

*“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”  
2 Peter 3:18*

# Sermon Notes

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**Title:** “Kept and Keeping” by Rev. John Downs

**Text:** 1 John 2:1-6

**If you are kept by Jesus you keep his commandments.**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 9:1-12

#### †PRAYER OF INVOCATION

#### †WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Nothing But The Blood  
Psalm 1

### CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:1 “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus..”

#### †WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

His Mercy Is More

#### †CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism #14 and #84, Elder Ed Baker

### WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING

Jesus, What A Friend For Sinners

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Brian Riedel

### WORSHIPING GOD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD

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### WORSHIPING GOD AROUND THE LORD’S TABLE IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

#### †SONG OF RESPONSE

Jesus Paid It All

#### †BENEDICTION

#### †DOXOLOGY

+ Congregation standing, as you are able

I. Kept By Jesus v.1-2

II. Keeping Jesus’s Commandments v.3-6

**Application – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22).**

Our responsibility, by God’s grace and power, is to consistently apply the truths of God’s Word that we have heard to our lives (Phil. 2:1-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on the sermon and this passage of Scripture, ask yourself these questions:

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a principle to follow?