I. We Need Burning Hearts

1. Within the Scriptures is the testimony of Christ (Jn. 5:39).
   a. To "search" is to examine or make a careful or thorough effort to learn something.
   b. Jesus commands us to learn of or from Him (Mt. 11:28-30).
2. Jesus used the Scriptures to show the things concerning Himself (Lk. 24:13-32).
   a. (Lk. 24:27): he expounded (*diermeneuo* G1329 verb) "to interpret fully" (*dia* "through," intensive, *hermeneuo*, "to interpret"); (Eng., "hermeneutics") (Vine vol. 2 p. 219).
3. The result of Jesus explaining all of these prophecies concerning Himself was burning hearts (Lk. 24:32).
   a. A burning heart shows **light** in comparison to darkness (Jn. 1:1-5).
   b. A burning heart has **zeal** in comparison to apathy (Rev. 3:15-16, 19).
   c. A burning heart is **passionate** in comparison to complacent (Lk. 24:33-35).

II. Love is Keeping God's Commandments

1. Jesus **taught** the connection between loving God and keeping His commandments (Jn. 14:15, 21, 23-24, 15:9-10, 12-14).
   a. So did the apostle John (1 Jn. 2:4-6, 5:3; 2 Jn. 6).
   b. Anyone that deemphasizes, downplays, or discourages the knowing and keeping of God's commandments **does not** love God!
   c. Keeping God's commandments and the love of God are linked (1 Jn. 5:3)!
2. Jesus **showed** the connection between loving God and keeping His commandments (Jn. 14:31, 15:10).
   a. Christ fulfilled **all** of the prophecies that were written about Him in the Old Testament (Lk. 24:44).
   b. The Old Testament prophecies included the cross and the proclamation of the gospel (Lk. 24:45-49).

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III. Be a Berean

1. Paul first visited Berea as he fled from Thessalonica due to persecution from the Jews (Ac. 17:1-10).
2. The Bereans were people who searched the Scriptures (Ac. 17:11).
   a. They were described as being "more noble" than those in Thessalonica meaning they were willing to learn or they were open-minded to the truth.
   b. They received the word indicating that they listened to and so received it favorably or embraced it.
   c. Not only were their minds open, but they were also willing and eager to learn.
   d. Even though they had an inspired teacher in Paul, they searched the Scriptures to validate the teaching.
   e. The frequency of their search of the Scriptures was daily.
3. The result of daily study of the Scriptures was conversion (Ac. 17:12).