



III. Peter and "Binding and Loosing" by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

Matthew 16:19 "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."

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1. The "Keys" – symbol of authority
 - a. **Authority limited to Jesus (Revelation 3:7) and the Holy Spirit's control (Acts 2:1-4)**,
 - 1) **first used for opening the kingdom of Christ to the Jews on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14-40, 42-43)**,
 - 2) and **later to the Gentiles (Acts 10:34-43; 11:12, 18)**
 - c. **Figure of speech** from **Isaiah 22:22**: "The key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder; So **he shall open**, and no one shall shut; And **he shall shut**, and no one shall open."
2. The Authority (?) – "Binding and Loosing"
 - a. **Jesus gave ALL the Apostles the same:**

Matthew 18:18 "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Matthew 19:28 So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

John 20:20-23 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. **21** So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." **22** And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

2 Corinthians 2:10-11 "Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, **11** lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we ` are not ignorant of his devices."

- b. *When did they ALL "bind and loose"?* On Pentecost in **Acts 2:1-4**

- c. **What did they "bind and loose"?** They bound "the Gospel of Christ" to loose people from their sins **Acts 2:22-38**

3. *The Language*

- a. **The Apostles would not decide doctrine which was then to be accepted by God, but the other way around! Matthew 10:19-20**
- b. **The Apostles could only preach what God gave them:**

Galatians 1:8 "But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed."