

Wednesday Bible Study – July 30, 2014
"Who Holds the Key Today?" – (Revelation 3:7)

Read Revelation 3:7-11

Look at the literal translation of Revelation 3:7 – “*And to the angel of the in Philadelphia Church write: These things says the Holy One, the True One, the One having the key of David, the One opening and no one shall shut, and shutting and no one opens.*”

HAGIOS – Holy – a reference to the Holiness of Christ, as the 2nd Person of the godhead.

This is a reference to the recipients of imputed righteousness.

IMPUTATIONS

- I. The Imputation of Adam's sin to the race on which fact the Doctrine of Original Sin is based.
- II. The imputation of the sins of man to Christ on which the Doctrine of Salvation is based.
- III. The imputation of the Righteousness of God to those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, on which the Doctrine of Justification is based (Note Romans 7:28 with XYZ radical).

ROMANS 8:28

X = (HL+AOS = P1+Gospel = H1) +

Y = (J1+J2 = P2 + Sp.Fd. = H2) +

Z = (EL+BT = P3 + Esc.Truth/US =H3)

= GOD'S GLORY

There are *real* imputations (a place or receptacle for the imputation to go), and *judicial* imputations (no receptacle for the imputation). Christ had no receptacle for our sins to be imputed to Him, yet He received them willingly. This was a *judicial* imputation. It was necessary because we are powerless to deal with our own sin.

X Human life is imputed to the soul, and AOS is imputed to the genetically formed old sin nature, *real* imputations, and this actually gives the potential or hope of salvation; this is **positional sanctification**.

Y A Judicial imputation to Christ of our sins, plus the judicial imputation of imputed righteous to us at salvation gives the second potential; with Spiritual food, which God provides us all as believers, we are in turn given the hope of spiritual growth and **experiential sanctification**.

Z Eternal life, plus blessings in time provides a third potential of advancing maturity; when combined with eschatological truths and undeserved suffering, a third hope is established for the mature believer to exit this life in **ultimate sanctification**. This glorifies God.

Revelation 3:7 - THE KEY OF DAVID

WHO HOLDS THE KEY TODAY?

1. One of the strongest, soundest churches of the Ancient world was the church of Philadelphia. Philadelphia was one of the most doctrinal churches.
2. Jesus is described as the HOLY ONE, the TRUE ONE, the ONE having the KEY OF DAVID.
3. He has and is holding the key – and uses the key.
4. The Word key is Kleis (kleis) noun in the accusative case.
 - 1) David was a great man
 - 2) David was a man after God's own heart
 - 3) David sinned – but was not EVIL.
 - 4) David was a Grace Abounding Believer
 - 5) David did not earn or deserve these blessings.
 - 6) The Key of David – is a synonym for the Grace Abounding Life – Spiritual Food Residing In the Soul – Echo life.
 - 7) Jesus Christ holds that key! The same Person holds the KEY today, and is waiting to pour out echo zone (EZ) blessings to His own. Sadly, so many do not have enough together to see their need of staying with Truth on a daily basis.
5. The Key of David is a synonym for the Lord Jesus Christ and His ability to unlock all Grace blessings. This is a *key* and not keys. This is not the key of Jeremiah, Paul or Peter; it is the *Key of David* – the messianic line. Jesus Christ is the genuine, true, set-apart One. He holds the record for telling the Truth – *He does not lie*.
6. “He is the One opening” – we haven't a thing to offer. He is worthy, and *we are totally dependant upon His worthiness*. Study again Revelation 3:4 “...walk with Me in white because they are worthy”. “In white” is the word (λευκός) leukois = stainless, no spots – *accounted worthy* – Luke 20:35 – The major word is KATAZIOHETES (APP n.m.pl. of KATAZIOU) – Next, II Thessalonians 1:5, 11 *accounted worthy* – There is a great difference between “considered worthy” and “accounted worthy”. We are not worthy – Christ IS, and He has placed HIS WORTHINESS INTO OUR ACCOUNT – SO WE ARE ACCOUNTED WORTHY! WE ARE TREATED AS WORTHY.
7. We walk in Christ by Faith – we walk before Him in His sight and we walk worthy of Him in His Righteousness. The merit is not our own – He is the only One qualified to open the door (Salvation or blessings) and the only one qualified to shut the door.
 - 1) The Lord respects individual volition – choice.
 - 2) A believer in apostasy cannot receive Grace Blessings.
 - 3) Neither angel nor man can give a person on the wrong track Grace (EZ) blessings.
 - 4) Only One Person who has the KEY to Salvation or blessings.
 - 5) EZ blessings are designed for EZ people with capacity (OWC).

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