



**Rituals and Creeds**

**Social Club**

**Unbalanced  
Teaching**

**Negative  
Experiences**

**All Churches Equal**



# Jesus' Church is Important

Matthew 16:13-23

# “Who Am I?”

Matthew 16:13-18

***The church is important because Jesus is important.***

Real faith = fully following Jesus (v. 24)

Real family = walking together (Matt. 18:15-17)

# “I Will Build My Church”

Matthew 16:18

Jesus is its architect (Col. 1:18)

Jesus is its builder (Acts 2:47)

We are its stones (Eph. 2:20-22, 1 Peter 2:4-5)

We only build with God’s strength (1 Cor. 3:6-10)

***The church is important because it is Jesus’ handiwork.***

# “I Must Die and Rise Up”

Matthew 16:21-23

Jesus built the church by dying for it  
He purchased it with His blood (Acts 20:28)  
He gave Himself for her (Eph. 5:25-28)

***The church is important because Jesus died for it.***



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*Jesus is the Son of God.*

*Jesus designed and built the church.*

*Jesus died for the church.*