

Christ Will Build His Church Part 3
Matthew 16:18-20

1. Jesus begins with some fundamental questions about His identity, and after Peter correctly identifies Him, He calls Peter blessed.
 - a. What was the nature of the blessing Peter received from God?

 - b. Is this consistent with what is taught in Scripture concerning all who recognize Jesus as Messiah and Lord?

2. In 16:18, Jesus tells Peter “you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.”
 - a. What did Jesus mean by “upon this rock?”

 - b. Who will build the church?

 - c. To Whom does the church belong?

 - d. What did Jesus mean when He said “The gates of hell will not prevail against it.”

3. In 16:19, Jesus tells Peter “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”
 - a. What does Jesus mean by the “keys to heaven.”

 - b. What does Jesus mean by binding and loosing (see also Matthew 18:18-20)?

 - c. Why does Jesus tell his disciples not to tell anyone in 16:20?