

CHRIST & HIS CHURCH

Lesson 1, Part 3

Christ and His Church - Preservation and Authority of the Church.

Matthew 16:13–19 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.”

C. Christ promises the Church will be _____.

18b. and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it.

1. Because it's His church and He is the Builder, the church is _____.

“the gates of Hades”

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2. Jesus is primarily speaking of His OWN death .

21 From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day

3. The death of Jesus didn't destroy His work of building the church, it actually _____ its success.

D. Christ grants authority to the _____.

19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

"keys"

What do "keys" imply?

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1. The church (every believer) has the authority to open the door to the kingdom of heaven by means of the _____.

“bind” ... is a synonym meaning to “_____”

“loose” is a synonym meaning to “_____”

19 “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you FORBID on earth shall be FORBIDDEN in heaven, and whatever you shall PERMIT on earth shall be PERMITTED in heaven.”

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Matthew 16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven.

2. The forbidding or permitting occurs first in _____.

Our authority rests solely on what God’s Word says which was determined in eternity past.

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What we say does not cause the forbidding and permitting, we only _____ what God's Word already forbids or permits.

3. Jesus is declaring that the church acts with the _____ of God when it accurately declares what His Word says.

4. We should be bold, courageous, and _____ to speak up and proclaim what God has already determined to permit or forbid what it takes to become part of His church.

Implication:

We are to declare the gospel, and whoever believes it I will be loosed from chains of hell, and whoever refuses to believe it will remain eternally bound.

ANSWERS: preserved, indestructible, own, guaranteed, church, gospel, forbid, permit, heaven, declare, authority, confident