

What Does It Mean to Bind in Heaven and Earth?
Matthew 16:19 (16:13-20)

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<p>Peter's confession</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - many speculations as to who He is - The people knew He stood apart - You are the Christ (Messiah - promised One) - Son - acknowledges that Jesus was of God and sent from God - Of the living God - OT name for Jehovah - Peter confessed who Jesus was (Ro 10:9) - He understood that He was Messiah - save them from their sins - Believed in his heart 	<p>Flesh and blood did not reveal who Jesus was to Peter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Messiah and His work were alluded to throughout OT - Fulfillment of the prophecies - He had first hand knowledge of the miracles of Jesus which substantiated His claim - God revealed truth to Peter's heart - Confession of Peter showed his personal faith and a regenerate heart 	<p>You are Peter = petros - little rock</p> <p>Upon this rock = Petra - rock, cliff, large boulder or mountain</p> <p>I will build My church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catholics = this is the pope - Peter was the 1st pope - Peter is not the foundation of the church (Acts 4:11-12; I Cor 3:11) - Christ is the foundation (Eph 5:23 - Christ the head of the church) - MY CHURCH - He is the Architect, Builder, Owner, Lord - Church = call out ones - Unique church to begin at Pentecost - HS would dwell in believers (I Cor 12:12-13) <p>Gates of Hades will not overpower it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - entrance way to Hades - the place of death - Death (Satan's ultimate weapon) He 2:14-15 - has no power to stop the church from growing and moving forward <p>It is the confession of all those who would follow Peter's confession of who Christ is that would build Jesus' church</p>	<p>Keys of the kingdom of heaven</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - keys show power and authority to open or close - The church will be Christ's authority on earth <p>Throughout Scripture there are pictures or patterns that we see (He 8:1-6) - there are things in heaven that God wants represented on earth</p> <p>We shadow or mimic what is happening in heaven</p> <p>We walk in His steps and follow His plan that He has set before us</p> <p>Jn 20:23; Mt 18:15-17 - church has the authority to deal with sin - it can declare judgment according to what God's Word says</p> <p>If we follow God's Word then the church is declaring what God's Word has already said - if you don't forgive you won't be forgiven</p>