

The Life of Jesus Christ

Lesson 11 – In Galilee And Beyond

June 3, 2020

Peter's Confession

Matthew 16:13-16; Mark 8:27-29; Luke 9:18-20

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Jesus continued in response to Peter's confession:

"I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven." (verses 18-19)

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Note the inspired words *"My church" (ekklesia – meaning; the called out)* which indicates:

- Ownership** – belongs to Jesus (Acts 20:28; Ephesians 5:25; cf. John 10:3)
 - What does this say about the name of His church?
- Quantity** – it's singular (Ephesians 5:23; Colossians 1:18)

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What is the *"rock"* Jesus would build His church on?
Is it Peter himself?

Or is it what he confessed?

The name *"Peter"* – *"petros"* means *"a piece of rock"* (Strong).

The *"rock"* Jesus would build His church on is from the Greek *"petra"* which *"denotes 'a mass of rock,' as distinct from petros, 'a detached stone or boulder,' or a stone that might be thrown or easily moved"* (Strong) (note 1 Corinthians 10:4; cf. Matthew 7:24-25)

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False doctrine advocated from this passage:

Was Peter the first pope? What is meant by the "vicar" of Christ?

"Papal supremacy is the doctrine of the Catholic Church that the Pope, by reason of his office as Vicar of Christ and as the visible foundation and source of unity, and as pastor of the entire Catholic Church, has full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered: that, in brief, 'the Pope enjoys, by divine institution, supreme, full, immediate, and universal power in the care of souls.'" (Wikipedia)

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- Claims of the Catholic Church:
"Because he was given the task of guiding the faithful, Peter received supreme authority over all ..." (The Papacy: [Expression Of God's Love](#), page 6).
- "The Pope is the Vicar of Christ; he rules as the visible head of the Church upon earth (emphasis mine, mg) for the welfare of all the faithful. He is the Bishop of Rome, the Patriarch of the West, the Supreme Pontiff, the Servant of the Servants of God"* (Ibid., page 4).
- "According to Catholic doctrine, bishops are indeed the successors of the Apostles, and each bishop, from this fact, possesses the right to bind and to loose"* (Ibid., page 25).
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- Scriptures warn of **those who elevate themselves!** (1 Corinthians 4:6-7; Matthew 20:20-28; 23:8-12; **Luke 18:24-27**; *"It is not this way with you ..."*; Acts 20:30)
- **Authority given to all the apostles.** (Matthew 16:19; John 20:23; 2 Corinthians 11:5)
- As all men, **Peter was certainly fallible** and a sinner needing forgiveness. (Matthew 26:69-74; Galatians 2:11-14)

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Jesus Christ alone is:

- The **"head of every man."** (1 Corinthians 11:3; cf. Ephesians 4:15)
- The **"mediator"** between God and man. (1 Timothy 2:5; 1 John 2:1)
- The **"foundation"** upon which His church was built. (1 Corinthians 3:11; Ephesians 2:20)

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- **The truth of Peter's confession will be the foundation for His church.** (Isaiah 28:16; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11; Ephesians 2:19-22; **3:8-12**; 1 Peter 2:4-8)

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We ought to be impressed by:

1. **How long God had been planning for this church!** (Ephesians 3:8-12)
2. **How much it cost!** (Acts 20:28; Revelation 5:9-10)
3. **Its lofty purpose!** (1 Timothy 3:15)
4. **Its exclusive nature!** (John 18:36; Isaiah 9:7; Luke 1:32-33)
5. **What its destiny is!** (1 Corinthians 15:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18)

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"The gates of Hades will not overpower it." - Jesus Christ's victory over death. The condemnation of sin no longer inevitable.

"Hades" – the realm of the unseen.

"The gates of Hades" – what are gates used for?

"Overpower" – "Prevail against" (Thayer)

Speaks of **Jesus' victory over death.** (1 Corinthians 15:50-58 (note verse 26); Hebrews 2:14-15)

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"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven." (16:18)

"The keys of the kingdom ..." –

- "Express(es) the idea of **authority, power, or privilege**" (Nelson) (Isaiah 22:22; Revelation 3:7)
- It also expresses the idea of **access and entrance.** (Ephesians 2:17-18; 2 Peter 1:11)

Those **"keys"** first used on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2 when Peter established the authority of Jesus at God's right hand and told how the penitent believers could have access or entrance into the church He died for.

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- **“Bound”** defined: “put under obligation, namely, of law, duty.” (Thayer) (Acts 20:22; Romans 7:2; 1 Corinthians 7:39)
- **“Loosed”** defined: released from being bound. (Revelation 1:5; 1 John 3:8)
- Which happens first? Binding/loosing in heaven or on earth?
- Both verbs express actions that have already been done.

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“Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.” (Matthew 16:20)

Often after Jesus performed a miracle, He instructed that the recipient not tell anyone. (Matthew 9:30; 12:16; 17:9; Mark 1:44; 3:12; 5:43; 7:36; 8:30; 9:9; Luke 4:41; 8:56; 9:21)

Now, after Peter’s confession, He does the same thing.

Why?