

The Keys To All The Rooms Rev. 3:14-22.

- Gratitude
- Devotion ✓
- The Invitation ✓
- Keep things within
- Response should be a deep thing

Introduction

- ① Many places where Jesus entered people's homes
 - Martha, Mary, Lazarus.
 - Zaccheus.
 - The Emmaus Road.
- ② He told many stories about Feasts
 - Guests invited with great joy.
 - His presence brought joy and happiness.
- ③ Our Christian Way is one of companionship.
 - There is a person with whom we live and to whom we open our lives.
 - Marjorie Berley the girl in Canada.
- ④ It is significant then that he asks to enter our lives
 - "Behold I stand at the door and knock and if any man hear my voice and open the door I will come into him and sup with him and he with me."

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Christ's Entry Into My Life

① I wanted to keep him in the Guest Room

- But he said he had to be a part of every thing I did and not just a Guest.
- He would eat with us and live in our home as a friend.

② He said he would meet me each morning

- I must learn of him and of me.
- The first morning I forgot in great embarrassment.
- Then finally it became a part of my life.

③ Then he entered our dining room

- Noticed our better-shelter hurry.
- Suggested it should be a time of joy.
- Then spoke of my time with my family.

④ Then he saw with me one day, as I wrote Chicks

- Asked if he might make a suggestion or two.
- What was I investing in his work.

⑤ Bedroom
Then One Night Matt and I Had An Awful Argument

- It started over some small affair.
- My feelings were hurt and I struck back savagely.
- He spoke of the meaning of love and of how we had to put the other one first.

⑥ Then He Came Into The Library

- A lot of nice books never read.
- Many comic books for the children.
- But no real time with great, helpful books that could give me strength.

⑦ Then Came The Matter Of A Party

- We were having some of our friends be doing things that he wouldn't fit into.
- Embarrassing - so we asked him to spend the night away.
- He came back early. Seemed out of place.
- I missed him the next morning at ^{our meeting time}

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- Then he spoke of ingrown and self-satisfied we seemed to be.

- Woman with heavy load down the street
Alcoholic husband and children.
- People in block who were in need
of friends.

⑧ Then One Day Water Came

- A crushing, sickening blow.
- He was there with his words of cheer.
- Then his friends came.

⑨ Then One Day He Lashed Me About A Locked Closet

- Tried to put them off.
- This was my closet of secret sins.
 - My unholly ambitions
 - My secret gossip.
 - Little lies.
 - My prejudices and pride.

That Friday When I Gave Him The Last Key To My
Life - "Please I know..."

+ Joe Hotel. - Chicago. - Wynona, Wyo. 1946.
- Learned about Chicago. - Crucial Passes by July 9, 1946-62

The Continental Divide of All History is Jesus Christ

- ① All history is split into B.C. and A.D. by his coming.
- ② The strange paradox of his coming.
 - The unimportance of his life.
 - Yet the strange power of his life.
 - Mockery of Jews and Roman persecution.
 - But the growth of his might and power.
 - His moral influence after all these ^{centuries}.
 - Mighty words for his name.
- ③ The Power of His Presence.
 - The Old Shutter - "So I am with you..."
 - Tom Mayal William Jewell.

There are Times When he comes to Our Lives

- ① There are the Times of Age.
 - Young - Minim.
 - Questions of Fate High School or College.
 - When Responsibilities come.
- ② There are the Times of Crisis
 - Marriage
 - Birth
 - Death - Sumner Brain died
- ③ Special Seasons.
 - Father's
 - Easter.

But We Love Him

① We Are Too Busy

- Making Money. Mugging Home, etc.
- The Job Takes All My Time.
- Laugh up in a Social World.
- We want the weekends to ourselves.

② We Seem Like A Foreign, Disruptive Element.

- We don't want to upset the pattern.
- None of our friends are doing it.

③ We May Lose Too Much

- Think of all I would have to give up.
- I want to be my own boss.

So We Simply Pass Up On

We want to work out our own scheme of judgment.

① Look at the Issues of Our Day.

- Human Relations.
- War and Peace.

② Look at Our Families

- Without love.
- Divided and at cross purposes.

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③ Look at Our Personal Lives

- Whiskey.
- Happiness Pills.
- Mental Illness.
- Anxiety - Dr. Monnell.

Look At What He Has To Share

① Forgiveness - How we Need This!

② Inner Wholeness - Oneness.

