

UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM

THE PILLAR AND FOUNDATION OF TRUTH

Colossians 1:13 (NLT) For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son...

Matthew 6:33 (NIV) "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 10:34–37 (NLT) ³⁴ "Don't imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ 'I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ Your enemies will be right in your own household!' ³⁷ "If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine."

Luke 6:46–49 (NLT): ⁴⁶ "So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say? ⁴⁷ I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. ⁴⁸ It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built. ⁴⁹ But anyone who hears and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house right on the ground, without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins."

THE CHURCH IS BUILT ON TRUTH.

Matthew 16:13–19 (NIV) ¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

OUR VIEW ON SOCIAL ISSUES IS TO BE SHAPED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF THE KINGDOM.

THE CHURCH IS THE PILLAR AND FOUNDATION OF TRUTH.

1 Timothy 3:14–15 (NLT) ¹⁴I am writing these things to you now, even though I hope to be with you soon, ¹⁵so that if I am delayed, you will know how people must conduct themselves in the household of God. This is the church of the living God, **which is the pillar and foundation of the truth.**

THE CHURCH IS THE SALT OF THE EARTH AND THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

Matthew 5:13–15 (NLT) ¹³“You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house.”