

“The Church”

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?”

So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”

Matthew 16:13-20 (continued)

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. 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. And I will give you the keys to 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.”

Matthew 16:13-20 (continued)

Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

Creation

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created

Genesis 1:26-27 — Day 6

Then God said, “Let us make man in Our image, according to our likeness, let them have dominion over... In the image of God He created him, male and female He created them.

Sin Enters the World

Genesis 3

Man rebelled against God's authority

Results:

Broken Relationship with God

Death of the Spirit

Physical Death

God's Plan of Restoration

Abram

Isaac

Jacob = Israel

Land/People

Moses/Law

Messiah, Christ Jesus

Genesis 15:1, 4

After these things the word of the Lord came
to Abram...

And behold, the word of the Lord came to him,
saying, “This one shall not be your heir, but
one who will come from your own body shall
be your heir.”

Abram - Isaac - Jacob/Israel - Judah -
Jesus = Word of God

Matthew 16:18

“And I say to you that you are Peter,
and on this rock I will build My church,
and the gates of Hades will not prevail
against it.

Joel 3:1-2

Gathers captives of Judah & Jerusalem

Gathers all nations to judge:

On account of My people, My heritage Israel

whom they have scattered

They have also divided up My land.

Acts 9:4-5

Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?

I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

Saul was persecuting people of the Way

= the church

Who is the Church?

All who are born again by His Spirit, who confess with their mouth Jesus is Lord, and believe in their hearts God raised Him from the dead.

John 3:16; Romans 10:9-10

First Use

Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus is speaking prophetically about the church which would be “born” in:

Acts 2:1-4

As the Fulfilling of:

Acts 1:4-8

Jesus' Call

Then Jesus said to His disciples,

“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up His cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save His life will lose it, but whoever loses His life for My sake will find it.”

Matthew 16:24-25

Purpose of the Church

Ephesians 4:11-12

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,...

Why?

...till we all come to unity of faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the deceitful plotting, ...

Why? (Continued)

... but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head— Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which even part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Ephesians 4:13-16

Jesus:

Builds His Church: Matthew 16:18

Died for His Church: Ephesians 5:15

Empowers His Church: Acts 1:8; 11:15-18

Is Head of His Church: Colossians 1:18

Directs His Church: Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus/The Church

Head/Body

Husband/Virgin

Bridegroom/Bride

High Priest/Royal Priesthood

Shepherd/Flock

Owner/People

Creator/New Man

Heir/Joint Heirs

Firstfruit/Resurrected

Early Church Met For:

Worship: Acts 2:47; 1 Corinthians 11:18

Breaking of Bread: Acts 2:42, 46

Fellowship: Acts 2:45-46; 4:31

Instruction: Acts 2:42; 11:26; 1 Cor. 4:19

Prayer: Acts 2:42

Ministry: Acts 13:2; 15:3

Result Acts 2:47:

And the Lord added to the church daily
those who were being saved

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying,

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen

The Church

We assemble together as the church

(Hebrews 10:25)

to build up (equip) one another

(Ephesians 4:12)

So we can...

Go into all the world

and make disciples

(Matthew 28:18-10)

Until He comes to bring His Church home

(1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)