



The Keys of Heaven Ministries

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The Keys of Heaven & The Christian Gospel. From The Bible: King James Version

Hi, I'm Gary Westgerdes, Founder of The Keys of Heaven Ministries.

I was born and raised in a Catholic family in a mostly Catholic Community, in Ohio. At age seven a religion class that I was in was being taught about heaven and hell; God was convicting me of my sin and I was worried about going to hell. A week or so later, the class teacher, I don't know why, read John 3:16 and upon hearing God's word I was born again as I trusted in Jesus for the forgiveness of my sins, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." After wandering from God my Father this prodigal son sought Him, after coming close to death, and returned home at age 23 for forgiveness. I celebrated my 50th year as a child of God the summer of 2013. My desire for the Bible Believing Ministry is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"And the Spirit and the bride (believers) say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Revelation 22:17

Jesus: Matthew 16:19, 21 "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven ... From that time forth began Jesus to shew ... His disciples, how that He must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day." **Paul: 1 Corinthians 15:1-5, 8** "Brethren, I declare unto you the Gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures: and that He was seen ..." **Peter: Acts 10:36, 39-43** "Preaching peace by Jesus Christ ... whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up the third day and shewed Him openly ... even to us, who did eat and drink with Him after He rose from the dead. And He commanded us ... to testify that it is He which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins." **Paul: 1 Corinthians 1:17-18, 21, 23, 30, 31** "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God ... it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe ... we preach Christ crucified ... who of God is made unto us wisdom ... righteousness ... sanctification and redemption: He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." **Paul: Romans 5:1, 17** "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ ... For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ."

Roman Catholic Teachings & Their Gospel of Salvation!

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JESUS "1. By His Death ... Resurrection, Jesus ... "Opened" Heaven to Us (CCC-1026). **SALVATION** 2. [The Church] Has Received the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven ... In her, sins may be forgiven through Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit's action ... the soul dead through sin comes back to life (CCC-981). 3. "Through Christ's CATHOLIC CHURCH ALONE ... the fullness of ... Salvation can be obtained ... The APOSTOLIC COLLEGE ALONE ... which Peter is the head ... that Our Lord entrusted all the blessings of the New Covenant ... to establish the One Body of Christ into which all ... should be fully incorporated" (CCC-816). 4. "Outside The Church ... No Salvation." Basing itself on Scripture and Tradition ... The Church ... is Necessary for Salvation (CCC-846). **SACRAMENTS** 6. The Saving ... instruments by which the Holy Spirit Spreads the Grace of Christ (CCC-774). 7. For believers The Sacraments ... Are Necessary for Salvation (CCC-1129). **BAPTISM** 14. Baptism is birth into the New Life in Christ ... it is Necessary for Salvation (CCC-1277). 17. By Faith in the Gospel and Baptism ... One renounces evil and gains Salvation ... Forgiveness of All Sins (CCC-1427). 21. "Since Christ died for all, and ... Are in fact called to One and the Same Destiny ... The Holy Spirit offers to all the possibility of being partakers ... of the paschal mystery." Every Man Who Is Ignorant of the Gospel of Christ and of his Church, but seeks the Truth and Does the Will of God in Accordance with his Understanding of it, can be Saved. It may be supposed that Such Persons would have desired Baptism explicitly if they had known its necessity (CCC-1260). **PENANCE** 23. If the Church has the Power to Forgive Sins, then Baptism cannot be her only means of using the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven (CCC-979). 24. The Sacrament of Penance is Necessary for Salvation for Those ... Fallen after Baptism (CCC-980). 26. Individual ... Confession and Absolution remain the Only Ordinary Way for the faithful to Reconcile ... with God and the Church unless physical or moral impossibility (CCC-1484). 27. Only Priest who have received the faculty of absolving from the authority of the Church can forgive sins in the name of Christ (CCC-1495). **CONFIRMATION** 30. The Sacrament of Confirmation is the full out pouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the Day of Pentecost (CCC-1302). **EUCARIST / MASS** 36. The Sacrifice of Christ and the Sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single Sacrifice: "The Victim is ... the same ... only the Manner of Offering Is Different." ... In the Mass ... Christ ... is offered in an un-bloody manner" (CCC-1367). 38. When the Church celebrates the Eucharist the Sacrifice Christ offered once for all on the Cross remains ever present ... Celebrated on The Altar, The Work of Our Redemption is Carried Out (CCC-1364). 39. Christ gives us the Very Blood which, He gave ... on the cross, the very blood ... "Poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (CCC-1365).

