

# Introduction To Ekklesia

## Part #4

### Equipped To Go On Offense

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# Matthew 16:13-19 NKJV

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# What Are The Gates of Hades?



- “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My Ekklesia, and **the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it**” Matt 16:18
- They were standing at the foot of Mount Hermon by Gates of Hades
- The place of human sacrifice = death
- Hades was 1 of 3 brothers (gods)
- Zeus: god of the sky
- Poseidon: god of the sea
- Hades: god of the underworld - death

# Destroying The Gates of Hades

- Three headed dog, key to gate of death
- The Ekklesia has been given authority over death, the grave, and all evil
- “Behold, I give you the **authority** to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the **power** of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” Luke 10:19 NKJV
- “**Shall not prevail**” = will not stand up against the Ekklesia of Christ
- The church is on defense...
- The Ekklesia is on offense!



## II Corinthians 10:3-5

- 'For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.' NKJV

## II Corinthians 10:3-5

- ' For although we live in the natural realm, we don't wage a military campaign employing human weapons, using manipulation to achieve our aims . Instead, our spiritual weapons are energized with divine power to effectively dismantle the defenses behind which people hide . We can demolish every deceptive fantasy that opposes God and break through every arrogant attitude that is raised up in defiance of the true knowledge of God. We capture, like prisoners of war, every thought and insist that it bow in obedience to the Anointed One. Since we are armed with such dynamic weaponry , we stand ready to punish any trace of rebellion, as soon as you choose complete obedience.' TPT

# The Authority Given By Christ



- " And I will give you the **keys** of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you **bind** on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you **loose** on earth will be loosed in heaven." Matt 16:19

# What Are The Keys of the Kingdom?



- Authority Given by Christ to the **Ekklesia**
- NOT given to the **church** = (building, institution, denomination, worship service, clergy)
- Ekklesia = Ruling Council of the Legislative Government of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.
- “Keys” plural, many Keys
- “Of” = pertaining to or belonging to
- These are Heaven’s Keys given to us!

# What Does It Mean To “Bind”?

- Bind = *deow* : Strongs #1210 to bind, be in bonds, knit, tie, wind
- A Rabbinic word that has to do with “*forbidding*”
- The EKKlesia of Christ has the authority and the power to no longer permit, what heaven does not allow, in their region
- This is implementing the policy of the King...
- and the lifestyle of the Kingdom!



# What Does It Mean To “Loose”?



- Loose = *lusas* Strongs #3089 to loosen, break up, destroy, dissolve, un-loose, melt, put off
- Rabbinical use has to do with “*permitting*”
- The Ekklesia of Christ has been given the authority to loose in their region what Heaven has loosed.
- This is implementing the policy of the King...
- and the lifestyle of the Kingdom!

# Hearing From The King of Heaven

- The Ekklesia of Rome was given responsibility and authority to implement the will of the King and the lifestyle of the Kingdom.
- “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (**declare to be improper and unlawful**) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (**declare lawful**) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven.”

Matthew 16:19 AMP



'I will give you the keys of heaven's kingdom realm to **forbid** on earth that which is **forbidden** in heaven, and to **release** on earth that which is **released** in heaven.' ' Matthew 16:19 TPT

# A Powerful Illustration



- Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the Ekklesia church Acts 12:5
- Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by *him*, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, “Arise quickly!” **And his chains fell off his hands.** Vs.7
- ...they came to the **iron gate** that leads to the city, which **opened to them of its own accord;** Vs.10

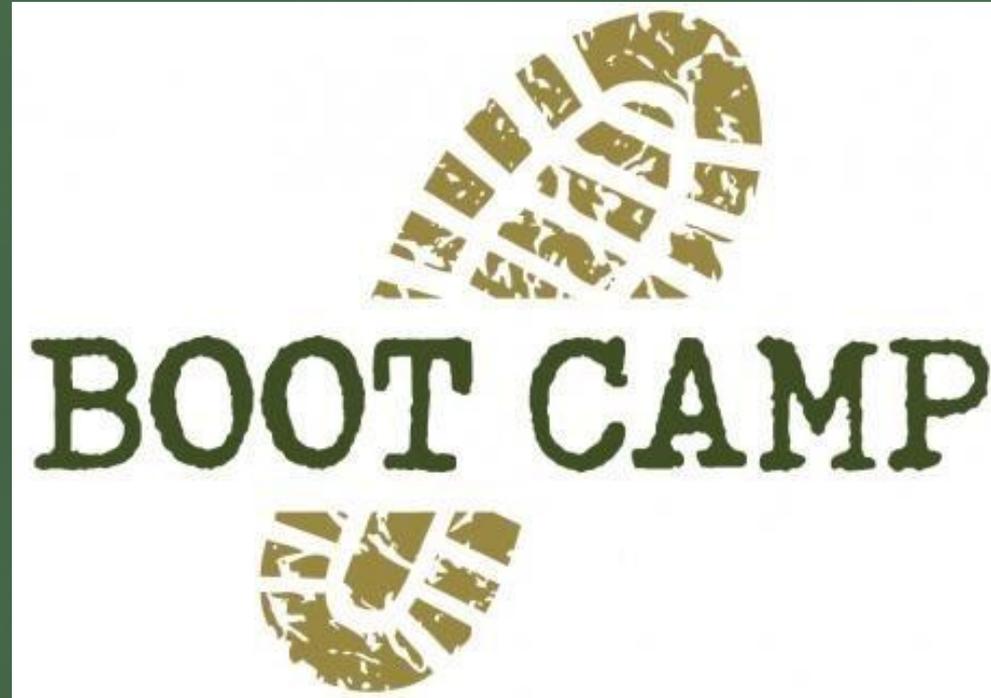
# Now It's Your Turn - Activate



- Pray for A Divine Appointment
- An opportunity to **BIND** and to **LOOSE**
- Pray with one person to be free from the shackles of the enemy
- Begin to bind (**declare to be improper and unlawful**) in your city what is already bound in heaven; and begin to loose (**declare permitted**) in your city what is already loosed in heaven.
- Begin to implement the Policy of The King and the lifestyle of the Kingdom in your city.
- Become The Ekklesia!

# Take The Next Step

- 12 Weeks of FREE Training and Coaching
- To help you become the Ekklesia of Christ
- To make disciples
- To become the Army of God
- To begin a Home Congregation in your community



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