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Greetings from
Reverend Hicks,

When Jesus Christ lived on this Earth in a Body of Flesh, He used His Father's Will of Redemption, Will of Revelation, and Will of Satisfaction. It is *God's Will* to satisfy our heart, but we cannot know the Satisfying portion of God's Will until *after* we have experienced His Will of Redemption and His Will of Revelation. Then, and only then, are we allowed to enter into the thrill of His Will of Satisfaction, which includes Mercy, Rest, Keys, and Reward. In this issue of "Christ for Youth," we shall study the first of the Keys in the Father's Will of Satisfaction.

From **the Desk** of...
Rev. B. R. Hicks

Keys, in the Word of God, symbolize Knowledge. Just as a natural key will unlock a closed door, so will Knowledge unlock that which is closed and inaccessible in the spiritual realm.

God's Word reveals a Stature of Truth about the Keys of Knowledge that were committed first to the Apostle Peter.

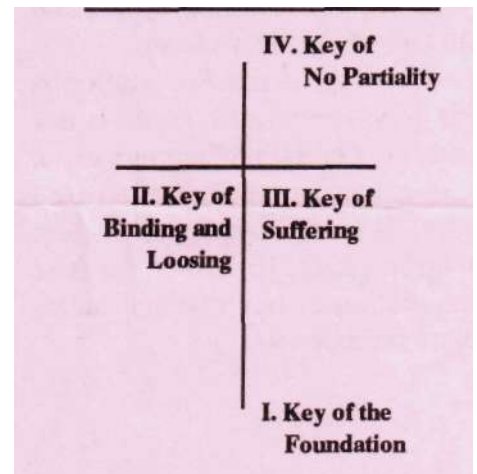
After Peter made the true confession, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus said:

...Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art

Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven (Matthew 16:17-19).

When Jesus said, "I will," His action did not come from His own human will, but from God's Divine Will that was within Him. In the Book of John, our LORD plainly declared: "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 5:30). Thus, it was out of

God's Will of Satisfaction that Jesus promised Peter these Keys of Satisfying Knowledge.



The Apostle Peter faithfully put all four of these Keys of Knowledge to use.

I. Key of the Foundation

The first Key of Knowledge Peter received was the Key of the Foundation, which pertains to the Blood, Fire, and Water found in the Courtyard or the Foot-realm of the Stature of Jesus Christ.

Then Peter said unto them, *Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ* for the remission of sins, and ye shall *receive the gift of the Holy Ghost* (Acts 2:38).

Before His Crucifixion, Jesus Christ rebuked the Pharisees who, while they, too, possessed the Keys of Knowledge of the Truth, had failed to enter into the Kingdom for themselves, and they had withheld the Truth from others, lest they enter in and be saved.

In his first message on the Day of Pentecost, Peter presented the Key of the Foundation of all spiritual growth and building: Repentance, Water Baptism, and the Gift of the Holy Ghost.

The Key of the Foundation is one Key. However, because it is a spiritual Key rather than a natural one, it can and does have three sides, all of which must be in their proper place in order for the Foundation of our spiritual building to be complete.

A. Repent

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent...." People repent by coming to the Blood of Jesus Christ, accepting it as God's Eternal Propitiation for sin, and

applying it, by faith, for the forgiveness of their sins. This is Salvation.

The same Principle was in operation in the Old Testament Tabernacle. The first thing a repentant sinner encountered when he entered the door of the Mosaic Tabernacle was the Brazen Altar where the blood sacrifices were offered for sin. Blood had to be shed for sin, for "...without shedding of blood is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22).

B. Water Baptism

The second thing Peter told the people to do on the Day of Pentecost was to "...be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,..."

The second piece of furniture in the Courtyard of the Old Testament Tabernacle was the Laver, which was filled with Water out of the Rock. God's Word plainly declares that the Rock that followed Israel in her wilderness journey was *Christ*

And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: *and that Rock was Christ* (II Corinthians 10:4).

Christ's Waters of Truth are found in His Holy Word. As you read Christ's Living Words, the Waters of Truth flow out and wash your soul of its ignorance and error.

C. Gift of the Holy Ghost

On the Day of Pentecost, Peter used the Key of the Foundation to

tell the people about the Gift of the Holy Ghost.

