




The Vow of Christ the Builder

Matthew 16:13-19






“UPON THIS ROCK...”

- **The Great Confession By A Little Man**
 - Matt. 16:13-16 - “When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? 14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.”
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“UPON THIS ROCK...”

- **“Thou Art Peter...”**
 - Matt. 16:17-18ff - “And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock...”
 - **The confession is the rock.**
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“UPON THIS ROCK...”


- **Peter was a pillar in the Church, not the foundation.**
 - Gal. 2:9 - “And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision.”



“UPON THIS ROCK...”


- **Christ is foundation upon which the Church is built.**

– 1Cor. 3:10-11 - “According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”






“I WILL BUILD...”

- Psalm 127:1 - “Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it.”
 - **Jesus promised to do it within the lifetime of His apostles.**
 - Matt. 16:28 - “Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.”
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“I WILL BUILD...”

- **Witness Jesus Christ Build His Church:**
 - Matt. 16:19
 - Luke 24:49
 - Acts 2:1-4, 36-41, 47
 - **ANY church started after that day is NOT the Lord’s Church.**
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“MY CHURCH...”

- The Church Belongs to Christ.
 - **He holds the deed.**
 - Acts 20:28 - “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”
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“MY CHURCH...”

- The Church Belongs to Christ.
 - **It wears His name: Christ, God the Son.**
 - Rom. 16:16 - “The churches of Christ salute you.”
 - Matt. 15:13 - “Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.”
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“MY CHURCH...”

- **Jesus said: “My Church.”**
 - Singular possessive pronoun; singular noun
 - There is only one, and it belongs exclusively to Christ.



“MY CHURCH...”

- **The prophets spoke of only one church, not many.**
 - Isa. 2:2-3 - “And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.”




“MY CHURCH...”

- **The prophets spoke of only one church, not many.**
 - Dan. 2:44 - “And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. ”



“MY CHURCH...”

- **The New Testament witnesses testified that there is only one Church, not many.**
 - Eph. 4:4
 - Eph. 1:22-23
 - Col. 1:18
 - **Salvation is only found in Jesus Christ’s Church, not others.**
 - Eph. 5:23, 27
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**“THE GATES OF HADES SHALL
NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT.”**

- **Death ends man’s work on earth.**
 - Ecc. 9:10
- **But Christ was not merely a man.**
 - Heb. 1:8
 - Col. 2:9
- **The grave would not prevent Him from completing His work.**
 - Acts 2:31
 - 1Cor. 15:19-20, 27




“I Will Give Unto Thee The Keys Of The Kingdom Of Heaven.”

- **All of the keys must be used to enter the Kingdom.**
- **Faith is essential**
 - Heb. 11:6
 - Rom. 10:17
 - John 8:24



**“I Will Give Unto Thee The Keys Of
The Kingdom Of Heaven.”**

- **All of the keys must be used to enter the Kingdom.**
- **Repentance must be complete**
 - Acts 17:30
 - Luke 13:3
 - Acts 2:38




**“I Will Give Unto Thee The Keys Of
The Kingdom Of Heaven.”**

- **All of the keys must be used to enter the Kingdom.**
- **Confession is unto salvation**
 - Rom. 10:9-10
 - Matt. 10:32-33



**“I Will Give Unto Thee The Keys Of
The Kingdom Of Heaven.”**

- **All of the keys must be used to enter the Kingdom.**
 - **Baptism remits sin and confers citizenship in the Kingdom**
 - Acts 2:38, 47
 - Gal. 3:26-27
 - Mark 16:16
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**“WHATSOEVER THOU SHALT
BIND... (or) LOOSE...”**

- **Peter revealed God’s law as he was directed by the Holy Spirit.**
 - John 14:26, 16:7, 13
 - 2Tim. 3:16-17
 - 2Peter 1:2-4
- **We do not deal with man’s law and doctrines, but God’s revealed will.**



**“WHATSOEVER THOU SHALT
BIND... (or) LOOSE...”**

**We must continue in God’s law in
order to remain saved.**

– 2John 9-11





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- **Christ promised to build His Church.**
 - **He fulfilled His promise to the uttermost.**
 - **You cannot afford to be outside of the body of Christ which is His Church.**
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