

# **THE CHURCH WHICH JESUS BUILT**

Matthew 16:13-20

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“When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, ‘Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?’

<sup>14</sup> So they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’

<sup>15</sup> He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered and said, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’

<sup>17</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> 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.’

<sup>20</sup> Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.”

# “ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH”

- Observe:

- I will build my church

- Divine in origin
- Daniel 2:44

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- Observe:

- I will build my church

- To be, future

- Acts 2:47

- Not an institution of the law of Moses

- A clear dividing line

- Colossians 2:14

- Determined purpose; no afterthought

- Ephesians 3:8-11

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- Observe:

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- That which is built necessitates a foundation

- “upon this rock”

- 1 Peter 2:4-8

- 1 Corinthians 3:11

# “ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH”

- Observe:

- I will build My church

- Ownership

- Acts 20:28

- Submission

- 2 Corinthians 11:2; Romans 7:4

- Ephesians 5:22-27

# “ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH”

- Observe:

- I will build my church

- Singular

- Ephesians 4:4

- Called-out

- 1 Peter 2:9

- 2 Thessalonians 2:14

- The saved

- Ephesians 5:23; 1:22-23

- Kingdom of heaven

- Vss. 18-19

**“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”**

- Apostolic authority granted
  - Matthew 18:18
  - 2 Corinthians 5:18-20



If we believe the truth Jesus spoke about His church, then...

- **We will want to be members of His church and not of something similar, a counterfeit**
  - Mark 16:16
  - Acts 2:36-41; 47
  - John 3:5
    - 1 Peter 1:23
    - Romans 6:4
    - Ephesians 5:25-27
    - Acts 22:16
- **We will reject any other teaching of entrance requirements into His kingdom, His church**

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- **We will submit to His headship**

- Verse 18

- Ephesians 1:22-23

- Colossians 2:18-19

- **And thus we will be concerned with His authority and abiding in His law**

- Matthew 28:18-20

- Ephesians 5:24

- Colossians 3:17; Matthew 7:21-23; Luke 6:46

- 1 John 2:3-6

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- **We will not go to the Old Testament to determine acceptable worship to God**
  - Ephesians 2:15
  - Romans 15:4
  
- **We will reject man-made names**
  - Acts 11:26
  
- **We will reject denominationalism**
  - John 17:20-21; 1 Corinthians 1:10-15

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- ✓ We will submit to His headship and be concerned with His authority and abiding in His law
- **We will believe and practice the apostles' doctrine contained in Scripture**
  - Acts 2:42
  - Ephesians 2:19-22
  - 1 Corinthians 14:37
  - 1 Corinthians 4:6
  - Ephesians 3:1-5
  - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

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- **We will reject the creeds and traditions of men**
  - Matthew 15:9; Mark 7:8-9
- **We will reject the councils, synods, conventions, presidents, popes, districts, circuits, zones, institutions, seminaries**
  - Colossians 1:18
  - Philippians 1:1

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- **We will reject any other standard of belief and practice, including:**
  - **The end justifies the means**
    - Romans 3:8
  - **"I thought", "I don't see anything wrong with it"**
    - Acts 26:9
    - Romans 10:17; 2 Corinthians 5:7
    - 2 Timothy 1:13

- Jesus said, “Upon this rock I will build My church”
- Jesus Christ is the Savior of the body, which is His church
- If you are not in His body, His church, then you are not saved
  
- Are you a member of *His* church?
- Only by following His entrance requirements can you be added to His church
- Then remain faithful unto death so that you may be saved eternally