How did Peter use the keys?

Acts 2:38 *"...in the name of Jesus Christ..."*
(Opening the kingdom to the Jews)

8:16 *"...in the name of the Lord Jesus"*
(Now, to the Gentiles)

10:48 *"...in the name of the Lord"*
(Now, to the Samaritans)

19:5 *"...in the name of the Lord Jesus"*
(re-baptized upon further understanding)

I Cor. 1:13 *"Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?"* (No! You are baptized in the name of the one crucified for you.)

Col. 3:17 *"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, [do] all in the name of the Lord Jesus"* (Father? Son? Holy Ghost?)

Col. 2:9 *"For in him [Jesus] dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily."*

The name (singular) of the three offices of God (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost) is the Lord Jesus Christ. When the church divided God into three persons (Trinity) this truth was lost.

Ephesians 3:14 *"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,* **15** *Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,"*

Deut. 6:4 / Mk 12:29, 32 / Gal. 3:20 / 1 Tim. 2:5 / James 2:19 / Rev 4:2 / +

Follow the Scriptural pattern and you can expect Scriptural results. *"...and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."*

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Christian Baptism

**Don't miss this:
The form of Baptism performed in most Christian churches is absolutely foreign to the Scriptural pattern.
How can this be?
Both Scripture and history testify to the truth.**

Most all churches today follow a literal interpretation of Matthew 28:19: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" (It was not always so.)

Yet...on the day of Pentecost, the inauguration of the Christian Church, Peter commanded the people thusly: "...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." ACTS 2:38

Now we must ask ourselves: Is Scriptural Baptism to be performed in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost? Or in the name of Jesus Christ?

Or is there really a choice to make? Both commands are in the Bible. Is one right and one wrong? If so, then the Bible is not to be trusted. Or is it possible there is an understanding that the apostles had that the church somehow lost?

Fact: The act of Baptism with wording as literally stated in Matthew 28:19 (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost) is not only unknown to Scripture, but the wording is not even used in the first two hundred years of Christian history.

What happened?

Encyclopaedia Britannica
11th edition., Vol. 3, Pg. 365-366
The Baptismal formula was changed from the name of Jesus Christ to the words Father, Son & Holy Ghost by the Catholic church in the second Century.
Vol. 3, Pg. 82
Every where in the oldest sources it states that Baptism took place in the name of Jesus Christ.

Catholic Encyclopedia
Vol. 2 Pg. 263
Here the Catholics acknowledged that Baptism was changed by the Catholic church.

Canney Encyclopedia of Religion
Pg. 53
The early church always Baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus until the development of the Trinity Doctrine in 2nd century.

New International Encyclopedia
Vol. 22, Pg 477
The term "Trinity" was originated by Tertullian, A Roman Catholic Church Father

Hastings Encyclopedia of Religion
Vol. 2, Pg. 377
Christian Baptism was administered using the words, "in the name of Jesus."
Vol. 2, Pg 378
The use of the Trinitarian formula of any sort was not suggested in early church history.
Vol. 2, Pg 389
Baptism was always in the name of 'Lord Jesus' until time of Justin Martyr when triune formula was used.

Catholic Encyclopedia
Vol. 8 - Justin Martyr was one of the early Fathers of the Roman Catholic church.

Hastings Encyclopedia of Religion
Vol. 2, Pg. 377
Acts 2:38 *"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."*
NAME was an ancient synonym for "person." Payment was always made in the name of some person referring to ownership. Therefore being Baptized in Jesus' name became His personal property. *"And ye are Christ's; and Christ [is] God's."* I COR 3:23

What is the foundation of Christ's church? Is it the doctrine of the apostles and prophets? True. But there is more.

MATTHEW 16:15 "He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?
16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed [it] unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.
18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

These Scriptures give us the understanding of what the church (True Church) is built upon.
"Upon this rock I will build my church;" This is the revelation of Christ (the Logos, the living, anointed Word)...in any and every age.
Because of what the Father had shown Peter, Jesus gives him the keys to the kingdom.

Matthew 16:19 "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Luke 17:21 "Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! For, behold, **the kingdom of God is within you.**"

That's the Holy Ghost within those who have received Him.