

“WE BELIEVE”

“NOURISHED ON THE WORDS OF FAITH AND SOUND DOCTRINE”

PART 15

“WE BELIEVE... IN THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST”

“The World’s Greatest Building Project”

(Matthew 16:13-20)

INTRODUCTION:

TWO FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS WE WILL EXAMINE IN THE NEXT 3 WEEKS:

• **Question 1:** Who _____ and what on Earth _____ doing?
(Matthew 16:13-17)

• _____ My _____ with His _____

• **Question 2:** Who _____ and what on Earth _____ doing?
(Matthew 18:16-20; Acts 1:8)

• _____ My _____ in His _____

THE LARGER CONTEXT OF THE CONVERSATION:

1. The Most Important _____ Ever _____. (16:13-17)

“Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’

And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.’

He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’”

—Matthew 16:13-15

2. The Most Important _____ Ever _____. (16:18-20)

“I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.”

—Matthew 16:18

JESUS IS BUILDING HIS CHURCH ...

1A. ...ON A _____ (V. 18a)

"I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock..."

"...having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,..."

—Ephesians 2:20

"For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

—1 Corinthians 3:11

2A. ...BY HIS _____ (V. 18b)

"...upon this rock I will build My church..."

"...are being built together into a dwelling of God..."

—Ephesians 2:22

"...you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

—1 Peter 2:4, 5

3A. ...AS HIS _____ (V. 18c)

"...and upon this rock I will build My church..."

"And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church,..."

—Ephesians 1:22

"...but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,..."

—Ephesians 4:15

4A. ...WITH A _____ (V. 18d)

"...I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it."

CONCLUSION: