



KEYS TO THE KINGDOM - 10

"ROYAL ENVOY"

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GOD SENT HIS SON AS "GOD-MAN" TO RECONCILE SINFUL MAN TO GOD AND TO RESTORE THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN TO EARTH.

Luke 4:18-19 *"The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the LORD's favor has come."* (NLT)

Col. 1:13-14 *For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.* (NLT)

CHRIST SENDS HIS SPIRIT-FILLED FOLLOWERS AS HIS ROYAL AMBASSADORS TO RELEASE THE BLESSINGS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN ON EARTH.

John 20:21-22 *Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."* (NLT)

2 Cor. 5:18-20 *And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"* (NLT)

1 Peter 2:9 *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.* (NRSV)

HOW CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS FULFILL THEIR MISSION ON EARTH:

1. They will assert Christ's power and authority in their ministry.

Mark 3:14-15 *Then he appointed twelve of them and called them his apostles. They were to accompany him, and he would send them out to preach, giving them authority to cast out demons.* (NLT)

Matt. 13:11 *Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted."* (NASB)

2. They will celebrate the emblems of the New Covenant.

a. Baptism of New Believers

Rom. 6:4 *When we were baptized, we were buried with Christ and shared his death. So, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the wonderful power of the Father, we also can live a new life.* (NCV)

b. Celebration of the Lord's Supper

1 Cor. 11:23-26 *For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.* (NKJV)

3. They will grow and serve in a spiritual community.

Acts 2:42-47

a. For teaching - DISCIPLESHIP

b. For fellowship - Community

c. For sharing the Gospel with signs and wonders - EVANGELISM

d. For blessing each other and their community - MINISTRY

e. For joyously praising God together - WORSHIP

4. They will perform the ministry of Christ.

John 14:12-14 *"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!"* (NLT)

a. They will preach the Gospel of the Kingdom with power.

Mark 16:15 *And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."* (NLT)

b. They will make disciples.

Matt. 28:19-20 *"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you."* (NLT)

c. They will destroy the works of the devil.

Mark 16:17-18 *"These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."* (NASB)

How the Works of the Devil are Destroyed

(1) By demonstrating the love of Christ.

John 13:34-35 *"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."* (NLT)

(2) By ministering to the sick.

Matt. 10:7-8 *"And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."* (NKJV)

(3) By engaging in spiritual warfare.

2 Cor. 10:3-5 *We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.* (NLT)

(4) By transforming individuals, families, communities, and nations.

Matt. 5:13-16 *"You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. You are the light of the world – like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."* (NLT)

5. They will prepare as Christ's glorious Bride for His Second Coming.

Eph. 5:25-27 *For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.* (NLT)

Isa. 25:9 *And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the Lord; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."* (NKJV)



Key-10: USE MY LIFE TO HONOR AND SERVE MY KING AS HIS ROYAL ENVOY.