

John 20:23~ **If you forgive the sins of any persons, they stand forgiven to them. If you retain those of any persons, they stand retained.**

- 1· **Then he told them that if they forgave anyone then that one's sins would be forgiven. Also he told them that any sins they chose to retain would not be forgiven.**

[Question] What authority did Jesus then pass on to his disciples, that he himself had exercised many times?

- 2· **I will give you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you may bind on earth, will be the thing bound in the heavens, and whatever you may loose on earth, will be the thing loosed in the heavens. (Matthew 16:19)**

[Question] What keys did Jesus give to his apostles, and what authority went with this?

- 3· **Well, then, look! Yehowah's hand is upon you, and you will be blind, not seeing the sunlight for a period of time. Instantly a thick mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went around seeking men to lead him by the hand. (Acts of Apostles 13:11)**

[Question] How was Paul affected by the appearance of Jesus Christ to him?

- 4· **Truly I say to you men, whatever things you may bind on earth, will be things bound in heaven, and whatever things you may loose on earth, will be things loosed in heaven. (Matthew 18:18)**

[Question] What authority did Jesus give to his apostles?

- 5· **Anything you kindly **forgive** anyone, I do too. In fact, as for me, whatever I have kindly **forgiven**, if I have kindly **forgiven** anything, it has been for your sakes, in Christ's sight. (2 Corinthians 2:10)**

[Question] How did Paul later show this same forgiveness, and extend it to others?

- 6· **Now where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer an offering for sin. (Hebrews 10:18)**

[Question] What is no longer necessary, when there is true forgiveness?