make it home; the commitment of keeping the faith is the only way you will be crowned with eternal life. Do you have the right stuff today?

God bless and keep it up dearly loved; have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.