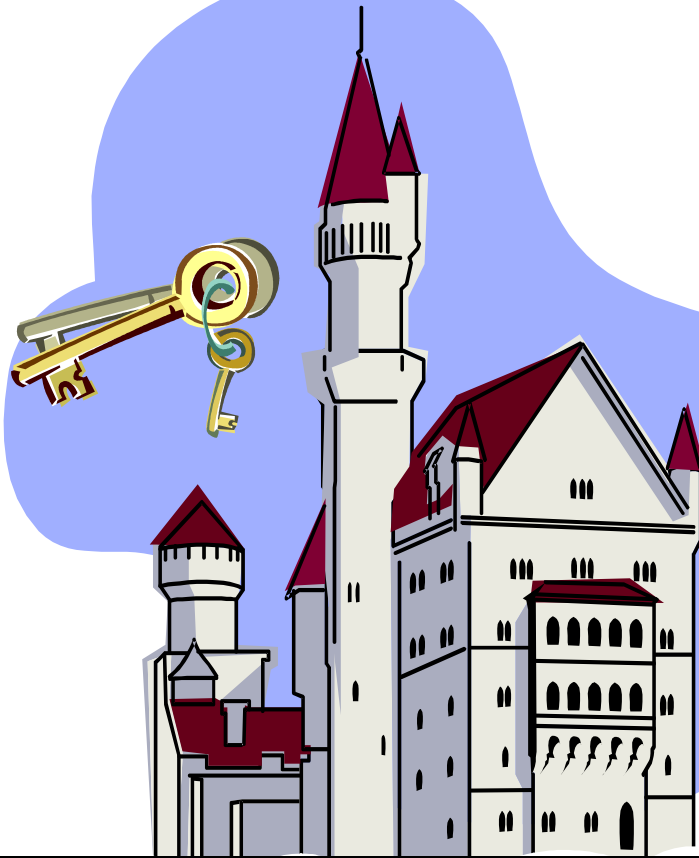


KEYS TO THE KINGDOM



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– INTRODUCTION

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

THE WORD OF GOD

Facts about the Bible

A) The Bible declares itself to be the pure truth of God, preserved forever:

Psalms 12:6-7 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever.

Psalms 119:160 Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth forever.

Psalms 119:89 Forever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

B) The Bible declares itself to be inspired by God:

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

C) The Bible teaches that the Word of God is God:

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

D) The Bible teaches that man needs God's Word:

Luke 4:4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

E) The Bible states that obedience is required of all men:

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

Hebrews 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

F) The Bible states that salvation (eternal life) can only come through God's Word:

Psalms 119:41 Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, even thy salvation, according to thy word.

James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

2Thessalonians 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

G) The Bible warns of the danger of rejecting the truth of God's Word:

2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

H) The Bible warns us that we will be judged by God's Word and what we do with it:

2 Thessalonians 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Daniel 7:10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

– BIBLE SALVATION

Biblical salvation consists of three essential parts:

A) Repentance

The Bible stresses the importance of repentance—which is the first step to God:

Luke 13:3,5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

B) Baptism

Baptism is not an option, but rather a required component of salvation:

Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

1 Peter 3:21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Biblical baptism follows repentance. It requires full immersion in water, and is always in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission (or washing away) of sins:

Acts 19:5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

C) Receiving the Holy Ghost

Receiving the Holy Ghost is also required for New Testament salvation:

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Acts 5:32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

This promise is also for you. You need to begin by obeying Acts 2:38!