
Matthew 16: 13 - 19

“WHO ARE WE?”

I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH
MATTHEW 16:13-19

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?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. “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. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.”

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ACTS 2: 36 - 47

“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

CORRUPTED BY MEN

2TIMOTHY 4:1-4

ACTS 20:17,28

I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Verse 17: From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.

Verses 28-30: “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church ^[g] of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking ^[h] perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.”

A RESTORED CHURCH

1300 - 1400s

John of Janduo in France

William of Occam, John Wycliff, John Coles in England

Jacobus Faber in France

Jan Hus in Czechia

Erasmus in the Netherlands

1500 - 1600s

Martin Luther in Germany

Zwingli & Calvin in Switzerland

Anabaptists, Jacob Hutter in Moravia

Menno Simons in Netherlands

Puritans & Separatists in England

1700-1800s

Barton Stone & Thomas Campbell in the USA

BIBLE ONLY - 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

NO CLERGY

1PETER 2:4-5, ROMANS 12:1, 1 TIMOTHY 4:5

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

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all.

ONLY MEN SERVE BY TEACHING

1CORINTHIANS 14:34-37, 1 TIMOTHY 2:12-15

Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says. And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church. Or did the word of God come originally from you? Or was it you only that it reached? If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge **that** the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord.

ONLY MEN SERVE BY TEACHING

1 TIMOTHY 2:12-15

And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

1 Corinthians 11:11-12, Galatians 3:26-29, Ephesians 5:25-28

LORD'S SUPPER EVERY SUNDAY

ACTS 20:6-7

But we sailed away from Philippi after the Days of Unleavened Bread, and in five days joined them at Troas, where we stayed seven days. Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.

ACAPPELLA SINGING IN WORSHIP

1 CHRONICLES 15:16, EPHESIANS 5:18-20

Then David spoke to the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers accompanied by instruments of music, stringed instruments, harps, and cymbals, by raising the voice with resounding joy.

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A CHURCH OF CHRIST

ROMANS 16:16, 1 CORINTHIANS 1:2, ACTS 22:4, ACTS 11:26

ekklesia in Greek = those called out from and to, assembly, gathering

“church” = the English spelling of a different Greek word meaning “belonging to the Lord”

The churches of Christ greet you.

To the church of God which is at Corinth.

I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

UNITY IN CHRIST

JOHN 17:20-21

“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”

PUTTING ON CHRIST

GALATIANS 3:26-28

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
