

The Keys of the Kingdom

Matthew #107

Matthew 16:13-18

1. The source of Peter's knowledge is God, divine revelation.
2. That Peter's confession was the rock the church would be built on.
3. Jesus third declaration was: *and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.*

The term *hades* was an idiom for physical death.

Some think Hades refers to more than just physical death. The unseen world of Christian theology includes the place called Hades, and also the kingdom of Satan and his demons in the air. The logical enemy therefore in view here is Satan and his kingdom.

Matthew 16:19-20

The 4th **declaration** Jesus made in response to Peter's confession is "*I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*"

Isaiah 22:20-22; Matthew 10:5-6

What do we mean by church facet of the kingdom?

1. The Eternal Kingdom
2. The Spiritual Kingdom
3. The Theocratic Kingdom
4. The Messianic Kingdom (The Millennial Kingdom)
5. The Mystery Kingdom

The Church is the Body of Christ, the Body of Messiah. The means of entering it is by Spirit Baptism.

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Peter, the keys, and Spirit baptism all come together for each one of these three groups in the book of Acts.