

by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

1. Corinthians x. 4. And that rock was Christ. (iii. 11) For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Q. 14. Then the Church of Rome is incorrect and unscriptural when she states that Peter was the "Rock"?

A. Yes. It is distinctly laid down that Christ is the "Rock." The "Rock" Christ referred to was the definite character of the testimony that Peter's confession bore to Himself.

Q. 15. What did Christ mean when He gave the keys to Peter, saying, "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven"?

A. A key is used in opening a door. Peter was appointed to open the door of the Christian Church. He preached on the day of Pentecost to the Jews, and admitted three thousand persons by baptism into the Church.

Acts ii. 1, 14, 41. (1) And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. (14) But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: (41) Then they (a mixed company; see verses 5 to 12) that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Q. 16. What was the key?

A. The Word of God preached by Peter as stated.

Q. 17. Do all believers possess this key as given by Christ to Peter?

A. Yes, immediately they become converted. His Word becomes their "key," rule and guide of life.

Q. 18. Who has the key of the kingdom of glory?

A. Christ, and none but He.

Revelations iii. 7. And to the angel of the Church in Philadelphia write: These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth and no man shutteth; and shutteth and no man openeth.