

2 Cor 5:17-21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: That God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

K – Kindled by love

A **Keystone's** passion is kindled by the love of Christ. The underlying motive we pursue at Keystone is that, all that we say and do must be intertwined with love. The 'flame' of love must burn in our hearts, and be fuelled by the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is love and He is the source of our love, displayed and gifted to us through His Son Jesus Christ on the cross which is deposited into our hearts through the power of His Holy Spirit.

We pursue this same love that He has lavished upon us, one that not only atones for our shortcomings but also one that, forgives and creates value in us by the way in which he loves us. As we receive and are transformed by this love it stimulates a culture of worship and a desire to love others in the same way he loved us, creating value in others and reconciling others to God through the cross of Jesus.

E – Enraged by the darkness

Colossians 1:13-14- "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness & transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

Mat 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Keystone's are enraged by the darkness that surrounds us, because it enrages Jesus. If you look around there is darkness everywhere; pick up the paper or glance at the headlines and you will see we are surrounded by darkness. We believe we have been mandated by *Jesus*, 'the light of world', to shine into a dark world and to push back the darkness that surrounds us. We desire to let the light that He has lit in our hearts shine, to usher in life, security, warmth, growth and defeat fear, torment, decay and death.

Y – Yearn for the lost

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

A **Keystone's** heart yearns like that of Our Father in Heavens, for the return of sons and daughters. If the Son of God loves us enough to get off His throne, step into a broken and messed up world, to save our lives, then we at Keystone are moved by this same trait of Jesus within us, to seek and save the lost; to reach out into a broken world and share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

S – Season our city

Matt 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

Keystone's are called to be transformative agents in our city because we love the city which God has called us to. We aim to powerfully season our city like salt & light in the following TTT way.

- 1) **Telling our story** – the sharing through testimony, preaching & teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. How will they hear if no-one tells them?
- 2) **Transformed lives** – as we pursue holiness, so we desire our lives to reflect His, ‘*so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*’ (Matt 5:16)
- 3) **Transcendent in nature** – We aim to **fully proclaim** the Gospel by what we **say** (T- Tell our Story), and by how we live our lives (T -Transformed lives) but also by the exercising of the Transcendent nature of Jesus in the things that we **do**. (Rom 15:17-19)

We believe our God is a miraculous God and believe that still today, God desires to pour out his power in miraculous ways through the church. We believe His power to heal, perform signs and wonders is a demonstration of his grand love toward us. Jesus calls us to be His ambassadors and to engage the world in the same manner as He did.

John 10:10, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

John 14:12 “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do...”

T - Tireless Conviction

“Wherever you are... be all there.” – JB Elliot

Keystoners love to be ‘all in’ and give our all. We know that God has prepared in advance, works for us to do. We, therefore, have an unrelenting conviction to persevere with **confidence** towards His goal for our lives, whilst we **humbly** depend on His grace. Knowing He is for us, He gives us grace to fulfil His mandate and knowing that what He started in us He will finish. This produces a tireless conviction to continue in our call.

O – On the edge Courage

Keystoners desire to be **on the front edge** of what God is doing RIGHT now. We draw on the immense courage of our saviour Jesus who faced our great enemies Satan, sin and death, with a face like flint and defeated them on the battle ground of Golgotha. This fact **encourages** us to **take on courage**. Since He has overcome, we can overcome our difficulties in the same strength and might. **Be strong and courageous** says the Lord.

N – Now is the time

Moses prayed, “**Teach us to number our days Lord**”

This reminds us to see our lives as short, let’s not waste them but rather, make them count.

Keystoners believe life is too short to camp in unforgiveness, bitterness and anger. Rather, we aspire to forgive easily and choose to love, in order to make the most impact with our lives.

E – Enthralled by Jesus’ Dream

Keystoners ultimately realise that they are captivated in Jesus’ dream to gather people from every tribe and tongue, stand before the throne of Jesus and worship the Lamb of God who has taken away the sins of the world and set us free from those sins.

Revelation 7:9-10, “After this I looked, & behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes & peoples & languages, standing before the throne & before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, & crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, & to the Lamb!”

Jesus' Dream, is our dream.

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