

LOCATING THE LORD'S CHURCH 2

“The Relationship Between Christ And The Church”

Matthew 16:13-19

INTRODUCTION

- A. Review – The Lord’s Church.
- B. What is the Biblical relationship between Christ and the Church?

DISCUSSION

- I. **CHRIST IS THE BUILDER OF THE CHURCH.**
 - A. MT 16:18 – “My church” or your church?
 - B. The only hope for survival. PS 127:1. Other churches are churches are vulnerable!
 - C. It’s His (Christ’s) house! 1 TI 3:15. What rights belong to the builder of the house? Character of those members? How will they work and worship? Conditions of membership? How will they be governed? Relationship to each other?
 - D. It is God’s house and we ought to know how to behave in that house! 1 TI 3:15.
- II. **CHRIST IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH.**
 - A. 1 CO 3:11. Jesus is the foundation of the church! The idea of foundation is that of support; the idea of the chief corner-stone is that of regulation, pattern-hood, producing assimilation. Jesus is not only the Origin, Foundation, Support of the Church, but he gives it its shape and form, he determines the place and the office of each stone, he gives life and character to each member. The foundation of a church is the doctrine on which it is established; that is, the doctrines which its members hold - those truths which lie at the basis of their hopes, and by embracing which they have been converted to God. The meaning is, that no true church can be reared which does not embrace and hold the true doctrines respecting him - those which pertain to his incarnation, his divine nature, his instructions, his example, his atonement, his resurrection, and ascension.
 - B. The foundation of a church is the doctrine on which it is established.
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 - D. EP 2:20. Apostles and prophets went about laying this foundation about Christ!
 - E. Christ is the foundation of the apostle’s teachings.
 - 1. Acts 2:22-24.
 - 2. Acts 8:5.
 - 3. Acts 17:23.
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- III. **CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH.**
 - A. CO 1:18.
 - B. EP 4:18.
 - C. EP 1:22.
 - D. The church is subject to Christ! Divine leadership belongs to Him! In the past, present, and future, we look to Him for guidance!
- IV. **CHRIST IS THE SAVIOR.**
 - A. There was a need for a Savior. LK 2:1.
 - B. The Savior brings forgiveness. Acts 5:31.
 - C. The Savior brings eternal life. 2 TI 1:10.
 - D. 2 PE 2:20.

- E. Acts 4:12.
- F. Christ is the Savior of the church!
 - 1. EP 5:23.
 - 2. Acts 2:47.
- V. CHRIST LOVES THE CHURCH.
 - A. EP 5:25.
 - B. EP 5:29.
 - C. This suggests that Jesus provides constant care for His assembly. His people are the apple of His eye! And we dare not mistreat or cause strife!
- VI. CHRIST RETURNS THE CHURCH TO THE FATHER.
 - A. In the end God will receive His Son's body into an eternal community in heaven!
 - B. 1 CO 15:24.

CONCLUSION

- A. A message of hope to those who wish for something more in this life and a reward in the next!
 - 1. Must obey the commandments of the Lord – MT 7:21; MK 16:15-16; LK 13:3; MT 10:32-33; MK 16:15-16. THEN, Acts 2:47.
- B. RE 22:14.
- C. Review.
- D. He died for YOU (ME)!