

ARE WE THAT CHURCH?  
Matthew 16:13-20 (ESV)

... *Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.*

Ephesians 5:23 (ESV)

❖ Question of Today:

• Are We That Church?

*Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"<sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say 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 replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."<sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered 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 tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.<sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."<sup>20</sup> Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.*

Matthew 16:13-20 (ESV)

❖ Are We That Church:

1. Where people want to attend in this COMMUNITY?

*Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi...*

Matthew 16:13a (ESV)

2. That has a REPUTATION?

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Matthew 16:13-14 (ESV)

*And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a robbers den."*

Matthew 21:13 (NASB)

*He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"*

Matthew 16:15 (ESV)

3. Where people EXPERIENCE the Holy Spirit's power.

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Matthew 16:16-17 (ESV)

After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.<sup>32</sup> All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had.<sup>33</sup> The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all.<sup>34</sup> There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them<sup>35</sup> and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.

Acts 4:31-35 (ESV)

4. Where a person can receive a NEW NAME?

"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 tell you, you are Peter."

Matthew 16:17-18a (ESV)

But to ALL who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...

John 1:12 (ESV)

5. That God has a PURPOSE for?

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.<sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."<sup>20</sup> Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Matthew 16:18-20 (ESV)

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Matthew 16:16-17 (ESV)

He is working in you. God is helping you obey Him. God is doing what He wants done in you.

Philippians 2:13 (NLV)