

“I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH”

Matthew 16.13-21

The Church's One FOUNDATION - *upon this Rock* (v.16, 18, 21)

The Son - His person

The Church is built upon Who He is - 1 Co 3.11 / Co 1.18

Upon this rock - not Peter, but Peter's confession - *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God*

* Mt 18.1 / 1 Pe 2.6-7 / Ep 2.19-20

The Sacrifice - His work

v. 21 - *from that time forth* - the cross is meaningless unless we know Who died there!
must suffer...be killed...be raised - 1 Co 15.3-4

The Church's Ongoing FORMATION - *I will build My church* (v.18)

God's work

I will build My church - He's the Foundation, the Builder, the Owner!

Only He can build lasting, spiritual reality - Ac 2.47 / 1 Co 3.6

we are God's building - 1 Co 3.9

Our work

Personal and together - 1 Co 3.11-15

Pray - Jude 20

Abide in the word - Ac 20.32

Prophecy (speak forth God's truth) - 1 Co 14.4

Serve Him with your gifts - Ep 4.16

The Church's Overcoming FORTITUDE - *the gates of Hell will not prevail* (v.18-19)

Take up your Assignment

Storm the gates of Hell - we are on offense, not defense! Storm strongholds of the devil!

God's ancient promise to His people - Ge 22.17-18

Evangelism is claiming the spoils of battle!

Walk in your Authority

The keys of the kingdom of heaven - later given to all disciples - Mt 18.18

keys = represent access, authority, ability to open and shut

power of prayer, the word of the gospel - Mt 18.19

Rest in your Assurance

Shall not prevail - 1 Jn 5.4

He will win - no doubt about it - 2 Th 1.7-10

We will win when we choose to align our life with Him! 1 Jn 5.5