

# Ecclesia

## Bringing the Church back to Heaven's blueprint

### **Matthew 16:18 TPT**

"I give you the name Peter, a stone. And this rock will be the bedrock foundation on which I build My church (Ecclesia) — My legislative assembly, and the power of the death will not be able to overpower it!"

### **Matthew 16:18 NASB**

"I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church (Ecclesia) and the gates of Hell will not overpower it."

The Greek term "Ecclesia" is the word Jesus used to describe what was in His heart as a vehicle to release His Father's "Kingdom covenant order" on the earth.

### **JESUS' ECCLESIA IS THE CAPSTONE OF HIS KINGDOM.**

His crowning achievement: the joy set before Him as he endured the Cross.

One way to know if an assembly of believers is faithful to Heaven's blueprint:

*The emphasis on...*

- The power of His cross - 1 Corinthians 1:18
- The life of His resurrection - Philippians 3:10
- The authority of His ascension - Matthew 28:18-20
- His intercession as Our High Priest and Apostle on our behalf - Hebrews 4:14-15

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<i>Church-ism</i>	<i>Jesus' Ecclesia</i>
Born out of theology <i>(man's intellectual opinion of God)</i>	Born out of revelation of the Christ <i>(has nothing to do with flesh and blood)</i>
Comfortable in traditions and superstitions of men	Controversial: a disruptor of <i>man made</i> traditions and superstitions
Operates out of convenience	Operates out of <i>conviction</i>
Compromising for the sake of becoming relevant to culture	Counter-cultural
People build the church <i>(accumulation of believers with no commitment to community)</i>	The church builds people <i>(relational discipleship through the fivefold ministry Ephesians 4)</i>
Hierarchy, the elevation of clergy over lay people, "exclusivity"	True diversity and inclusion <i>(Every tribe, nation and tongue)</i> An EVEN platform

**HOW DO WE SHIFT OUR MINDSET FROM CHURCH-ISM TO ECCLESIA?  
REPENT.**

**Revelation 2:4-5 NASB**

**4** "But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. **5** Therefore, remember from where you have fallen, and repent, and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and I will remove your lampstand from its place — unless you repent."

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# Where does the **Blueprint of Jesus' Ecclesia** fit in your life?

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**FOR YOUR FAMILY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOR YOUR AREA IN THE MARKETPLACE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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