

KEYS TO THE KINGDOM - 5

"RESTORER OF THE KINGDOM"

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GOD COMMUNICATED WITH SINFUL MAN THROUGH:

1. PATRIARCHS - Chosen Men Who Trusted Him.

Gen. 3:15; Gen. 6:11-22; Gen. 12:1-3; Gen 15:1-6

2. ISRAEL - Chosen People Who Made a Covenant with Him.

Ex. 3:1-10

3. PROPHETS - Chosen Persons Who Spoke for Him.

Deut. 18:18-20

4. CHRIST - the "Chosen One" - the Son of God.

John 1:17-18 The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. But God the only Son is very close to the Father, and he has shown us what God is like. (NCV)

CHRIST CAME TO:

1. FULFILL WHAT ADAM FAILED TO DO.

Rom. 5:18-19 So as one sin of Adam brought the punishment of death to all people, one good act that Christ did makes all people right with God. And that brings true life for all. One man disobeyed God, and many became sinners. In the same way, one man obeyed God, and many will be made right. (NCV)

2. DESTROY THE WORKS OF SATAN.

1 John 3:8 But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil. (NLT)

3. RESTORE WHAT ADAM LOST.

John 10:10 "A thief comes to steal and kill and destroy, but I came to give life – life in all its fullness." (NCV)

CHRIST DID WHAT ADAM FAILED TO DO BY:

a. Overcoming Satan's temptations.

Heb. 4:15 For our high priest is able to understand our weaknesses. When he lived on earth, he was tempted in every way that we are, but he did not sin. (NCV)

b. Living a life of perfect obedience and service to God.

Phil. 2:8 And when he was living as a man, he humbled himself and was fully obedient to God, even when that caused his death – death on a cross. (NCV)

c. Maintaining an intimate connection with God.

John 15:9-10 "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love." (NRSV)

JESUS CHRIST FINISHED HIS WORK OF DESTROYING THE WORKS OF SATAN WHEN HE:

1. Dealt with the Penalty for All Sins by Dying on the Cross.

2 Cor. 5:21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. (NLT)

2. Dealt with the Curse of Sin.

a. He died to bring healing for our diseases.

Isa. 53:4-5 Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. (NRSV)

Matt. 8:16-17 That evening many demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. He cast out the evil spirits with a simple command, and he healed all the sick. This fulfilled the word of the Lord through the prophet Isaiah, who said, "He took our sicknesses and removed our diseases." (NLT)

b. He rose from the dead to conquer death.

1 Cor. 15:3-4 I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me – that Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, as the Scriptures said. (NLT)

Col. 2:15 God stripped the spiritual rulers and powers of their authority. With the cross, he won the victory and showed the world that they were powerless. (NCV)



Key-5: UNDERSTAND THE FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST.

BECAUSE OF THE FINISHED WORK OF JESUS CHRIST, WE CAN BE ASSURED OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. <u>THE CROSS</u> - When He died on the cross, Christ gained forgiveness for all sins – past, present and future. We are forgiven by God because of the blood of Jesus.

Eph. 1:7 He is so rich in kindness that he purchased our freedom through the blood of his Son, and our sins are forgiven. (NLT)

Col. 2:13-14 You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ. He forgave all our sins. He canceled the record that contained the charges against us. He took it and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's cross. (NLT)

2 Cor. 5:19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. This is the wonderful message he has given us to tell others. (NLT)

2. THE RESURRECTION - When He rose from the dead, Christ gained eternal life for all who would believe.

1 Cor. 15:21-22 So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, Adam, now resurrection from the dead has begun through another man, Christ. Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. (NLT)

3. <u>RESTORATION</u> - We are saved into God's kingdom when we believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord.

Acts 10:43 "All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." (NRSV)

Col. 1:13-14 For he has rescued us from the one who rules in the kingdom of darkness, and he has brought us into the Kingdom of his dear Son. God has purchased our freedom with his blood and has forgiven all our sins. (NLT)