

The Kingdom of God

Matthew 16:15-19

I. Peter, On This Rock I Will Build My Church

A. What is the "rock?"

Is it Peter, Acts 2, Gal. 2:9 (Peter, James, John)

Is it Jesus, Psalm 118:22 the stone the builders rejected has become chief cornerstone

Dan. 2:44 Kingdom never destroyed, break others, stand forever

Is it the good confession, 1 Timothy 6:12-14 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. **13** I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, **14** that you keep *this* commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing

Not confession of sin (1 John 1:9, James) but of Christ (Acts 8:37), romans 10:9-10, Let us hold fast our confession (Heb. 3:1, 4:14, 10:23)

Word is homologia (to speak the same thing) as Christ Confess is not enough: Mt. 7:21-23 hears and does James 2:19

B. The Church is built on Christ

He shall reign over the kingdom, Luke 1:33

Christ cornerstone, Apostles/Prophets foundation

Eph 2:20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone

II. Gates of Hades Shall Not Prevail

A. Is meaning the church will never be destroyed? Dan. 2:44 Not a continuous line but a seed, Luke 8:11

B. Clearer meaning is that death will not overcome the church Christ's death, 1 Cor. 15:1-4 The Christian's death, Revelation 2:10 faithful to death, crown

III. Keys To the Kingdom

A. God's Kingdoms, Mt. 21:43 taken from you given to another

B. The entrance to the church, Acts 2, Acts 10 Mt 18:18 key given to all apostles

C. The key is Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, Rev. 1:18 I am he who lives and was dead and behold I am alive evermore. And I have the keys of hades and death

IV. What You Bind/What You Loose

A. What is bound?

The law of God, Rev., Gal. 1:8-9, 1 Cor. 1:10, 2 Tim. 3:16-17

B. What is Loosed?

Sin, guilt, hopelessness, death

C. We must remain faithful to Christ

Acts 14:22 We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.

2 Timothy 4:18 the Lord will deliver me from every evil wok and preserve for me his heavenly kingdom.

2 Peter 1:11 so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.