

# **FUNDAMENTAL FACTS FOR FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS**

Lesson Ten  
HOLINESS (continued)

Many loudly proclaim there is nothing we can do to keep ourselves. We are kept by His grace and His love. The truth is that **WE MUST** keep ourselves in His grace, and in His love.

Consider the following wide range of Bible authors.

JESUS:

*Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **IF** ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;*

**John 8:31**

*He that hath my commandments, **AND KEEPETH THEM**, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

**John 14:21**

*Jesus answered and said unto him, **IF** a man love me, he **WILL** keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

**John 14:23**

***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.*

**John 15:10**

*He that **OVERCOMETH**, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.*

**Revelation 3:5**

PAUL:

***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**.*

**1 Corinthians 9:27**

*Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: **KEEP THYSELF PURE**.*

**1 Timothy 5:22**

JOHN:

*And hereby we do know that we know him, **IF** we keep his commandments.*

*He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a **LIAR**, and the truth **IS NOT** in him.*

*But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby **KNOW** we that we are in him.*

**1 John 2:3-5**

*In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever **DOETH NOT** righteousness is not of God, **NEITHER** he that loveth not his brother.*

**1 John 3:10**

JUDE:

*But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, **KEEP YOURSELVES** in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*

**Jude 1:20-21**

THE ANGEL:

*Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.*

**Revelation 14:12**

*Blessed are they that **DO** his commandments, that they **MAY HAVE RIGHT** to the tree of life, and **MAY ENTER** in through the gates into the city.*

**Revelation 22:14**

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And these are but a sampling of scriptures.

How can any **serious** student of God's word, any **SINCERE FOLLOWER** of Jesus Christ, miss this truth which is taught throughout **THE ENTIRE BIBLE**: that a follower of God must work, labor, and strive to keep himself in the grace and love of God?

*Not every one 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.*

*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?*

*And then will I profess unto them, I **NEVER KNEW YOU**: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

**Matthew 7:21-23**

***STRIVE** to enter in at the strait gate: for **MANY**, I say unto you, will **SEEK** to enter in, and **SHALL NOT** be able.*

**Luke 13:24**

As a class, read II Peter 1:4-10.

Oh yes, I know, I understand:

*Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

**1 Peter 1:5**

We **must understand** that it is our responsibility to **KEEP OURSELVES** where God's grace, love, and power **CAN** continue to **WORK** in our lives.

The wonderful truth here lies in the fact that, as we labor to keep ourselves in the grace of God, that **GRACE** becomes **MORE** and **MORE** precious to us. Even as we make our sometimes feeble efforts, the truth comes bounding back to us: that were it not for God's **GREAT GRACE**, we wouldn't **EVEN CARE** to make those efforts. And as we are made to think more of His grace, oh, how we are stirred to rejoicing.

*As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.*

**Galatians 1:9**

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