

“CAN WE FORGIVE SINS?”
What Did Jesus Mean? – Part 1
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Matthew 16:19 (NIV) *“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”*

Matthew 18:18 (NIV) *“I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”*

John 20:23 (NIV) *“If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”*

JESUS DID NOT SAY...

1. That we have the power to do _____ we want.

Revelation 1:18 (NIV) *“I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.”*

2. That we have the power to _____ sins.

1 Timothy 2:5 (NLT) *“For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and people. He is the man Christ Jesus.”*

JESUS DID SAY...

**1. That we have an awesome _____
as believers.**

John 20:21 (NIV) *“Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.’”*

2. That we have the _____ to the Kingdom.

Matthew 16:18b-19a (NIV) *“I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven...”*

3. That we have the _____ to bind and loose.

This Power Applies To...

- _____ on earth and in heaven

Matthew 6:9b-10 (NIV) “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,¹⁰ Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

- _____ discipline

Matthew 18:15-16a (CEV) “If one of My followers sins against you, go and point out what was wrong. But do it in private, just between the two of you. If that person listens, you have won back a follower.¹⁶ But if that one refuses to listen, take along one or two others.”

- Corporate _____

Matthew 18:19-20 (NIV) “Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven.²⁰ For where two or three come together in My name, there am I with them.”

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

1. Accept the _____ of being a believer.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 (NLT) “So look at Apollos and me as mere servants of Christ who have been put in charge of explaining God’s secrets.² Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.”

2. Follow the _____ of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:22 (NIV) “And with that He breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’ ”

Galatians 5:25 (TLB) “If we are living now by the Holy Spirit’s power, let us follow the Holy Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives.”

3. Proclaim the _____ of sin.

Acts 13:38 (NIV) “Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.”