

Matthew 16:18-20

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Intro -

V 13. - When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” 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're the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Son of Jonah, for flesh and blood hasn't 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'll build My church.

Church = It's the Greek word ekklesia.

- **kaleo = called ek = out of**

The church is a group of people called out of darkness and called to God.

1. The Church's Foundation

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Luke 9:46 - Then His disciples began arguing about which of them was the greatest.

Luke 22:24 - Then they began to argue among themselves as to which of them would be considered the greatest.

Matthew 20:20-21 - Then the mother of James and John came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of Him... She said, “Grant that my two sons may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom.”

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1 Peter 5:1 - To the elders among you, I appeal as a *fellow elder*...

Galatians 2:11 - When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly wrong.

v.18 - Jesus said: "You're Peter, and on *this rock* I'll build My church."

Jesus: "You're *petros* and upon this *petra*, I'll build My church."

The word *petros* is a masculine noun that means "small stone."

The word *petra* is a feminine noun that means "massive boulder."

The stone that they pushed in front of Jesus' grave was called a *petra*.

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The foundation of the church is Jesus Christ and who He is.

1 Cor. 3:11 - No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

2. The Church's Builder

Jesus: "Upon this rock *I will build* My church."

1 Cor. 3:6 - I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

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3. The Church's Opposition

Jesus: "Upon this rock I'll build My church and the gates of Hades won't prevail against it."

Hebrews 2:14-15 - By His death, He might break the power of him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil--and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

Revelation 1:17-18 - "Don't be afraid. I'm the First and the Last, the Living One. I was dead, and now I'm alive forever and ever! And *I hold the keys of Death and of Hades.*"

4. The Church's Authority

v.19 - Jesus: "I'll give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

"I'll 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."

"Whatever you bind on earth *will have been bound* in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth *will have been loosed* in heaven."

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Col. 1:18 - Christ is the head of the church, which is His body. He's the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that He might be first in everything.

Ephesians 1:22-23 - God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made Him head over all things for the benefit of the church. The church is His body; it's made full and complete by Christ, who fills all with Himself.