"...and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." In the Old Testament, when the sacrificial offering was in place on the Brazen Altar, according to God's Master Plan and Purposive Will, supernatural Fire fell upon the sacrifice to consume it and change it into a sweet smelling fragrance that ascended into the nostrils of the LORD. This Fire was a type of the Holy Ghost Fire that Peter spoke.

The pattern is the same wherever we look in God's Word. The blood, Fire, and Water in the outer Court of the Tabernacle formed the foundation of the entire Tabernacle. And in the New Testament, Peter declared the Truth of the Foundation, which is repentance through the Blood of Jesus Christ, Water Baptism in the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the Gift of the Holy Ghost and Fire.

To Peter was given the Key of the Foundation, and on the Day of Pentecost, when he first used this Key to preach Blood, Fire, and Water, some three thousand souls were added to the Church in a single day.

Young people, if you desire to grow spiritually, you must learn to use this spiritual Key of the Foundation in your own personal life. In every situation, there is something for you to repent about so you can receive a new portion of the Blood of Jesus Christ upon your soul. And there are some portions of your fleshly nature that will be destroyed only as you plunge, by faith, into new depths

of the Waters of Christ's Name, Death, and Resurrection Life. Then, with a new portion of the Blood of Jesus Christ and a new portion of the Waters of His Name, Death, and Life, you will find a new measure of the Fire of the Holy Ghost burning on the altar of your heart.

If you start using this first Key of Knowledge, the Key of the Foundation, then in the next issue of "Christ for Youth" you will be ready to learn about the other Keys of Knowledge Peter received from the LORD.



....The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
James 5:16

....whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be saved.
Acts 2:21

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing ye shall receive.
Matthew 21:22

Are you coming to Youth Convention August the 8th, 9th and 10th? You won't want to miss it!



BE SURE TO ORDER THE NEW BOOK WRITTEN BY REV.
B. R. HICKS CALLED, "Jacob's Warfare". IT
SELLS FOR \$5.00 AND CAN BE ORDERED FROM THE
PRESS DEPARTMENT. Don't miss it!!!

**SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY
WITH US. HERE IS ONE
THAT BLESSED US AND WE
HOPE IT WILL BLESS YOU
TOO!**

My name is Crystal Hill and I go to a public school and people are always asking, "Why don't you wear pants? Why are you always wearing long skirts? Why don't you ever wear make-up? Why don't you wear jewelry?" I thank the LORD for not letting me get a bad spirit or let the flesh get on the throne but let my heart take control over what I say.

On one side it makes me happy because I know then that people see something different in me that is different and I know that you have to be different to make it to the New City.

Here is news from...

PRESQUE ISLE, MAINE

Dear Christ For Youth Newsletter,

The month of March came and went by so swiftly. We have had three youth prayer meetings this month.

Each one has been so different, the LORD is moving in hearts and wills like we haven't seen, Oh - we didn't say we were riding on high clouds, we are learning to be warriors!

Our church had revival with Rev. Judy Lynn. She is beautiful, not only in the natural but spiritual too. We had a youth winter picnic in the middle of the month. We played volleyball on the ice and it changed the game to who could stand up, not who could hit the ball.

Our chef cooked cheeseburgers and hot dogs on the grill in the snow. We ate indoors to warm up. We didn't have to worry about bugs flying around, only snowballs flying by.

We ended the month with a youth board game. We laid 100 pieces of cardboard on the fellowship hall floor and the youth were the game pieces and they rolled a dice to see how many moves they would make. Example: Prayed and studied today -- go ahead 10 spaces, cheated on your test -- go back 8 spaces. We played boys against the

girls, and the boys won! We are looking forward to our other youth activities.

Here is another letter we received from this youth group. (We are so glad they write to us!!!)

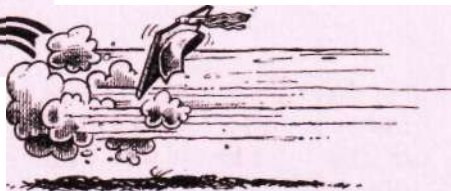
Dear Christ For Youth,

We up here in Presque Isle are still travelling on. The month of April we had a Country Western Night for the youth at our church. We had a story on a horse trying to get out of the fence. he did get out but he returned. We played some games. Two of the games were Pin the Tail on the Horse and the other we put cardboard heads of horses on the end of broom sticks and had to use a rope and the horse and a partner would rope a pole with the rope and tie it in a bow. We had many laughs that night!

