

THE DIVINE PROMISE, PART 2
(Matthew 16:19-20)

- I. The AUTHORITY of the Church (Matt. 16:19)
 - A. Jesus shifts from “CHURCH” to “KINGDOM”
 1. The “kingdom” is an OT promise to the JEWS
 - a. Predicted WORLDWIDE scope
 - b. Anticipated including BELIEVERS from ALL peoples
 2. The “church” is a NT body that is predominantly GENTILE
 - a. Began among the JEWS
 - b. Continues to include Jewish CONVERTS to CHRIST
 3. The two are DISTINCT but RELATED
 - B. Christ WILL give PETER the KEYS of the KINGDOM (16:19a)
 1. Note the FUTURE tense
 2. Note the promise is to PETER
 3. Promise was FULFILLED in the ESTABLISHING of the church
 - a. Peter is the KEY SPEAKER at PENTECOST (Acts 2:14ff)
 - b. Peter is INSTRUMENTAL in the inauguration of the church in SAMARIA (Acts 8:14-17)
 - c. He is FIRST to bring the gospel to GENTILES (Acts 10:34)

C. Christ granted authority to ANNOUNCE what is BOUND or LOOSED (16:19b)

1. It is later EXPANDED beyond PETER

a. To the CHURCH, regarding DISCIPLINE (18:15-18)

b. To the APOSTLES, regarding FORGIVENESS of SINS (John 20:23)

2. It is not authority to ENACT spiritual LAW or DECREE absolution or damnation

3. It is the authoritative PROCLAMATION of the TRUTH

II. The SPIRITUAL NATURE of the Church (Matt. 16:20)

A. The Jews expected POLITICAL REVOLUTION

B. Christ provided SPIRITUAL REGENERATION