*Friday, March 7, 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)

Our Lord wasn’t a wishy-washy double talker was He? Because of this He is now seated at the right hand of our Father showing us the way to get there too. Are you keeping the faith alive and real in your walk by being more than a conqueror through Christ, or are you barely hanging on by a thread?

1 Peter 1:23-25 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides for ever. 24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower thereof falls away: 25 But the word of the Lord endures for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. (KJV)

I can tell by talking with many Christians what their love and commitment to the Lord is by their knowledge in the Word and how much time they spend in it. Given the fact that the Word is the only thing that will endure forever, I would think that should be the first thing a Christian would want to get a hold of daily. After all the question begs to be asked, what could be more important?

John 15:9-11 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. (KJV)

The joy of the Lord is our strength, something you want to keep yourself built up in. I know many who desire a closer relationship with the Lord, but fall short when it comes time to keep their commitment of spending time in the Word to keep the spirit man fed and full.

1 Peter 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (KJV)

We were all like sheep gone astray until our Lord came along and woke us up from a spiritual stupor. We are kept alive by the power of God which is the strongest thing available in the universe. With a deal like this there is no reason or excuse for not making it home.

Proverbs 21:23 Whoso keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul from troubles. (KJV)

By our words we will either be justified or condemned, and whatever you put into the heart is going to come out of your mouth. Given the fact that our Lord said His words are spirit and life, I would suggest you put them into the heart first thing so that you can keep yourself in the love of God.

Luke 11:21-23 When a strong man armed keeps his palace, his goods are in peace: 22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he takes from him all his armor wherein he trusted, and divides his spoils. 23 He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathers not with me scatters. (KJV)

When you have armed yourself with the mind of Christ you will experience His peace. If you stray and revert back to the flesh then the things of this realm will have more of an influence on you than the Lord and you will end up being overtaken again, the latter being worse than the beginning. Bottom line Church, it is vital for you to hold fast your profession of faith daily without wavering and keep your heart and mind guarded so that you can quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

God bless dearly loved, and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.