

WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT THEY HAVE KEPT HIS WORD AND HAVE NOT DENIED HIS NAME?

• Kept my word—

- They received the word of God.
- They received it as the word of God.
- They believed and obeyed the word of God.

• Have not denied my name—

- In keeping the word of God they did not alter the identity—did not deny the name—of Jesus Christ. They believed him to be Creator and Redeemer, Sovereign Lord, a God of love and of judgment, a holy God who dwells in unapproachable light, a just God, righteous in all his ways, an all-wise, all-knowing, all-powerful God, a God who hates evil and sin, a God of providence who will complete his plan of glory with fullness and perfection, a God who convicts us of sin and calls us to salvation, a God who has communicated his truth to us clearly and effectively in the Bible.
- When we accommodate evolutionary theory and add millions of years to the the Genesis account, we deny his name as Creator. When we accommodate humanism and religion and the natural mind and refuse to acknowledge the nature of sin and the terrible guilt and punishment that awaits the unrepentant, then we deny his name as Redeemer and as holy.
- When we refuse to obey him in our daily walk, when we refuse to submit to the authority of his word, we deny his name as Lord and King. When we question his ways and rebel in anxiety and anger and disbelief, then we deny his name as righteous and just.

• Etcetera ...

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