



Together We **GROW**, United We **BUILD**!  
"Together We Unite To Build God's Kingdom"



# The Keys Of The Kingdom!

Matthew 16:18,19

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**“(v.18) And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the Gates of Hades will not overcome it. (v.19) I will give you **the keys of the kingdom of heaven**; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”**

**(NIV)**



# Introduction:

**Matthew 16:18**



What does **GATES** represent?



**In the Bible,  
it represents**

**“Authority and power”**

**Jesus said that we have the**  
***"Keys of  
the Kingdom!"***



**Why does Jesus meant by this?**

# Main Points:

1. What Does "KEYS" Represent?
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"KEYS"

represents AUTHORITY.

**WE HAVE AUTHORITY!**

We possess the  
"keys of authority."

Jesus did not say that God would  
**“OBEY”** what the disciples did  
on earth, but that they should  
do on earth whatever  
God had already **“WILLED.”**

*“...whatever you bind on earth  
will be bound in heaven, and  
whatever you loose on earth will  
be loosed in heaven.”*

**(Matthew 18:19b; NIV)**

**2.**

## Who Is The Power Source Of The "KEYS?"

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**Matthew 28:18....**

***“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.’”***

**(NIV)**



## Daniel 7:14....



*“He was given **authority, glory** and **sovereign power**; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.” (NIV)*



**Matthew 11:27**

**Matthew 26:64**

**Mark 1:22....**

***“The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as **one who had authority,** not as the teachers of the law.”***

**(NIV)**

The people were astonished  
at **Christ's authority!**

Jesus has the **AUTHORITY....**

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- ◆ to command wind and waves.
- ◆ to heal the crippled & diseased.
- ◆ to open blinded eyes.
- ◆ to raise the death.



This is the  
**AUTHORITY**  
that is made  
available to us.

**Matthew 10:1....**

*“He called his twelve disciples to him and **gave them authority** to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.”*

**(NIV)**



Our **AUTHORITY**  
is based solely on our  
**RELATIONSHIP**  
with Jesus.

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**John 15:5....**

*“... If a man remains in me  
and I in him, he will bear much  
fruit; **apart from me  
you can do nothing.**” (NIV)*

To bind and loose,  
one must have  
**AUTHORIZED AUTHORITY.**

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An example of  
**unauthorized authority**

**The sons of Sceva –  
Acts 19:14-16**

A Christian that never uses  
**God's authority** becomes ....

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- A **defeated** Christian.
- A **despair** Christian.
- A **despondent** Christian.



# 3. What Is The "KEYS" Of The Kingdom?

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**Matthew 16:19....**

***“I will give you **the keys of the kingdom of heaven**; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”***

**(NIV)**






**"A key"**  
is **"a badge  
of authority."**



**Isaiah 22:15,22....**

***“(v.15) This is what the Lord,  
the LORD Almighty, says: ‘Go,  
say to this steward, to Shebna,  
who is in charge of the palace....***

## Isaiah 22:15,22....

A close-up photograph of a golden door handle on a white door. A golden key is inserted into the handle, and a golden tag with the word 'HEAVEN' engraved on it hangs from the key. The background shows a blue sky with white clouds.

.... ‘ (v.22) *I will place on his shoulder the **key to the house of David**; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.’* (NIV)

## Luke 11:52

***"The keys of heaven"***  
**is not heaven.**



***"The keys of heaven"***  
**which enable us to**  
**“bind” and “loose”**  
**on earth is the “GOSPEL”**  
**– the message of the**  
**Lord Jesus Christ Himself.**

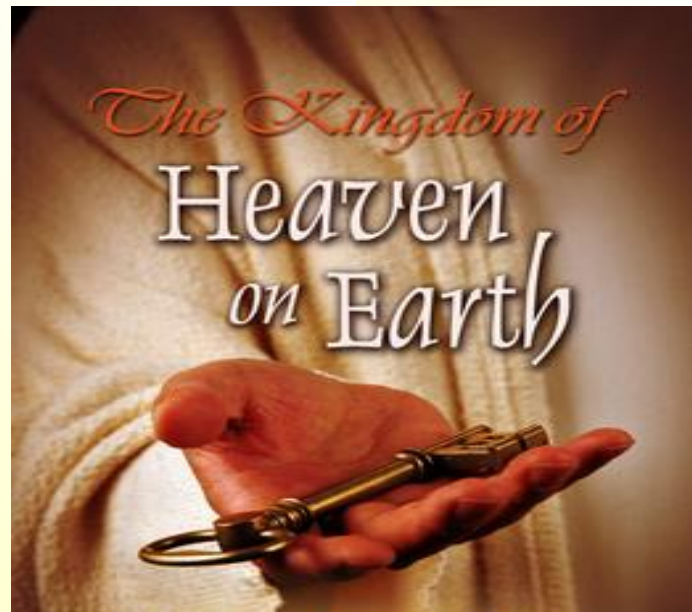
***"The keys of heaven"***  
... entrance into the  
**Kingdom of Heaven!**



**There is no power or  
authority beyond preaching  
the Gospel and opening the  
door to unbelievers**

**(Acts 15:7-11).**

The Church has been given the GOSPEL – the “*keys*” to the Kingdom of Heaven.



## Colossians 3:1-7

### **Living as Those Made Alive in Christ**

**1** Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

**3** For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**5** Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

**6** Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. **7** You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.

AND THERE ARE EVEN MORE **100'S** SCRIPTURES ABOUT **HEAVEN**

**Matthew 18:2-6**

**2 He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them.**

**3 And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.**

**4 Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

**5 And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.**

**Causing to Stumble**

**6 "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.**

Finally...

**Mark 9:36-37**

**36 He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them,**

**37 “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”**



# Conclusion:

Every Christian  
has the  
“Keys of the  
Kingdom!”

**Amen! Let's pray!**