③ Everlasting Life -

④ Belonging to A New Community -

Jim Vans in New York City.

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The Winds of God

Our Greatest Mission Field Is The Church

- ① Many of us who call ourselves Christians who do not know what this means.
 - Form of godliness, but no power.
 - Speak of prayer, joy, love and peace but we do not know what these mean.
 - Some of us live like pagans.
- ② We are like men who sell shoes, but who are barefooted ourselves.
 - Trueblood's story of the Hindu in this country.

The Familiar Story of Jesus and Nicodemus

- Sophisticated Church leader facing the unlearned, courageous, powerful prophet.
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Jesus Struck to The Heart of The Issue

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- The tides of the sea in Long Beach.
- Electricity, which we take for granted.
- The power of healing.
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- Like living by the sea -

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13,000 feet deep and 41 million square miles.

② The Meaning of Physical Birth

- Birth of Flesh and Blood.
- The love of father and mother. The union of sperm and egg.
- Physical, mental and social capacities.
- The miracle of growth
 - Based on physical life.
 - If we receive the right food.

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③ Beyond This Is The Reality of Spiritual Birth

- "Born of The Will of God."

- The union of God and the human soul.
- Faith and repentance centered in Christ.
- Life now has a new center - God
- There is A new affection and a new mind in Christ.
- This is birth into Everlasting Life.
- This is a hidden, depth experience
 - The meaning of the depth. Subconscious.
 - Here is where the deep drives of life are centered.
 - Christ touches me here and forgiveness, love and peace replace hostility and anxiety.
- Often there are birth pangs
 - The agony of the false self dying

"I am crucified with Christ"

"Wretched man that I am. Who shall deliver me?"

④ This Is Like The Wind Which Blows

- We do not know from whence he comes or whether he goes.
- None of us can determine when or how God will come to our lives.
 - We do not control or manipulate God.
- We can all seek and knock and ask.
 - Pray as if, Take this day as if, Treat my family as if, Love others as if.
- We see this Mystery in the lives of others.

(1) Marjorie Berley in Canada

- Feels from home.
- Worry, hatred and fear.
- Taking her own life.
- I am a Person.

(2) Anne Baxter

(3) Harry Wall

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(1) Life now finds a new center - God

- There are new affections and new loyalties.

(2) I am born into the word of everlasting life.

- All the power and life of eternity now lays its claim on me.

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overwhelming assurance of an eternal love
whose way you do not understand, whose
will you learn to accept without compromise,
but whose reality you know. "

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- We can open our lives, do his bidding and live expectantly.

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- Pray as if, Take this day as if,
Treat my family as if, Love others as if.

③ We see this Mystery of God's Movement in the Lives of Others

(1) Margie Perley

- Leaving England to come to Canada
- Motherless in her home.
- She had to live with herself in England. She was lonely, hated and feared.
- Tried to take her life.
- Then the Fire Side Gathering.
Meeting a Person.

(2) Unie Fuchs, who taught religion in Germany. Family scattered. Dearest daughter, worn out by persecution had died a very painful death. Fuchs went to see her in the Chapel.

"But then the presence of God hung around us, ... It was so strong that all felt Him, even, one man, irreligious, a National Socialist who said to me, 'What is this? In this hour I feel such a power that I have never felt before in my life'....."

That I saw Him, that I heard His voice, that might have been my imagination. But what ^{cannot} be imagination is the new life, the strength and the insight which His presence gave.... No imagination can overcome the darkness in which you live when a person you love is handled with cruelty and forced into fits of fear and despair of mind. You are ^{helpless}. You look on while mind and life are destroyed by suffering. Nothing which is of imagination only could bring out of that revulsion - peace, the

The Romance of the Olympic Games

① The Olympics in Squaw Valley

- First in 78 years in our country
- 15 million to develop site by Alec Cushing
- The burning of the flame
- 800 athletes from 70 nations

② My Experience in Copenhagen

- Getting off the plane.

③ Meeting a couple of Champs

- The Sampling of Bob Richards
- The Humming of Glenn Cunningham

The Qualities Of A Champ

- ① The will to win
- Overcome obstacles.
- ② Patience to develop one's talent,
- Long period of training
- ③ Ability to take defeat.

Dr Elliott

① Larry Miller - Music

② Ronaldene McCabe Youth
Music

Clarence Hemm

① Welcome Recoupe last week

② Woolbruff's ③ Northeastern
Association
- Clothing ④ West Kennedy
- banquet evening