

WHO IS THE CHURCH?

(Jesus) "I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it."

Matthew 16:18

- **The church is the HOPE of the WORLD.**

Why the Church is the Hope of the World:

1. The Church's Founder: JESUS CHRIST

...Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

Ephesians 5:23

Jesus...asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

Matthew 16:13

"Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it."

Matthew 16:14-18

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

1 Corinthians 3:11

2. The Church's Foundation: ETERNALLY SOLID

As the Scriptures say, "People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades. But the word of the Lord remains forever."

1 Peter 1:24-25

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

Acts 2:42

3. The Church's Fellowship: ALL PEOPLE MATTER TO GOD

So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family.

Ephesians 2:19

His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5

4. The Church's Focus: REACH A LOST WORLD

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 19:10

Our Mission: To know God and be changed by Him in a way that will change the world.

Our Vision: To be a church for the unchurched, here and around the world.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20