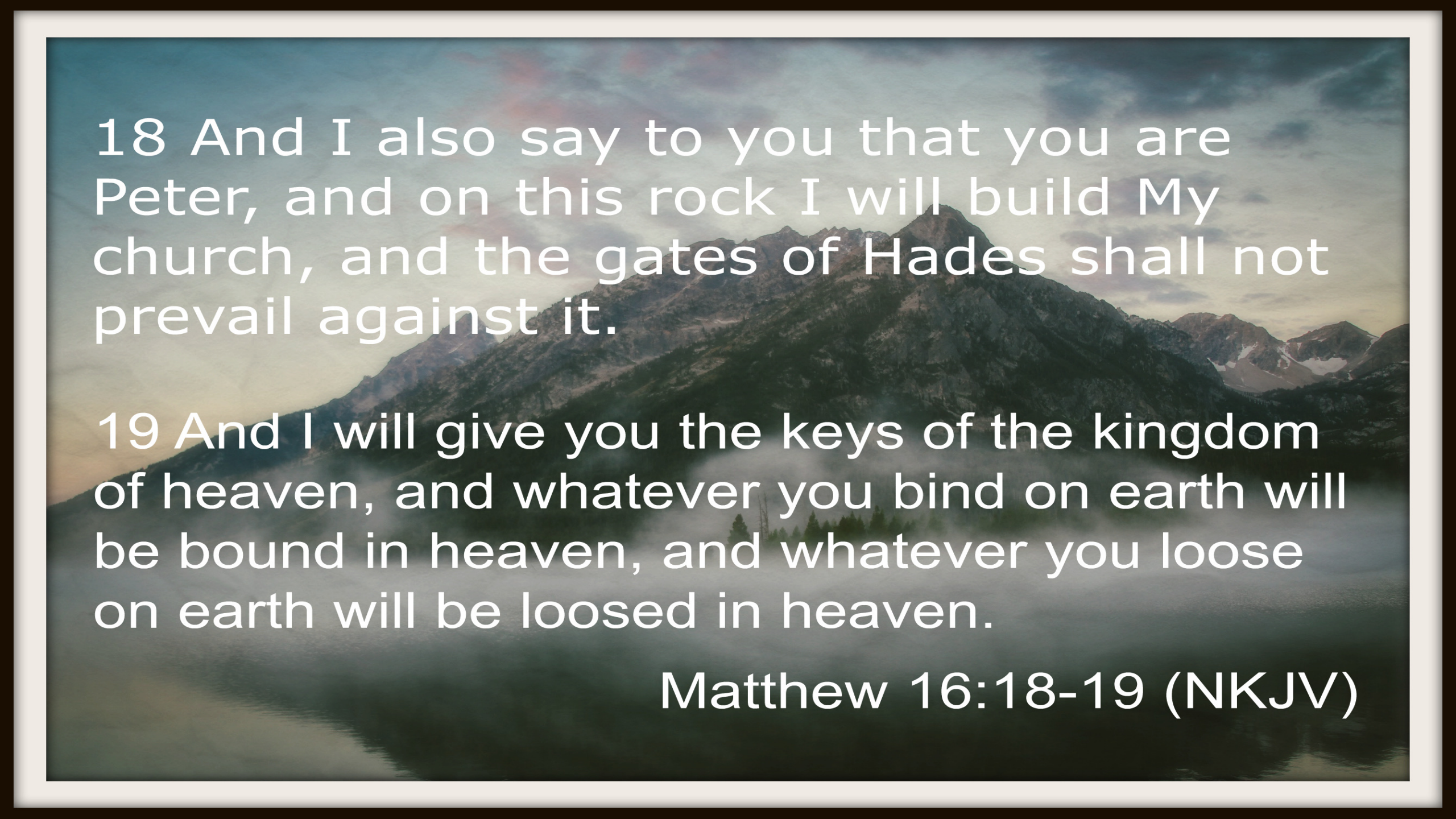


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# The Distinctive Nature of the Kingdom of God

## Part 3



18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Matthew 16:18-19 (NKJV)



**They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.”**

~ Hebrews 8:5

What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you — guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

2 Timothy 1:13-14

What is the biblical distinctive  
nature of the Kingdom of God?

(continued...)

It is distinct in its structure!



The Pattern  
for the church  
of Christ:

The church has Christ as its head.

- Colossians 1:18
- Ephesians 5:23 – 24

The Pattern  
for the church  
of Christ:

- Ephesians 4:7
- Ephesians 4:11 – 14
- Philippians 1:1

The Pattern  
for the church  
of Christ:

**ELDERS:**

- Titus 1:5
- Acts 20:17
- Acts 20:28 – 32

## The different terms used to describe an elder:

- Elder/ presbyter
  - Greek term: presbuteros (pres-boo'-ter-os)
  - It is defined as: “older”
- Bishop/Overseer
  - Greek term: episkopos (ep-is'-kop-os)
  - It is defined as: “a superintendent”
- Shepherd/Pastor
  - Greek term: poimaino (poy-mah'-ee-no) from the term poimen (poy-mane')
  - It is defined as: “to tend as a shepherd of”

# The Pattern for the church of Christ:

## ELDERS

## DEACONS:

- Philippians 1:1
- Defining Deacon:
  - Greek term: diakonos (dee-ak'-on-os)
  - It is defined as: “an attendant”
  - It is from a word that means “to run errands”
  - Simply this term refers to a servant.
- Acts 6:2 – 4

The Pattern  
for the church  
of Christ:

**ELDERS**

**DEACONS**

**The members:**

- Philippians 1:1
- 1 Corinthians 12:12 – 13
- Ephesians 4:31 – 32

**Have you been  
added to that one  
body, the church?**

