

# Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

THE CHURCH OF THE SPRINGS – 10/22/25



*And the church is His body; it is made full and complete  
by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with Himself.*

– Ephesians 1:23 NLT

## What is the church?

Matt. 16:18    Rev. 1:10    Wycliffe  
65 A.D.    90 A.D.    1395 A.D.  
**ekklesia / kuriakos / chirche**  
  
Luther    Tyndale  
1522 A.D.    1525 A.D.  
**gemeinde / coguegacion**

### 1 Peter 2:4-5a NLT+

"You are coming to **Christ**, who is THE Foundation, or more specifically, the LIVING **CORNERSTONE** of God's Temple. Jesus was actually rejected by people, BUT He was chosen by God for GREAT honor. And you, YOU, are LIVING "building-STONES" that God is using to build His spiritual **Temple**..."

### 1 Peter 2:7 NLT, quoting Psalm 118:22 CSB

"Yes, those of you who **trust** Jesus RECOGNIZE the honor that God has given Him. But for those who reject Him, well, from Psalm 118, it says: [QUOTE] "The **Stone** that the builders rejected has now become THE [chief Cornerstone], the VERY STONE that holds together the ENTIRE foundation." [UNQUOTE] / "The Stone that the **builders** rejected has become the Cornerstone."

### Luke 4:16-21 LSB

"And He came to **Nazareth**, where He had been brought up, and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet **Isaiah** was handed to Him. And He opened the scroll and found the place where it was written, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the **Gospel** to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And **recovery** of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed, To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.' And He closed the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture has been **fulfilled** in your hearing.'"

### Matthew 10:32-39 NLT

"Everyone who acknowledges Me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before My Father in heaven. But everyone who **denies** Me here on earth, I will also deny before My Father in heaven. Don't imagine that I came to bring **peace** to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword. 'I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. Your **enemies** will be right in your own household!' [see Micah 7:6] "If you love your father or mother more than you love Me, you are not worthy of being Mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than Me, you are not worthy of being Mine. If you refuse to take up your **cross** and follow Me, you are not worthy of being Mine. If you **cling** to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for Me, you will find it."

### Matthew 17:5-6 CSB

"While he [Peter] was still speaking, suddenly a bright **cloud** covered them [Jesus, Moses, Elijah, Peter, James, and John], and a Voice from the cloud said, 'This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well-pleased. **Listen** to Him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown and were terrified."

**Matthew 16:18 ESV & KJV** [Gk: nikaó – to gain the victory or superiority; to gain the advantage; profit; win] [Jesus] "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will **build** my **church**, and the gates of hell shall not **PREVAIL** against it."

### Matthew 16:18 NASB & LSB

"And 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." [NLT says "powers of hell will not conquer it"].

### Matthew 16:18 VOICE

"This is why I have called you **Peter** (rock): for on this **rock** I will build My **church**. The **church** will reign triumphant even at the gates of hell."

### 1 Kings 9:15 CSB

"This is the account of the forced labor that King **Solomon** had imposed to build the Lord's Temple, his own palace, the supporting terraces, the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer. [Joshua conquered King Jabin & Hazor 500 years earlier.][Joshua 11]

