

# The Victorious and Glorious Church, Part 2

1 Timothy 3:15 -- 01/03/2016

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## Main Text for Today (01/03/2016)

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**Matthew 16:16-19** - <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ (the Messiah), the Son of the Living God."

<sup>17</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My **CHURCH**, and the **GATES** of Hades shall **NOT** prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

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## Review ... from Matthew 16:16-19

### 1. The Foundation of the church is Jesus Christ ...

Peter → petros → or little pebble or stone ... like a cobble stone ... skips across the water

**ROCK** → **PETRA** → **Foundational Boulder, Bedrock Stone** which would anchor a building.

Jesus is the Foundation **ROCK/STONE**, the Anchor of the Building, the Living Building He is growing as a Living Temple - **Ephesians 2:19-22**

### 2. The Victorious, Triumphant Mission of the Church – "I will build my church, and the Gates of Hell will not prevail against it" - Matthew 16:18

**The Spread of the Gospel is the Mission of the Church ... thus Truth Sets the Captives Free ...**

**John 8:31-32**: Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you **ABIDE** in **My Word**, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall **KNOW THE TRUTH, and THE TRUTH shall make you free.**"

**Gates do not chase down people and kill them.** Gates are attached to hinges, attached to a Fence or a Wall of some sort. → **John 8:31-32**, it seems that Jesus wants to use us to **OVERCOME** those **GATES** and **SET THE CAPTIVES FREE**.

**1 John 5:19** - We know that we are children of God, and that **the whole world is under the control of the evil one.**

**Hebrews 2:14-15**: Now since the children have flesh and blood in common, Jesus also shared in these, so that **through His death** He might **DESTROY** the one holding the **POWER OF DEATH** - that is, the **Devil**, and **FREE** those who were held in **SLAVERY** all their lives by the **FEAR OF DEATH**.

**Our Mission is a RESCUE Mission** – to Rescue those taken **Captive by SIN**, Enslaved by Satanically Inspired Fears that hold them as **SLAVES** under the **Devil's Spell**. They are Held Captive behind the Walls of Hell, and the Gates of Hell ...

### 3. We are Participants in this Mission – Jesus Christ is "building of His church" through us. It is growing and multiplying like a **Living Temple** that grows like a living organism (Ephesians 2:19-22) ... **With Great Authority and Power: Prayerfully Spreading the Gospel.** The **KEYs** are given to us to accomplish this Mission: **BIND** → **BIND** back the **GATES** (Pin those **DOORS OPEN**) **LOOSE** → **LOOSE** the Bonds of the Captives and Set them **FREE** → **WITH** the **TRUTH of CHRIST** **Let's Use these keys to Set the Captives FREE!!! Unlock the Lock on those GATES of Hell!!!**

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1. **God's Household** → οἰκῶ θεοῦ → oiko Theou ... the Household of God ...

Paul defines this as the church of the Living God (church → ἐκκλησία θεοῦ ζωντος)  
**ecclesia Theou Zontos** ... church of the God that is **LIVING** (of the God that is Living) ...

The **Family Household**, the **Tribal Home**, the **Clan** of the Living God ...

A local church family is a part of the greater Family of God ... Fellowship, Family, Tribe, Clan ... Household ... all a Picture of what God wants each local church family to be like.

How are we to **Behave** in our Family? **Family Behavior within the Family**.

**Proper** ways of Behaving within our Family (read 1 Timothy 2 & 3 for background on this).

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2. **The church is the PILLAR and FOUNDATION of the TRUTH:**

**PILLAR** → στῦλος – stulos (stoo'-los) ( <http://biblehub.com/greek/4769.htm> )

The word picture is of a **Public Column or Pillar** ... not a hidden one, that no one can see.

**Public Pillar, Public Column, Supporting Column of a Building.**

In this case it is something seen from the outside ... it is a picture of a **Notable Pillar**

It is **NOT** hidden, but seen ... clearly seen by all.

It is similar to what we would think of as the **Statue of Liberty** in New York's Harbor ...

the **Statue of Liberty** is a **Supporting Column**, so to speak of our **Liberty** in the USA

It is **Notable, Public and seen**.

The **Supreme Court Building**, and many other buildings in **Washington DC** have public columns like this ... they show strength, faithfulness, integrity, support and endurance ...

all of which is seen in this usage of **STULOS** here in the context.

**FOUNDATION** → ἐδραίωμα → foundation, stay, support, "ground", base ...

( <http://biblehub.com/greek/1477.htm> - [ hedraíōma → hed-rah'-yo-mah ] )

This is **Word Picture of the Base, the Undergirding Support** ... under which all of everything

else Rests of upon. It could be a **Picture of the BASE** on which the **PILLAR** is resting upon ...

and it is collaboration with the **Pillar** in the structure of this phrase ... **Pillar and Support of the Truth** ... **Pillar and Ground of the Truth** ... **Pillar and Base of the Truth**

The church is The **PILLAR** and **SUPPORT/BASE/FOUNDATION** of the Truth ...

3. **What is the Church supposed to Stand For, Defend, Proclaim, Obey and Support?**

→ **THE TRUTH** → **God's Truth** based upon **His Holy Word, ALONE** ... Simply **Biblical** ...

**Bible Only... SOLA SCRIPTURA** (John 8:31-32; John 17:17-19 "your Word is **TRUTH**")

We are to **Stand for, Defend, Obey, Love, & Proclaim the TRUTH** - it **Sets the Captives Free**

We are **NOT** to **Stand for, Defend, Obey, Love and Proclaim "Human Traditions"**

(no matter what the "roots" are of those "traditions" - rituals, celebrations, "holy days", etc.)

If it is in the Bible, and Christians are to **Obey** it, then we need to do **"IT"**.

If we see the early church doing **"IT"** and it is **Pleasing to God**, based upon the Bible, then we should, also be doing **"IT"**. If we **DO NOT** see the **Early Church** doing **"IT"** ... then whatever **"IT"** is should be **SUSPECT** and **TESTED** (1 John 4:1-6)

The **Newly Begun, apostolic church**, in **Acts 2:42**, explains what their foundation was and it

should be ours, Today → "they continually, fully devoted themselves to the **Apostles'**

**Teachings/Doctrine...**" Today, we find the "**Apostle's Teachings**" → **Romans through Jude**

We all should start here, knowing that the church is built upon the foundation of the **apostles**

and the **prophets** (Old / New Testaments – Eph. 2:19-22), **Jesus Christ Himself** being the

**Cornerstone (the foundation Rock/Stone)**

Finish up by reading → 2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Timothy 3:16-4:4; Ephesians 5:25-27 (glorious church)