*Wednesday, March 5, 2014*

**Keep It Up**

Revelation 2:25-29 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. 28 And I will give him the morning star. 29 He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. (KJV)

There are definitely terms and conditions concerning salvation based on what the Lord approves of and not man. If you don’t find out for yourself what those are, in the end you may find yourself on the outside looking in. Some claim that all you have to do is make a commitment to the Lord and it’s a done deal, but just like in a marriage, it can start out good, only to end in a disaster.

Matthew 7:13-14 Enter you in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads unto life, and few there be that find it. (KJV)

Mankind has widened the path and has made a broad way that they claim is the right way; the problem is, it’s the wrong way. If you have ever driven the wrong way on a one way street you know it can lead to destruction. The same holds true spiritually for those that don’t diligently seek the Lord daily to avoid these death traps. Your way of escape from this present evil world is a narrow path that few find and even fewer are holding to till the very end.

Romans 11:19-21 Thou wilt say then, the branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. 20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou stands by faith. Be not high minded, but fear: 21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. (KJV)

Salvation is not based on our works; it is one of faith, where we believe and hold fast to what our Lord has worked out for us. Many today think they are doing the Lord’s work without realizing that they have broken fellowship with the Lord; and their doctrines are highly flammable to say the least.

Romans 11:22-23 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shall be cut off. 23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. (KJV)

The natural branches are the Jews, and we the Gentiles have been grafted into the tree of life so that we can bear the fruit of the Spirit; however, don’t be so high minded to think that you can’t walk away or be cut off at any time by your lack of diligence in the Word and not keeping the faith first and foremost in your life. Once saved always saved is based on you continuing your walk in the Spirit and not reverting back to the flesh.

Matthew 7:21-23 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (KJV)

If only a few really find the narrow and straight path that leads to life then what happens to the many others? Simply put they were deceived and cut themselves loose.

Dearly loved, continue in the faith grounded and settled for today is the day of salvation; God bless and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.