

Christ's Plan for the Church

Are You on Board?

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20

¹³When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, **Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?** ¹⁴And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. ¹⁵He saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?**

¹⁶And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

¹⁷And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.**

¹⁸And 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.

¹⁹And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ²⁰Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

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- 1. Believers who strive to glorify Christ both individually and corporately**

Intentional about worship that focuses on the person of God

- 2. Believers who regularly meeting together – Hebrews 10:24, 25**

- 3. Believers who are united together by embracing the Word of God as their final authority for their faith and practice – 2 Timothy 3:16**

- 4. Believers who are identified by their love for one another – John 13:34, 35**

Part of this love means being answerable to one another – Matthew 18:15-20

- 5. Believers who live separated lives from the world in their heart and conduct – 2 Corinthians 6:17**

- 6. Believers who use their gifts and abilities to glorify Christ and further the work of His church – 1 Peter 4:10, 11**

- 7. Believers who are united together to reach the lost with the Gospel (at home and abroad) – Mark 16:15**

Gospel urgency among individual believers and the church corporately