

Southside Baptist Church  
Wednesday Night Worship – 7-10-24  
Matthew Chapter 16 Part 2  
Peter's confession of faith.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) The Pharisee's have once again asked for a sign.
  - a) Jesus exposed what they were wise in. Discerning the weather.
  - b) Jesus described them as "a wicked and adulterous generation."
- 2) Jesus warned the disciples to "beware of the leaven of the Pharisees..."
  - a) "leaven" – mental and moral corruption and its tendency to infect others.
- 3) What was the most dangerous doctrine that the Pharisees and Sadducees taught?

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) We started to investigate a very familiar passage known as Peter's confession of faith.
  - a) Let's review what we have seen so far...

2. Peter's confessions of faith. Matthew 16:13-20

a. Jesus asked, "Whom do men say that I the son of man am?"

- 1) Verse 13 –
  - a) An interesting question for the disciples to answer because of what it would reveal.
  - b) Why was this question important?

2) Verse 14 –

- a) We better understand what they have heard.

3) Verse 15 -

- a) Why ask this?

4) Verse 16 –

- a) We should not be shocked that Peter was the first to speak.
- b) Was Peter, right?

5) Verse 17 –

- a) How did Peter learn this?
- b) Was this the first confession concerning Jesus?

6) Looking at this from a chronology of events:

- a) John 1:41 – Andrew brought Simon to Jesus. Why did he do that?
- b) John 1:49 – Nathanael's confession.
- c) Matthew 14:33 – What did the disciples say here?
- d) John 6:68-69 – Peter stated here –

3. Jesus speaks of the church: Matthew 16:18-20

a. The first time the word "church" appears in the New Testament.

- 1) "church" – "ekklesia" – the whole body of Christians scattered throughout the earth. All who worship and honor God and Christ in whatever place they may be. Thayers.
- 2) The timing is important to note here –

b. Verse 18 –

- 1) “Peter” – “petros” – a stone, rock, ledge or cliff.
- 2) “Jesus” – “Petra” – a large, massive rock.
- 3) “build” – to found – specifically – by reason of the strength of thy faith thou shalt be my principal support in the establishment of my church.
- 4) “church” – “ekkllesia” – the whole body of Christians scattered throughout the earth. All who worship and honor God and Christ is whatever place they may be. Thayers.
- 5) Application – personal testimony –
- 6) Back to verse 18: “the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” –
  - a) “the gates of hell” – “hades” –
  - b) “gates” –

c. Verse 19 –

- 1) To Peter, the rest of the disciples and ultimately the Church.
  - a) The misinterpretation of these verses has led a movement to think, live and teach a doctrine that will end with many realizing too late that they have been misled and deceived into thinking something that is not true of God’s Word.
  - b) Context is key here –
  - c) We see the truth emerging here that Jesus was revealing that the Church would be built by Him through the work and ministry of those who had demonstrated faith in Him.
- 2) To Peter, the rest of the disciples and ultimately the Church:
  - a) “And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven...”
  - b) “keys” – used to speak of authority. A key is used to open a door.
  - c) Warren Weirsbe – “Peter was given the privilege of “opening” the door of faith to the Jews in Acts 2, the Samaritans in Acts 8 and to the Gentiles in Acts 10.”
  - d) “and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
  - e) To “bind” something meant that it was forbidden.
  - f) To “loose” something meant it was allowed, permitted.
  - g) The Amplified Bible really helps with this verse.

d. Verse 20 –

- 1) Why would Jesus tell them this?

4. Tonight’s Take Away:

- a. I hope you can see how important it is to work hard to rightly divide God’s Word.
- b. It is Jesus who will build His Church but isn’t it awesome that He desires to use us.