We have two graduating from high school this year - **Holly Mullen** and **Joey Nichols**. We also have some birthdays:

April - Christi Thibault
15 years old
May - Renae McHatten
21 years old

Happy Birthday



Ryan Martin
14 years old
Holly Mullen
18 years old
Joey Nichols
19 years old
Jerry Boulrier
15 years old

June

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 1991 GRADUATES!

We are in a fund raiser called "Operation Youth. Some of this money we collect will help some of us get to Youth Convention in August. We pray the LORD pours out His blessing so we can all make it in August to convention. We are excited about it!

We are keeping on going on, up here in Presque Isle, Maine.

Thanks for all

Christ Gospel Youth
Presque Isle, Maine

PLEASE LET US HEAR WHAT YOUR YOUTH GROUP IS DOING!

Graduates from the Jeffersonville Christ Gospel Church are

- Ester Pascoe
(High School)
- Johnathan Wilson
(High School)
- Stephen Beatty
(High School)
- Kevin Davis
(High School)
- Johnathan Jones
(High School)
- Alicia Mitchell
(Indiana University South East)
- Jerry Gage
(High School)
- Elizabeth Jones
(High School)
- Nathan White
(Bible Institute)
- David Thelen
(High School)

Annessa Mitchell
(Indiana University Southeast)

Matt Brown
(University of Louisville)

Pernilla Lindgren
(High School)

Greta Lindgren
(High School)

Debbie White
(High School)

Denina Ashby
(High School)

Christina Watkins
(High School)

Antonio Washington
(Ky. Poly Tech.)

Kathy Clark
(Bible Institute)

Tommy Thomas
(Louisville Tech.)

CONGRATULATIONS!:

Don't Forget

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE 1991 YOUTH CONVENTION AUGUST 8, 9 AND 10.



GRADUATION





Dear Aunt Bea,

The last "Messenger" newsletter talked about women's long hair. It was powerful!

Now I want to know about shaving legs (women). This has never been able to be explained to me by those I've asked. We just "don't do it", is the usual answer. Please enlighten me on this subject. Why do we (women) not shave legs? I do want to please the LORD.

Signed: Please Enlighten me.

Dear Please Enlighten Me,

Shaving of legs has to do with encouraging spirits of adultery, fornication and perversion. It originated in Hollywood and spread throughout the nation soon after. Since it started in such a Godless place, the fact that it did not come from God is obvious. It came from the devil, world and corrupt flesh. The Bride will keep herself

from the world, the corrupt flesh (hers and others) and the devil. She will not be a partaker of that which displeases her Bridegroom.

For those of us who truly desire to be His Bride we will gladly bear and wear any sign of separation that we be not a partaker of the judgment that is coming on those who join themselves to the world and Antichrist.
Signed: Aunt Bea

Please send your questions to Aunt Bea. She will be glad to help you with any problem, Bible Question, etc., that you might have. All of your letters are kept strictly confidential.

Write to us -- we love to hear from you.

Here is a letter from one of the young people in New Carlisle, Indiana.

"Dear Christ For Youth Newsletter Staff,

Hi, I decided to write and say that my church

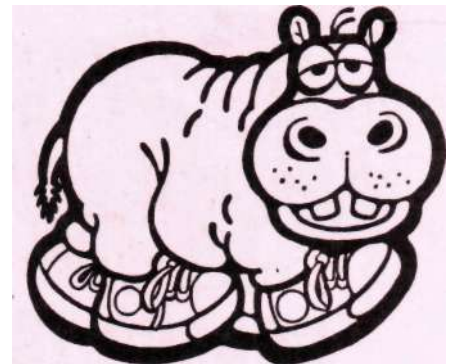
is praying for the people in the service and we are thankful that you are too.

My family is praying for my brother. He left before Christmas so he didn't have one. We miss him. He knew Christ before but right now he is hanging on our prayers. We are praying that he gets saved before anything happens to him.

My Mom, my brother's girlfriend, Daniel and I were the last to see him before he left on the plane. My Mom prayed that she'd get to spend some time with him before he left for Saudi Arabia. God answered her prayers. He came over at 6:00 in the morning and we were with him until around 5:00 p.m. because they cancelled and delayed two planes.

B. K.

Please join with us in praying for this young man.



You coming to Youth Convention too?