

Being a 1st Century Church in 2009: Build on the Rock

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Matthew 16:13-19

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" 14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven." 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Jesus didn't say, "Go and find a place to be comfortable."
Jesus didn't say, "Go and find a place where you really like the music."
Jesus didn't say, "Go find a place where all your needs are met."

Jesus <u>said</u> , "Go and Make Disciples."	Matt 28:19
Jesus <u>said</u> , Go and Tell "how much God has Done for You."	Luke 8:39
Jesus <u>said</u> , "Build on the Solid Foundation."	Matt 7:25
Jesus <u>said</u> , "On this Rock I will Build my Church."	Matt 16:18

Jesus is teaching us that...

1. HE IS THE CHRIST – THE SON OF GOD!

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

- Christ – Anointed One – Messiah

Jesus is teaching us that...

2. YOU ARE BLESSED BY BELIEVING & PROCLAIMING HIM AS CHRIST!

17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah...

Jesus is teaching us that...

3. THIS IS REVEALED BY GOD – NOT MAN!

17 ... this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.

Jesus is teaching us that...

4. THE CHURCH IS BUILT ON WHO HE IS!

18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church

Jesus is teaching us that...

5. NOTHING IS GREATER THAN HIM!

18 ... on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Jesus is teaching us that...

6. WE ARE CALLED TO PROCLAIM HIM AS CHRIST!

15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Ex 3:14

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Mark 14:61-62

61 Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed one?" 62 "I am," said Jesus..."

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Acts 4:12

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which [man] must be saved."

CONCLUSION:

Are we looking to Be a 1st Century Church in 2009?

We must Build on the Rock!

Jesus, The Christ – is the Loving Foundation of the Church!

1 Corinthians 3:11

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Rom 10:9

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.