

tual, was opened." In fact, this expression is not uncommon. Thus—"When I came to Troas to preach Christ's Gospel, (*eis. ad.* in order to—'preach,' must evidently be inserted) and a door was opened unto me of the Lord."*—"Praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ."† But note more particularly, Acts 14, 27, in connection with what has been just said, respecting Peter first preaching the gospel to the Gentiles. "They (Paul and Barnabas) rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had OPENED THE DOOR OF FAITH UNTO THE GENTILES." Let it however be recollected, that not to Peter only was authority given to preach the Gospel, but likewise to all the other apostles. † Paul speaks of himself as preaching the Gospel, (and consequently as being the instrument in opening the door of faith) where Christ was not named, lest he should build on another man's foundation."‡

WE now come to the power of binding and loosing. "And whatsoever thou shalt

* 2 Cor. 2—12.

† Col. 4—3.

‡ Rom. 15—20.