Do I Really Need

THE CHURCH? Matthew 16:12-18 & Ephesians 5:21-32

What is the Church?



The body of Christ on earth



Colossians 1:24

Who (Paul) now rejoice in my sufferings for you, ... for His Body's sake, which is the Church.

1 Corinthians 12:27

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.



The b<u>ride</u> of Christ

Revelation 19:7-9

7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." 8 And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. 9 And he •said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he •said to me, "These are true words of God."

2 Corinthians 11:2 (MSG)

2The thing that has me so upset is that I care about you so much—this is the passion of God burning inside me! I promised your hand in marriage to Christ, presented you as a pure virgin to her husband.

1 Corinthians 15:25-28

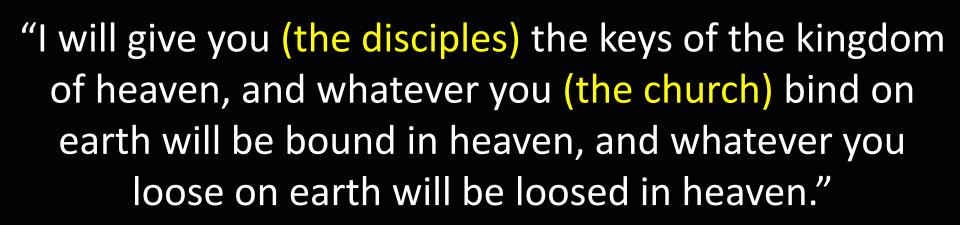
²⁵ For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.
²⁶ The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death. ²⁷ For *"He has put all things under His feet."* But when He says "all things are put under *Him," it is* evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. ²⁸ Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, <u>that God may be all in all</u>.



The bearer of the Keys to the Kingdom



Matthew 16:19



(my insertion)

Matthew 7:13-14

¹³ " Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. ¹⁴ "For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.

Ezekiel 3:18-19

¹⁸"When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die'; and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ¹⁹"Yet if you have warned the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered yourself.

What is Her Mission?





THE MISSION OF The Church

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Disciples

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Matthew 7:21



21" Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but <u>he who does the</u> <u>will of My Father who is in heaven</u>.

What is Her Message?











To Baptize Believers

What are Our Methods?





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Who are Her Members?









John 13:35 (MSG)

35This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other."

What is Her Destiny?

Matthew 16:18

"I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against her",

To Overcome Death

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NKJV)

To Overcome Death

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die..." John 11:25-26 (NKJV)

To Reign with Christ

2 Timothy 2:12 & Revelation 20:6

¹²If we endure, We shall also reign with *Him*

⁶ Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

To Fe<u>llowship</u> with our Father

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To Eternally dwell in His Presence



"And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and **He will dwell with them**, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God."