

Keys To The Kingdom Of Heaven - Kimo Hoopai, January 8, 2023

Not your house, work or car Keys. Keys to the Kingdom is so important in our everyday life, introducing an unbeliever to Jesus Christ is the key to heaven. Someone who is passing would want the keys. Being an example of Jesus Christ leads someone to the Keys. Encouraging one another helps with holding on to the keys.

Resolution or Resurrection

Word (Keys) in Greek means Power and Authority. That's why the Kingdom of Heaven is so important because power and authority can be mistaken as a worldly concept.

Matthew 16:13-20 NIV

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, ¹⁹and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades ²⁰will not overcome it. ²¹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be ²²bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be ²³loosed in heaven." ²⁴Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Notes for 16:20: Jesus warned the disciples not to publicize Peter's confession because they did not fully understand the kind of Messiah he had come to be - not a military commander but a suffering servant. They need to come to a full understanding of Jesus and their mission as disciples before they could proclaim in a way that would not cause a rebellion. They would have a difficult time understanding what Jesus came to do until his earthly mission was complete.

Steps to the Keys

1. Repentance : Acts 2:38-39 NIV ³⁸Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

2. Prayer Life : John 15:14-15 NIV ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

3. Live in His Presence : Psalms 16:11 NIV You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

4. Study His Word : Psalms 119:105 NIV Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

5. Grow : Mark 11:23-24 NIV ²³“Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. ²⁴Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

6. Walk in Boldness : Luke 10:19-20 NIV ¹⁹I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

7. Be a Giver : Proverbs 18:16 NKJV A man’s gift makes room for him, And brings him before great men.

Matthew 6:33 NIV But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Closing : Give Christ Your Time, in Return You’ll Receive Your Keys !!!!!
RESOLUTION or RESURRECTION