

DOES ANYONE HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY SOMEONE IS SAVED OR NOT?

Matthew 16:19

- I. **REALIZE CHRIST HAS GIVEN HIS CHURCH THE AUTHORITY TO DECLARE THE REALITY OF WHETHER SOMEONE IS FORGIVEN OR NOT** based on their response to His Word **(19)**
 - A. **Review:** Jesus in responding to Peters confession, reveals the nature of His church in seed form (18)

 - B. **JESUS GIVES PETER AUTHORITY RELATING TO ENTRANCE INTO HIS KINGDOM (19a)**
 - 1. What does this mean? The answer is revealed in an understanding of the term “keys of the kingdom” in context (19a)

 - 2. **Biblical examples of Peters authority** relating to entrance into His kingdom **(Acts)**

 - C. **JESUS GIVES PETER KINGDOM AUTHORITY TO DECLARE THE REALITY OF ONE'S FORGIVENESS OR NOT:** Jesus declares Peter has the authority to bind and loose, based on what has already been bound or loosed in heaven. **(19b)**

 - D. **Does this apply to the Church? Yes!** (Matt 18, misc. passages)

- II. **UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS AND BIBLICAL APPLICATIONS OF SUCH AUTHORITY AND THEN OBEY OUR LORD (1John, Act 8 Matt 18 & misc. passages)**