And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, *and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."* Matthew 16:19

The Kingdom of God and You

There are only two kingdoms, and everyone belongs to one. Either you are a citizen of the Kingdom of heaven, or you are a citizen of the kingdom of this world; the kingdom of God, or the kingdom of satan - the kingdom of light, or the kingdom of darkness.

Jesus came into Galilee, ***preaching the Gospel of the kingdom of God****, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and* ***the kingdom of God is at hand:*** *repent, and believe the Gospel.* Mark 1:14

And He said, "To you it has been given ***to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God."*** Luke 8:10. (Ephesians 1:18-19)

And I bestow upon you a kingdom*, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me.* Luke 22:29

We are citizens of the Kingdom of God. The Bible explains the vast differences between the Believer in Christ, and the unbeliever.

As citizens of heaven, we are _____ to do certain things that the citizens of this world cannot do.

We have free and constant access to the King. In fact, we are encouraged to go there and find audience with Him.

Let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, ***that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.*** Heb. 4:16

We are citizens of a Kingdom ruled by a King who wants our fellowship. He is infinitely concerned about us!

The Power of The Kingdom Keys

The victorious Christian realizes the significance of the Keys.

It is amazing to realize God has given us the authority to unlock the doors of heaven!

Core Point: We have an authorized connection to the real but invisible Kingdom of God. When we use our Kingdom keys, we bridge the power of God's Kingdom into our lives and into the world around us.

When God gave the keys of the kingdom to His church He was saying, **"I'm giving you something I'm not giving to anyone else in the whole world. Do something with it."**

Christ gives us His Kingdom Keys. In doing so He establishes our _____ with Him in seeing His purpose of spiritual liberation prevail in His Church and in the lives of people.

I shall give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth [forbid to be done], shall have been already bound [forbidden to be done] in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth [permit to be done], shall have already been loosed in heaven [permitted to be done]. Matthew 16:19 Wuest

There are two dimensions in which anything is bound or loosed. One of them has already been accomplished - the realm of the heaven, the invisible realm. The other is the visible realm where you and I live and move. **The Lord says literally *I have done My part in the invisible realm. Now, what will you do?***

The Kingdom message includes four areas of Revelation:

- It recognizes **the higher authority** of God's kingdom.
- It recognizes God's kingdom is precious and to be sought for.
- It recognizes there is **kingdom standard** to live by.
- It recognizes **Jesus is King and will return and reign forever.**

Jesus has two objectives concerning the keys. (Matthew 16:18)

1. The building of His Church.
2. The breaking of the strongholds of satan and hell.

Jesus defines the Church's Authority – *"I will give you the keys of the kingdom."* By preaching the gospel, we open and shut the doors of heaven. To those who believe, we declare their forgiveness on the basis of the gospel. To those who reject our message, we declare that they are still in their sins. When we make those declarations on the basis of the gospel, we are declaring on earth what God has already ratified in heaven.

Kingdom keys enable **the unlocking of prison doors,** and setting free those who are bound.

- Keys represent authority.
- Keys establish possession.
- Keys permit passage. Revelation 3:7
- Keys speak of our privilege and partnership with Christ.

Core Statement: I am a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven! I have been authorized to use the Keys of His Kingdom to set the captives free, and unlock Heaven's best in my life, and in the lives of all who receive the Good News of Christ!