

The Gospel According To LUKE

Chapter 9:1-26

“Keys To The Kingdom!”

Key #1- POWERFUL COMMISSIONS (v1-9)

(v1-2) **“power”**- *dunamis*-strength power, ability, inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth power for performing miracles; moral power & excellence of soul. **“authority”**- *exousia*- (in the sense of ability); privilege, i.e. (subjectively) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (objectively) mastery, delegated influence.

> **What is the purpose of this power & authority? To have authority over all demons, to cure diseases & to preach the kingdom of God! Jesus also gave a similar command in Acts 1:8-** *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*” And in **Matthew 28:18-20-** *“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. Paul motivates us in Romans 10:13-15 by saying-* *For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!” Porter Barrington an evangelist inspires us with the following, “According to the word of God the lost cannot be saved without a witness. They must have a witness to hear; they must hear to believe; they must believe to call; and they must call to be saved. But they cannot call until they believe and they cannot believe until they hear and they cannot hear without a witness. **“So then faith (saving faith) comes by hearing”** (verse 17). We are not born with saving faith; it comes only when we hear the gospel. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that every born again child of God obey the great commission to evangelize, to **GO WITH THE GOSPEL!**”*

> **What should we tell people? That Christ died for our SINS & rose again according to the Scriptures.** -Three thousand were saved at Pentecost because the 120 witnessed; the eunuch was saved because Philip witnessed; Saul was tapped out because of Stephen’s testimony to the point of martyrdom, Jesus on Saul’s road to Damascus, and Ananias witnessed to see Saul’s conversion to Paul the Apostle; let us not forget Cornelius and his household were saved because Peter witnessed—The Philippian jailer and his household were saved because Paul and Silas witnessed; YOU are saved because someone or many witnessed to you!
(v7-9) **The witness of John the Baptist - Mark 6:14-29**

Key #2- PRACTICAL PROVISIONS (v10-17)

(v11) Notice that Jesus feeds the hungry SOUL **“spoke to them about the kingdom of God.”**

(v12-17) Then Jesus takes care of the physical needs. (Twelve baskets are left over, possibly in representation of the twelve tribes of Israel.)

Key #3- PRAYERFUL REVELATIONS (v18-22)

Revelation #1- Jesus is the ONE & only Christ of God. (Prophecies respecting Christ)

Revelation #2- Jesus will conquer death and offer all ETERNAL life! (I Corinthians 15:1-11)

Key #4- PERSONAL APPLICATIONS (v23-26)

- **Application of DENIAL** - Receiving and giving unconditional love- *agape!*

- **Application of the CROSS** - Humility & forgiveness!

- **Application of following JESUS** - A life of grace & peace, joy & hope!

- **Application of SALVATION** - No guilt or condemnation, no works, it’s a gift from God! (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8,9)

- **Application of no SHAME** - We’ll return with Christ in glory! (Rev. 19:11-11-16; Matthew 24:29-31)
We’ll have **glorified** bodies (2 Cor. 5:1-9) and we shall reign with Christ on earth as kings and priests (Rev. 5:10). We will inherit the New Jerusalem! (Rev. ch. 21 & 22)