

The Church Never Loses

Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

1. God's work is going to succeed

a. It is built on Jesus Himself Matthew 16:15 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. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him,

Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: 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 I will build my church;** and the

gates of hell shall not prevail against it. [I Corinthians 3:11](#)

For other **foundation** can no man lay than that is laid, which is **Jesus Christ**.

i. He is the head of the church and He will never fail

[Colossians 1:18](#) And he is the **head of the body,**

the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

ii. The church is His body [Ephesians 1:22](#) And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the **church,** ²³ **Which is his**

body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

b. It is His church [Matthew 16:18](#) And I say also unto thee,

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my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

i. We are to realize that we were bought with a price

[I Corinthians 6:20](#) For ye are **bought with a**

price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

ii. He purchased the church with His blood [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.**

c. He said that He would build it [Matthew 16:18](#) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock **I will build my church;** and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

i. The church is not a bunch of weak oppressed people living in fear of the devil but rather a bunch of servers moving forward in faith

ii. It is His power working in us [Ephesians 3:20](#) Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, **according to the power that worketh in us,**

iii. He is working in us [Colossians 1:29](#) Whereunto I also labour, striving **according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.**

iv. His Word works in us [I Thessalonians 2:13](#) For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, **the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.**

v. It is the grace of God doing all the work
[I Corinthians 15:10](#) But by **the grace of God** I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was **not in vain**; but I **laboured more abundantly than they all**: yet not I, but **the grace of God** which was with me.

d. Our goal to start a church planting movement

[Matthew 28:19](#) Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:²⁰ **Teaching them to observe all things** whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

2. Satan is not near as powerful as you think [Matthew 16:18](#)
And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and **the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**
- a. He flees when you when you decide to obey God
[James 4:7](#) **Submit** yourselves therefore to God. **Resist** the devil, and **he will flee from you.** ⁸
Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.
- b. God has defeated Satan and gives us victory over him as well [Revelation 12:9](#) And the **great dragon was**

cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. [10](#)

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, **Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the**

power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our

God day and night. [11](#) And **they overcame**

him by the blood of the Lamb, and **by the word of their testimony;** and **they loved not their lives unto the death.**

c. God will bruise him under our feet [Romans 16:20](#) And the

God of peace **shall bruise Satan under your feet** shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

d. God's people overcome [I John 4:4](#) **Ye are of God,**
little children, and **have overcome**
them: because **greater is he**
that is in you, than he that is in the
world.

e. We are more than conquerors [Romans 8:37](#) **Nay, in all**
these things **we are more than**
conquerors through him that loved us.

f. Satan is not the one God's people fear. We fear the God of
heaven

g. We can be certain of what God will do in and through us.

3. The gates or seat of authority of death and hell have no real
authority [Matthew 16:18](#) **And I say also unto thee, That**
thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church;
and **the gates of hell shall not prevail**
against it.

- a. Gates in the Bible usually refer to the seats of authority, city hall
- b. That would be wear sin, Satan, and the demons would be gathered plotting against the people of God
- c. Satan wanted to be like God but never accomplished his purpose [Isaiah 14:12](#) How art thou fallen from heaven, O **Lucifer, son of the morning!** How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! ¹³ For thou hast **said in thine heart, I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God: **I will** sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: ¹⁴ **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will** be like the most High.¹⁵ **Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.**
- d. God saves people no matter how death and hell try to stop Him [Matthew 16:18](#) And I say also unto thee, That

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against it.**

i. Hell has been defeated. Jesus has the keys

Revelation 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead;
and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have
the **keys of hell and of death.**

ii. Death is the last enemy but has been defeated

iii. As His people we will never die **John 11:25** Jesus said
unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that
believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever **liveth and believeth
in me shall never die.** Believest thou

this?

e. We attack the very gates of Hell **Matthew 16:18** And I say
also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I
will build my church; and **the gates of hell
shall not prevail against it.**

- i. Gates are a defensive weapon
- ii. Hell would not literally have iron gates
- iii. But the statement is clear. Satan's power, authority, and gates can't stop the church of Jesus Christ
- iv. We are in a war against the devil [Ephesians 6:10](#) **Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.** [11](#) Put on the whole **armour of God,** that **ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.** [12](#) For **we wrestle** not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
- v. We snatch them from the burning. God allows us to make a difference in lives
- f. Never give up. Never believe that Satan has the power to destroy your family, you, the church

- g. Satan is a defeated foe.
- h. We do not fight for victory but from victory
- i. We will win because He has already won [Revelation 19:11](#)

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a **white horse**; and he that sat upon him was called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness he doth **judge and make war.** ¹² His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. ¹³ And he was clothed with a **vesture dipped in blood**: and his name is called **The Word of God.** ¹⁴ And the **armies** which were in heaven followed him upon **white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.** ¹⁵ And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should **smite the nations**: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the

fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶ And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**