



Whose Church?

“...ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH...”
(MATTHEW 16:18)

Whose Church?

▶ Does it matter?

- Matthew 16:18
- Psalms 127:1
- Hebrews 3:1-6
- Matthew 15:13-14

Whose Church?

- ▶ Not talking about a building or a denomination
- ▶ Talking about the “called out” people of God
 - Hebrews 12:23 (universal)
 - Romans 16:16 (local)

Whose Church?

▶ Why is it so important?

- God is glorified in the church that belongs to Christ (Eph.3:10-11, 21)
- It is the only church over which Christ is the...
 - ✓ Head (Eph.1:21-22)
 - ✓ Chief Cornerstone (Eph.2:19-20)
 - ✓ Savior (Eph.5:23)

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▶ Why is it so important?

- Christ has only ONE church
 - ✓ Eph.1:23; 4:4
 - ✓ Only it will prevail (Matt.16:18)
 - ✓ All others will be destroyed (Matt.15:13-14)

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- ▶ Things that DO NOT make a church one that belongs to Christ
 - Past accomplishments (Rev.2:2-3, 5)
 - Present reputation among men (Rev.3:1)
 - Saying it is so (Rev.3:17) (Prov.14:12)

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- ▶ What identifies a church that truly belongs to Christ?
 - Submission to the authority of Christ in all things (Eph.5:24)
 - Conforming to Christ's will in doctrine, practice, worship, organization, work – in everything! (Eph.5:23)



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