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John 14:21-24 He that hath my commandments, and keeps them, he it is that loves me: and he that loves me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. 22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, if a man loves me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24 He that loves me not keeps not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. (KJV)

Do you desire to keep your first love alive and real today? Keeping watch constantly in the Word will make that a reality. Many have left their first love that they had for the Lord because they allowed the enemy back in with something inferior.

I John 3:22-24 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. 23 And this is his commandment that we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. 24 And he that keeps his commandments dwells in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us. (KJV)

Do you wonder why at times your prayers don’t seem to get answered? Salvation is a two-way street where we not only pray to God and expect a response from Him, but He also communicates to us and expects us to respond to Him.

2 Timothy 4:5-6 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)

All this week we have been looking at the term keep, which refers to watching, guarding, and holding fast to. As we see above Paul the apostle was able to make a bold statement concerning his walk with the Lord knowing that his end was near. My prayer for the Church today is that they can make the same statement when they are facing the end. Staying awake spiritually, letting the peace of God keep or guard your heart and decisions today, will go a long way toward making that happen.

John 8:51-52 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. 52 Then said the Jews unto him, now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou say, if a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. (KJV)

Today many are missing the point and are unable to keep the things of God because they still see our Lord after the outward man and not for who He really is. We are to know no man after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Knowing our Lord after the flesh is why they crucified Him instead of embracing His message. Those that know who Christ is will be able to see beyond the veil of the flesh and hold fast their profession of faith without wavering while all others will be confused.

1 Corinthians 9:26-27 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beats the air: 27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. (KJV)

We can be our own worst enemies when we revert back to the ways of the flesh. So today, hold fast to Him and stay in the Spirit. God bless and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord dearly loved.