

Binding & Loosing
Matthew #108
Matthew 16:16-20

Jesus made 5 declarations in response to Peter's confession

1. The source of Peter's knowledge is divine revelation.
2. Peter's confession was the rock the church would be built on.
3. That the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it
4. Jesus told Peter "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven"
5. Jesus said to Peter "whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

The expressions *shall be bound in heaven* and *shall be loosed in heaven* are examples in Greek of the periphrastic future perfect passive construction and should, therefore, be translated *will have been bound already* and *will have been loosed already* in heaven. – (Prof. D Turner, Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary)

So, the future perfect means that Peter is just discerning and responding to what God has already done in heaven.

Matthew makes it absolutely clear that Peter is not the only one given this responsibility.