Peter: Acts 2:22-24, 31, 32 "Ye men of Israel ... Jesus ... being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken and by wicked hands have **crucified** and **slain**: whom God hath **raised** up, having loosed the pains of **death**: because it was not possible that He should be holden of it ... He seeing this before spake of the **resurrection** of Christ, that His soul was not left in hell, neither His flesh did see corruption this Jesus hath God **raised** up ... **we ... are witnesses.**" **Paul: Colossians 2:8** "**Beware** lest any man spoil you through **philosophy** and **vain deceit**, after the **traditions of men**, and **not after Christ.**" **Hebrews 9:24-28** "**For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands**, which are the figures of the true: **but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that He should offer Himself often** ... For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: **but now in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.** And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: **So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him, shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation.**" **Jesus: Matthew 11:25, 28-30** "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes ... **Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.**" **Paul: 2 Corinthians 5:20, 21** "**Now then ... be ye reconciled to God. For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.**" **King David: Psalm 51:1-3, 7, 9, 10** "**Have mercy on me, O God**, according to Thy loving kindness: According unto ... Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. **Wash me** ... from mine iniquity ... cleanse me from my sin ... For I acknowledge my transgressions ... Wash me and I shall be **whiter than snow** ... Hide thy face from my sins ... blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; And **renew a right spirit within me.**" **John: Revelation 1:4; 5:9** "**Peace from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come ... unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood ...**" "**They sung ... for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood ... and hast made us unto our God kings and priest: and we shall reign on the earth.**" **Paul's Focus & Statement of Faith: Galatians 6:14; 5:20** "**But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.**" & "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ liveth in me**: and the life which I now live in the flesh **I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.** I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."

JESUS: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" Jn 14:6.

God the Father's Son, the sinless Jesus shed His blood, suffering the penalty of **death** for all our sin. Jesus was **buried** and **rose** in victory, over sin and death. **By believing in Jesus the hell bound sinner receives forgiveness**, Jesus' righteousness, everlasting life and is indwelt by God the Holy Spirit; sealed as God's child and strengthened to love God and others like Jesus. Read God's Word, confess and turn from your sin, **{use the keys of heaven to enter}**

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40. It Re-Presents ... The Sacrifice of the Cross ... It applies its fruit: [Christ ... wanted] to leave ... the Church a **Visible Sacrifice** ... Re-Presented ... and ... Applied to the forgiveness of the sins we daily commit (**CCC-1366**). **PARTICIPATION OF LAY PEOPLE IN CHRIST'S PRIESTLY OFFICE.** **42.** The Eucharist is also the Sacrifice of the Church. **The Church** which is **the Body of Christ participates in the offering of her Head. With Him, she herself is offered** whole and entire. She unites herself to His intercession ... In The Eucharist the Sacrifice of Christ becomes also the Sacrifice of the members of His body ... Their praise, sufferings, prayers, and work, are **united** with those of Christ and with His total offering ... Christ's Sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be **united with His offering (CCC-1368)**. **45.** The Eucharistic Sacrifice is also offered for the faithful departed who "Have died in Christ but are not yet wholly purified" (**CCC-1371**). **PURGATORY** **46.** All who die in God's grace ... still imperfectly purified, are ... assured of ... eternal **Salvation** ... after death they undergo purification (**CCC-1030**). **47.** The Church gives the name Purgatory to this (**CCC-1031**). **48.** The Church ... commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance ... on behalf of the dead (**CCC-1032**). **ANOINTING OF THE SICK** **51.** (This) Sacrament ... completes our conformity to death and resurrection of Christ, just as Baptism began it (**CCC-1523**). **CHURCH / MOTHER** **55.** **Salvation** comes from God alone ... "We believe the Church as the Mother of our new birth, and not ... the author of our **Salvation**" (**CCC-169**). **56.** The Church ... guards "The faith ..." Our Mother teaches us the language of faith in order ... to introduce us to the understanding and the life of faith (**CCC-171**). **57.** The Churches message "Is true and solid ... one and the same way of **Salvation** appears throughout the Whole World" (**CCC-174**). **AUTHENTIC INTERPRETATION** **58.** Both Scriptures and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments (**CCC-82**). **59.** "The task of giving an Authentic Interpretation of the Word of God ... written ... or ... tradition, has been entrusted to ... **THE CHURCH ALONE**" (**CCC-85**). **60.** "Sacred **Tradition** ... **Scriptures** and the **Magisterium** of the Church ... **one ... cannot stand without the others** ... they all contribute ... to the **Salvation** of Souls" (**CCC-95**). **MARY** **61.** "Mary ... is inseparably linked with the **Saving** work of her Son" (**CCC-1172**). **62.** Mary ... Mother of all the living ... pray with and to her (**CCC-2679**). **SOCIAL DUTY** **65.** The Social duty of Christians is to respect and awaken in each man the love of the true and the good. It requires them to make known the worship of

THE ONE TRUE RELIGION ... THE CATHOLIC ... CHURCH (CCC-2105)."

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SOME FINAL THOUGHTS

JESUS: "Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: **Blessed** are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." **John 20:29**

JOHN: "**Blessed** is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand." **Revelation 1:3**

LUKE: "A certain **woman** of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto Him, **Blessed** is the **womb** that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. But He [**Jesus**] said, Yea rather, **Blessed** are they that hear the word of God, and keep it." **Luke 11:27, 28**

