

"I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest Keep Them From The Evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth." **John 17:15-17 KJV**

Keeping something means guarding and protecting it above all else. Good china is often "kept" behind glass and displayed proudly in a prominent location protected from dust and grime. The glass allows the china to be admired but not touched or handled. Obedience to Truth is the evidence of our faith; the "glass cabinet" that guards believers from the "dust and grime" of evil. It keeps us safely on display, but untouched by evil. Truth is none other than the Word of God. "*Thy Word is Truth.*" God does not take us out of trouble, but through His Word keeps us invincible in trouble. When the sun ceases to run its daily path across the sky, you can then doubt God's Word or, worse yet, expect the end of time! Both are a direct result of His omnipotent Word! God's Word is so powerful that it is impossible for Him to lie, because what He speaks becomes. "*For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My Mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*" His protection and presence are guaranteed to the faithful. "*Behold! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. No man can pluck [thee] out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.*" The inspired Written Word gives record us of the SPOKEN promises of the Almighty. We are told, "*Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty.*" The inverse is also true. Where He is not, there is bondage. "*God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in Truth. Now the Lord is that Spirit.*" Liberty has disappeared from our nation. Wicked men steadily remove His Truth and practice from our government and laws. Until our nation restores God to His rightful place, we will sink further into the muck of evil's bondage until we become (nay, already are) like the days of Noah when "*the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and...every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was ONLY EVIL CONTINUALLY.*" Anyone with an ounce of spiritual insight knows our government is godless! Our courts insult justice, destroy liberty, and make evil legal! Our leaders from local to federal represent only their own greed! It has been jokingly said for decades that if a politician's lips are moving, he's lying. It's no longer a joke, but harsh reality! God save us from politicians! Give us statesmen! It must begin at home. Today's child is tomorrow's leader. God-fearing men must be the spiritual leaders in our homes, or nation and freedom will disappear!

We're sanctified by Christ our Lord,
Through simple practice of His Word,
Though evil may assail us much,
We're safely kept by God's own Touch. –CGP



Believers and their posterity are truly protected, because Jesus Christ, Himself, petitioned our safety. It is one thing to pray for deliverance from consequences of our own doing, but quite another to faithfully obey God's Word in daily life to avoid them. Many times we want deliverance without repentance! Repentance isn't feeling remorse for sin, it is forsaking sin. We forsake sin through obedience. Loving God is more than voting right or signing petitions. It is diligent daily obedience of God's Word. It is the "*works of righteousness*" which inevitably follow true faith that sets men apart or "*keeps*" them from evil. Obedience is the evidence of faith!

"*Great Peace have they which love Thy Law: and NOTHING shall offend them.*" **Psalms 119:165 KJV**